



Welcome to worship with

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*"A Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving, and Proclaiming"*

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April 26, 2020 The Third Sunday of Easter

*The seven Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories—the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning week by week. One Easter hymnwriter exhorts: “Let hymns of praise His triumph tell” (LSB 464:3). There is so much to be sung and to be told about the victory of Jesus, our Lord—and we are the ones gifted with the opportunity to do the singing and the telling in our generation.*

### **Preservice Song:** “My Redeemer Lives”

I know He Rescued my soul  
His Blood covered my sin  
I believe I believe

My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe I believe

My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe I believe

I'll raise the banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

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'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

You lift my burdens; And I rise with You  
I'm dancing on this mountain top  
To see Your Kingdom come

I know He Rescued my soul  
His Blood covered my sin  
I believe I believe

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

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## Call to Worship / Welcome

**Song:** *How Good It Is*

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace,  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us.

### CHORUS

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy

And weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging.

### CHORUS

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit.

### CHORUS

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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

P Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!  
C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
C **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Children’s Sermon

#### Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Song:** 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up  
Its a new day dawning  
Its time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before

Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise un-ending  
10,000 years and there forever more

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name  
I worship Your holy name  
Lord, I worship Your holy name

Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

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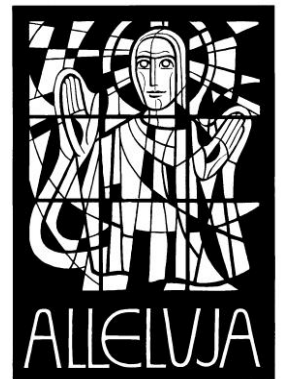
**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:13–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb



early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Song:** *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing Hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing Hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the Rock of Christ

O sing Hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing Hallelujah

Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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**Sermon - Pastor Fortkamp**

*“He Came To Seek and Save The Lost”*

*And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:9-10)*

## **The Creed**

*What is the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed?*

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.



*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## **Prayer of the Church**

“...Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**”

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

**Sending Song: "My Savior Lives"**

Our God will reign forever  
And all the world will know His name  
Ev'ryone together  
Sing the song of the redeemed

I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives  
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior my Savior lives

The King has come from Heaven  
And darkness trembles at His name  
Victory forever  
Is the song of the redeemed

I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives

Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior my Savior lives

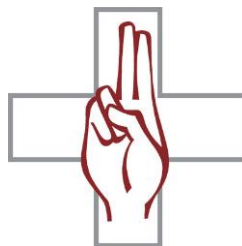
My Savior lives, my Savior lives, my Savior lives...  
*(repeat)*

I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives  
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
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**Go in the peace of the Lord!**



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