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(803) 556-3161 (863) 967-5145 (253) 230-4184 I Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. 4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. 5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. 7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. 11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #188

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

INVOCATION:

P Pastor

- Congregation "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!
- He has risen indeed!
- P The Lord has risen!
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- P "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
- C Christ has risen indeed!
- P Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P The Lord has risen!
- He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTROIT

- I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
- P Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode.
- The sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.



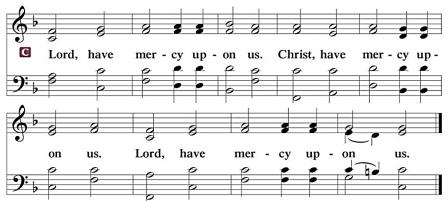
Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



VERSE OF THE DAY

II Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.



- ☑ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To
 us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
 God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth
 again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** ♪ A - men.

EPISTLE READING – I Corinthians 15:12-26 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for

fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #206

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

SERMON – Job 19:23-27 "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! 24 That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

A FITTING EPITAPH FOR A CHRISTIAN: "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!"

I. I HAVE A REDEEMER.
II. MY REDEEMER IS ALIVE.
III. I WILL LIVE ALSO

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #200 v. 1-6 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

☐ ☐ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- ☐ Amen, amen, a men.

HYMN: TLH #200 v. 7-8 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

♣ Announcements **♣**

<u>Last Week:</u> WH - 25 Orlando - 19 Total Offering = \$1,996.25

General = \$1846.00 | Prop. Imp. = \$100.00 | ILC Sch. = \$50

Thank You: A special thank you goes out to Professor Naumann for bringing the Gospel message on Good Friday and today on Easter Sunday. We thank Him and pray for his and his family's safe return to Wisconsin.

Easter Lillies - For the Christian, the Easter Lily represents a powerful truth in connection with

- ♣ Apr. 17: Easter Brunch 9:00am
- ♣ Apr. 17: Easter Service WH10:15am
- ♣ Apr. 24: Orlando Service 8am WH 10:15am
- ₩ May 1: Bible Class 9:15am
- ₱ May 1: Communion service
 WH 10:15 am
- ₱ May 8: Orlando Service 8am
 WH 10:15am

Christ's death and resurrection. As a perennial, the lily dies each year. When the growing season returns the following spring, where once a

flower had died and withered away, a new lily springs up and blooms! This is a wonderful reminder to us of the death and miraculous resurrection of our Jesus Christ our Lord. We too will die, and yet in Christ, we have been promised new life. Our earthly bodies will wither away, and yet they will spring up as new when Christ returns to raise the dead. And so, it is an old Christian custom to adorn the altar with Easter Lilies on Easter, as a reminder of the new life won for us in Christ, and the certain hope of the resurrection that Jesus provides for us and our loved ones. The lilies have been placed this year in memory of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who departed this life in the past year, as well as all our Christian friends and family who have gone before us.

Joe and Gloria Weller: In memory of our parents
Lisa Kuehne: In memory of Grandparents and Aunt
David Holmes: In memory of parents and sister

Kleinschmidts: In memory of loved ones

Custodios: In honor of Easter

Kelly Kuehne: In memory of loves ones

John and Christy Kuehne: In memory of Richard and Emily Kuehne and

Granparents

Cleaner (4/23): Naumann | Acolyte (4/14): Grant Bernthal

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL * Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI * Allison Brown, a member of Faith, Markesan, WI, has been called to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. * Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ, has been called to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. * Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. * Mrs. Debra Mayhew has accepted the call to teach grades K- 4 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. * Teacher Rebecca Lillo, St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to teach 3rd-5th grades at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; April 18-23, '22

Mon Exodus 15:1-11 Easter and Exodus don't seem to belong together, but there's more than one exodus. The enslavement of Hebrews in Egypt resembles other slaveries—such as slavery to Satan and sin. So God's grace and mercy in the Old Testament Exodus foreshadows Jesus' exit from the grave, dashing that enemy in pieces and overthrowing those that rage against Jesus. Who is like You, O LORD, glorious in holiness, doing wonders!

Tues John 20: 1-18 Mary panicked; Peter and John were more stable, but none of them figured it out that Jesus was gone because He was alive and fully functional to exit the grave on His own power. So somebody had to connect the dots for them - - which Jesus did first-hand and face-to-face (11-16). We fit the pattern, too. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, face-to-face with us!

Wed Colossians 3:1-4 We are like Jesus in that we have been raised from the dead, too (1). From that starting point, much of our life lies hidden beyond our vision and our sensory faculties. [Just as atoms, electricity, gravity, and magnetism are puzzles to scientists.] But when Jesus comes back into the framework of our space-time continuum, then we also will appear with Him, side-by-side and hand-in-hand, in glory. Amen? Hallelujah!

Thurs Isaiah 25:6-9 God put Isaiah into a projection booth above the theater audience and let him enlighten his generation with God's grace for exiled Semites. Then the LORD reeled off His scenario for all generations yet to be born -- a time of prosperity for everyone (6-7) with Easter blessings lasting to Judgment Day (8)--thus prompting our response of expectant faith (9).

Fri Luke 24:1-12 Perplexed, afraid, and disbelieving are momentary responses especially when we face the unknown. So when we face the anomaly of His apex miracle, God pokes us to remember how He spoke to us when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' May God's Holy Spirit turn our momentary weaknesses into trusting His Word on this subject.

Sat 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 God confronts us with His plans and deeds via the Holy Bible, where we have His word on it that Christ died for our sins, exactly as He had promised throughout the centuries. Otherwise it's all a mystery to us. Since Jesus safely and wonderfully exited the other side of the cemetery, God promises to do the same for us. Believe it! Trust God's love to use His power, His skill, His resources, His energy, His good-hearted nature, etc., etc. to give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. With all that going for us, we can be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Thank You, dear Lord Jesus!