



Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration form in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

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Prelude by Phil and Ava

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tried to hide,
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **God, I was wrong. I have sinned against You and my neighbor through my words, thoughts, and actions. Therefore, I deserve nothing but Your wrath and punishment. Yet, I come forward with my whole heart to repent of my sins. Please, for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive, renew, and strengthen me, so that I turn from my sinful ways and remain steadfast in Your word, truth, and love. In Jesus name. Amen.**

P Welcome to a day of hope and promise. Today we celebrate God's greatest gift of love, compassion, and mercy. For today, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia. We can stand confident in God's promise of salvation and forgiveness won for us through Jesus Christ. Therefore, trust that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen indeed; Alleluia! Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!**

P Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

C **Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.**

P And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

C **Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

P Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

P Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

- P** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**

- 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.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

- A** What can God's love overcome? Here Saul is walking with hate in his heart towards followers of Jesus. Even though God could have crushed Saul, He opted for another direction. God's love cut through the hate, and opened Saul's eyes to the love that is ours in Jesus Christ. The first reading for today is from Acts chapter 9:

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood

speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 5:1-14

- A** John provides a glimpse into the end. It is not scary, but holy! It is not frightening, but an opportunity to worship and praise God. Do you want a glimpse into heaven, then let us worship God! Let us give Him praise and honor and glory and might, and join the hosts of heaven in worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! The second reading is from Revelation chapter 5:

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and

blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 21:1-19

P What a catch! But where is our focus? Is our focus on the disciples in the boats, Jesus on the shore, the empty nets, the full nets, the number of fish, the moment of restoration...? Where is our focus? If not on Jesus and the restoration He gives to all who believe in Him, then we need to read it again and again. Today's Gospel is from John chapter 21:

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of

large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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.

Please be seated

Song of the Day

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

(Chorus)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious light
Forever and ever

(Chorus)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus)

Sermon

The Empire Struck Back

Offering

Please stand

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church and School, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the governments and all who have been set into positions of leadership here and throughout the world, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are sick, suffering, or in any type of need, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

- P** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- C** **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.**
- P** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- C** **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**
- P** And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." The Word of God Stands Forever
- C** **A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.**
- P** The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.
- C** **The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?**
- P** He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- C** **Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?**
- P** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
- C** **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.**
- P** Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
- C** **they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

Thanksgiving

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- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

(Repeat all)

The Dismissal

- P** Christ is Risen!
C He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!
P Go in peace and serve the Lord
C Committed to "Building bright futures, Anchored in Christ."

Postlude by Phil and Ava

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We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes it is difficult to plan future gifts to family or ministry through your estate because you have many pressing current priorities. An estate plan however is put in place asking, “If the Lord were to call you home today, how would you direct your gifts?” Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about the future. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org



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✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

✠9:30 am – Sunday School / 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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