

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jubilate

22 April 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1-2*)



*Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- / luia.**

*Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- / luia.**

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!"*

So great is your power that your enemies come
cringing | to you."

*Come and see what | God has done:**

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- / dren of man.

*Bless our God, O | peoples;**

let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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VERSE

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? 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. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear

God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Holy Gospel: John 16:16-22

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

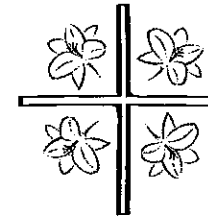
soon it is day again. Therefore, the lamenting does not have to last forever, even though it seems and feels that way when we are in it. But even though we cannot see or determine the end, Christ has already done so. He points out to us in advance that we must bear this suffering, no matter how bad and unpleasant the devil makes it. Even though we do not see the end, we must wait for Him who says: 'I will put an end to it and will again comfort you and give you joy' (Luther's Works 24:382).

²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

- True joy is a fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). It is grounded in the fact that Jesus has given His life for ours. Since the world has not given this joy, the world cannot take it away from the Christian. Joy is a result of faith in the merits of Christ.
- "True faith is not only a dead accepting as true of all that which is in the Bible; a person whose heart is still unbroken can have that. True faith is rather a heavenly power worked by the Holy Spirit, by which one comforts himself in firm confidence in Christ, whenever the conscience is disturbed over sin, God's wrath, death, judgement, and hell. It is a power through which a person is born again, the love of sin rooted out, his heart cleansed and renewed, and love to God and one's neighbor poured in" (C.F.W. Walther, *Gospel Sermons: Volume I*, 255).
- "Dear Christian! Let the devil, the world, and all tyrants storm and rage, let the winds rush and roar, let the waves crash and soar,—they can do so no longer than God permits them. But if the time has come, God's will be done, and we must simply pass through it, whether brief or long. 'It is appointed for a man to die once' (Heb. 9 [:27]). But we have this comfort: 'Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's' [Rom. 14:8]" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 189).



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUBILATE

Shout for Joy

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 66:1-3 — *How awesome are Your deeds*

Psalm:

Psalm 147:1-11 (antiphon: v. 5) — *Great is our LORD*

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 40:25-31 — *The greatness of God*

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:11-20 — *Submission to authority*

Verse:

Matt. 28:27b; John 20:26a, c — *Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory? Alleluia*

John 16:16-22 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the words of this Gospel to be written by John the Apostle around AD 90. This is the historical record of Christ's prediction of His own death and resurrection, and His promise to turn the disciples' sorrow into joy. This took place on Holy Thursday, the night when He was betrayed.

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

- Jesus predicts His own crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus predicted His own death and resurrection earlier in John 3:14; 8:28; 10:17-18; 12:7, 23-24, 32-34.
- "In these words He points to His cross, suffering, death, and resurrection, as He often had done before, and that not without cause. For our flesh and blood is weak, for which reason all the articles [of faith] are hard to believe, and are not easily grasped. Therefore Christ acts like a faithful schoolteacher, is persistent, does not cease to impress these articles upon the disciples often, so that He may fulfill His office in every respect" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 187).

¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

- Dr. Luther says, "Christ's going or being sent from the Father means nothing else than that He, the true Son of God from eternity, became a true man and revealed Himself on earth in human nature, essence, and form; that He let Himself be seen, heard, and touched; that He ate, drank, slept, worked, suffered, and died like any other human being. On the other hand, His going to the Father means that through His resurrection from the dead it is declared that He sits at the right hand of God and reigns with Him forever as eternal and omnipotent God. ... Christ's coming from the Father to us and His going from us to the Father, His descending from heaven into death and hell, and His ascending and thereby taking complete possession of and filling heaven and earth—all this the dear apostles could not yet comprehend. Nor would anyone else understand it if the Holy Spirit had not come to reveal and clarify these words" (*Luther's Works* 24:375-376).

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

- Jesus makes another prediction of the disciples' misery and anguish at His death (see John 20:19). Also, He predicts that the sinful, evil world will rejoice at His death (see Luke 23), but that the disciples sorrow will turn into joy at His resurrection (see John 20:20). Christ describes the way in which the disciples' faith will be tested, exercised, strengthened, and preserved.
- The "rejoicing" of the world is a false, demonic, fleeting "joy." It finds "joy" in the death of Jesus not because of the forgiveness of sins achieved there, but because they think of Him as a blasphemer, liar, and fraud. The world hates Jesus and the Word He speaks, so they rejoice when His life is ended and His Word is silenced.

²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

- See Isaiah 21:3; 26:18-19
- "In Revelation 12, as the woman, that is the Christian Church, was to give birth to a little boy, that is the spiritual children of God, she was in pain and cried out in anxiety. That's how it still goes—God's children are born amidst cross and tribulation. For only temptations teach to take note of the Word (Isaiah 28:19), through which Word we become born again. So then, as Christ preached to His disciples about the benefits of the cross, He held before them the illustration of a woman giving birth, who at first was sad, but who later rejoiced (John 16:21), to show that the cross gives new birth to those who through faith and hope await divine help" (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla*, 109).
- Dr. Luther says, "A change like this is also experienced here in this Christian life. Sadness will not last forever; it will turn into joy. Otherwise our condition would be hopeless and helpless. But Christ has helped by saying that we will not be subjected to the eternal spectacle of the devil with his horns and claws, but that our hearts will again see Christ and rejoice in Him. Thus here on earth Christians experience an ever-recurring alternation of 'a little while and again a little while.' Now it is dark night;

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FAMILY NIGHT has resumed and will continue for three more weeks, concluding on April 25th. Come join us for an end of the year PICNIC at 6pm on May 2nd!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 4/22 Jim Black 4/24 Dustin Russell, Bill Fintel 4/25 Rylie McAlcese, Jean Herbst 4/26 Carol Hansel 4/27 Brenda Christensen 4/28 Alan Fredricks

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/22 Ben Hoins 4/23 Hailey Dalland 4/25 Max Meier, Dale Bauman 4/27 LaVerda Spielman, Scott Hansel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 4/22 David & Dec Anne Janssen 4/28 Andre & Elaine Reiners

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

TEAM NEBRASKA FUNDRAISER - Monday, April 30th from 5pm-8pm at Runza East includes Drive-up. A percentage of sales will help Team Nebraska at Salt Lake City (August) for the Transplant Games.

Thanks, Janelle Ham

2018 NEBRASKA LCMS DISTRICT CONVENTION
JUNE 15-16 Members - Registration forms are located in the Narthex (table), or Church Office and District Website, <http://convention.ndlcms.org/guests/>. Please send Registration Form/Fee to the District Office by Friday, May 11th.

LIFEQUOTE "Having already swallowed death down along with humankind's guilt and buried it beneath His resurrection, Jesus Christ has no death left in Him and allows none near His own. Bravely and gratefully we keep sharing what He continues showing us, that all persons are worth it despite the cost and opposition, every one precious for His grace's sake and not dependent upon appearance or age or ability." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

REAL REFORMATION RADIO... You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on subjects like: Martin Luther's "Heidelberg Disputation," 2 Chronicles, The Number & Use of the Sacraments, Isaac & Rebekah, The First Lutheran Composer of Church Music Johann Walter and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter 4 (Jubilate)

1 John 3:2 - "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

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Jubilate

April 22nd
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Phyllis Heath Newborn Infant + Agnes Renee Erb Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Kay Krueger + Rick Wolfe + Viola Melvin + Jim Krueger + Janice Callan + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 4/22 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Annalicia Potter

Crucifers: Micah Mackay Allie Janssen

4/29 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Rylie McAleese

Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler

Altar Guild: Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe May Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka

Ushers: 8am Tucker Kehoe 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter Fowler

Elders: 4/22 Dale E. 402-469-4191 4/29 Roger B. 308-390-3484

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Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	158	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	189
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,341.63	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 22nd	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	10:30am	Divine Service
Tuesday, April 24th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, April 25th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
	5:30pm	Last Family Night - Meal
	6:00pm	Classes & Choir
	7:00pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Senior Youth
Sunday, April 29th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Last Sunday School Class-Summer Break
		Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete . . . He is Risen!

Our theme for this past Lenten Season was, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



DIVINE SERVICE
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Prelude & Ringing of Bells

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Salutation & Collect

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Epistle Reading

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Nicene Creed

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Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

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"Thank the Lord" & Collect

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