

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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9:00am



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## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain, Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel, Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke, Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot, Through the Red sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death, As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n, Laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright, With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts, Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain, Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 For today among His own, Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore, Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal, Hold Him as a mortal.
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry, To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars, Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain, Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel, Into joy from sadness!

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### ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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.



## **Kyrie**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 154*

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*Silence for personal prayer*

P: Let us Pray. Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** (*spoken*)

(*Be Seated*)

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:25-31*

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift 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. <sup>27</sup>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"? <sup>28</sup>Have 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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 2:11-20*

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep 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. <sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing

good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. <sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For 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.

### **Verse of the Day**

He sent re- | demption

To his | people. Alleluia

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suf- | fer these things  
and enter into his | glory?

*(Please Stand)*

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 16: 16-22*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>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’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>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’? <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Be Seated)*

**With High Delight Let Us Unite**

*LSB 483*

- 1 With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free Forever, He is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends Good news to save ev-'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing. "And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who Gave His life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, eve'ry nation. So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free, All joy and full consolation.

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### **Sermon**

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen**

*(Please Stand)*

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Collect for the Word**

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**C: Amen.** (*spoken*)

#### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Make Songs of Joy**

*LSB 484*

- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head, Alleluia!  
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
- 2 Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!  
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!
- 3 O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!  
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!
- 4 And where your victory, O grave. Alleluia!  
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!



- 5 Behold, The tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!  
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!  
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

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### **Announcements**

**P:** Go in Peace

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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## **Prayers of the Church**

**Mourning** + Family of Ruth Pfeil **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Larry Hammond, + Lee Melvin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Ramona Gaunt + Mary Black + Lisa Hoggins + Mary Keogh + Allen Glathar + Viola Melvin + Nathaniel Reiners + Alfred Irmer + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

**2020 Theme: All In:**

**Being Present in an Age of Distraction**

**Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 12:1-6, James 1:16-21,  
John 16:5-15**

## **Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice**

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

**SERVICE AND COMMUNION Reminders:** Service of the Word with readings and preaching made available live stream on Sundays at 9 am on our website and via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays

**Since Monday, March 23rd we offer Communion Services in groups of 10** - now offered three times weekly: Monday 5:00 pm; Wednesday at 11 am; and Saturday at 9 am. Sign up for these services using [Sign Up Genius](#). Please sign up only once per week. If you are unable to use a computer, call the church office and we will sign you up.

These services take about 15 minutes. Both individual cups and chalice will be offered. We will, of course, take every precaution available to us to be as clean as possible.

Those who are considered "at risk" are free to make up their minds about whether they will attend these Communion Services. Christians are free to determine the best course of action for themselves. Those "at risk" persons who would like me to bring communion to them should call the office to set up a time.

## News and Notes of Interest

**10:30 TODAY:** (VIA) Zoom in our Sunday morning Bible Study. Check your email for the link.

**MEALS NEEDED:** Volunteers to put frozen meals in freezers or let us know you have some made ahead.

**PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS** available in the Narthex, copies April 12-May 30, 2020.

**LIFEQUOTE:** “No more strangers or foreigners, in Christ we can be members of the family of God. Hear God’s Word, then, to you today no matter your present circumstance. Your life matters to Him. With faith rooted in Jesus, we are part of His family, and that means your life and mine are valuable not just to each other, but to Him. And that changes everything.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” and Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 5/03 Jerammie Uecker 5/05 Victor Gaunt

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/04 Marian Kerr 5/05 Bill Fintel 5/06 Jim Black, Ashlynn Thurin 5/09 Jen Christensen

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None for this week!**

**ROMANS BIBLE STUDY...**LCMS Pastor Will Weedon begins a Bible study on the Book of Romans. *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

**VACATION:** I will be on vacation the first week in May 4-8<sup>th</sup> and have a few Ladies helping. Please support them in their duties with kindness and patience. Sincerely & Thanks, Jeri Dush