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Easter Season Sermon Series: Victorious!

Today's theme: *Victory on the only path to heaven*

Welcome, guests! God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Children's "My Worship Notes" are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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INVOCATION

[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING VERSES

M: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

**C: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins.**

M: Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

**C: If only for this life we have hope in Christ,
we are to be pitied more than all people.**

M: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

C: The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M: Since death came through a man,

C: the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

M: For as in Adam all die,

C: so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

REDEEMER

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Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[The Prayer of the Day compliments the theme of the day.]

M: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.

C: Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

Salvation is found only in Jesus.

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹He is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the capstone.’ (Psalm 118:22)

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-10

Jesus is the cornerstone of the church.

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Please stand

[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 14.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. ¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to sit in the front of the sanctuary

**The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel Reading.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

TRUST

759 Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be trou-bled; have faith in God and faith in
me. I will go forth to pre-pare a place for you; then I'll come
back to take you with me, that where I am, you may al-so be.

1 In God's house there are many places For you alone to dwell in safety.
You know the way to where I'll lead you; If you are lost, I will show the way.

Refrain

2 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Only through me can you know what I know.
If you knew me, you would know the Father; If you see me, you see your God.

Refrain

3 The words I speak are not only of myself; It is your God who lives within me.
If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name.

Refrain

Text: John 14:1-3,6-7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957
Tune: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (88 11 99 99 99)
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*Living in God's House,
Living as God's House.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

[The word creed comes from the Latin credo, which means "I believe". In confessing this ancient creed, we remind ourselves that what we believe and teach has been handed down to us by the Apostles. The Apostles Creed is so named because it is a brief statement of the gospel truths they taught. Its writing and use dates to the early years of the Christian Church.]

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.**

OFFERING

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GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the
church—3993 St. Rd. 38 East Suite F
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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

REDEEMER

356 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Serving at Worship

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Instrumentalists: Becky, Calliope, Ethan, Henry, Jason and Sophia Horn

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Basics Class

Looking for a study that takes an honest look at the main teachings of Christianity in a non-judgmental relaxed setting? Skeptical of Christianity, or organized religion? Have you been an "every Sunday church goer" and want to take a refresher course on the teachings of the Bible? Then Bible Basics is the class for you! Pastor Horn is currently recording a class that he normally teaches in person and posting them on our YouTube channel. The first seven lessons are already posted on our website. Why not start today! Follow this link: <https://lambogodlafayette.com/ministry/bible-basics/>



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Prayer Requests

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Keep in your prayers this week: All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; Kyle and Kelly Plath, as they are expecting their third child in May, that our gracious Savior keep both mother and child safe throughout the pregnancy; that our online outreach efforts would reach more and more people with the gospel; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force; that our Almighty Creator protect Jenna, Abbey, Cheryl and Julie—the health care workers in our congregation as well as all of the doctors and nurses in our country - that the Almighty Physician would guard and protect them from all disease and illness, and grant them patience, compassion and love to all they serve; all those affected by the coronavirus; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

***** Need to talk to someone? Pastor Horn is available to chat on the phone or virtually. Contact him through his personal email at: revhorn2004@gmail.com*****