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**Easter Sunday**

**Today's theme: *Certain Hope for Uncertain Times***

**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.]*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\dagger$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## A DIALOGUE FOR EASTER

*(Psalm 118:24; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; 2 Corinthians 5:15)*

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day the LORD has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has gained the victory for us by his death and resurrection.

**For us he has triumphed.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# OPENING HYMN

EASTER

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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-10)**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**And have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as i should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him I pray: God, 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]*

Our gracious Father has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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  $\dagger$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

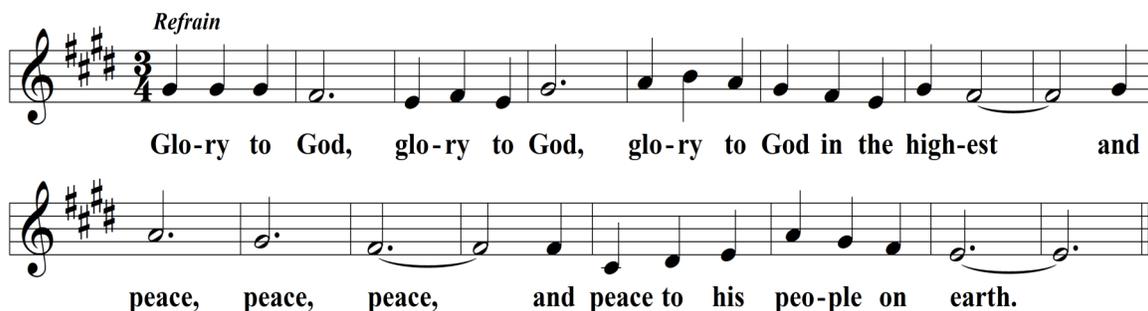
## GLORIA

[Throughout this order of service, we will hear and tell the story of our greatest brother, Jesus. As we sing the Gloria we are reminded of the song the angels sang at Jesus' birth, a song the Christian Church has sung for almost 2,000 years.]

The congregation will sing the refrain. Solo voice will sing the verses.

## Gloria

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and  
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

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 God the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life.

**Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD

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

### FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, <sup>24</sup>that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! <sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; <sup>27</sup>I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

[As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in the divine service.]

### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 118**  
Celebration Series

**Let Us Rejoice**

Psalm II for the Easter Season

Psalm 118 Marty Haugen

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

joice and be glad; \_\_\_\_\_ This is the day the  
lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_  
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever;  
Let the house of Israel say: “His mercy endures forever.” **Refrain**

The hand of the Lord has struck with pow’r, his right hand is exalted,  
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. **Refrain**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,  
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*[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.]*

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
(Psalm 118:24)

## GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The children are invited to come up to the front and sit with Pastor Horn.*

## HYMN

**Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands**  
*Christian Worship Supplement 720, st. 1-4—see next page*

# 720 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
 2 No son of man could con - quer  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful



bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
 death, Such ru - in sin had wrought  
 down, His peo - ple to de - liv -  
 strife When life and death con - tend -



en; But now at God's right hand he  
 us. No in - no - cence was found on  
 er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



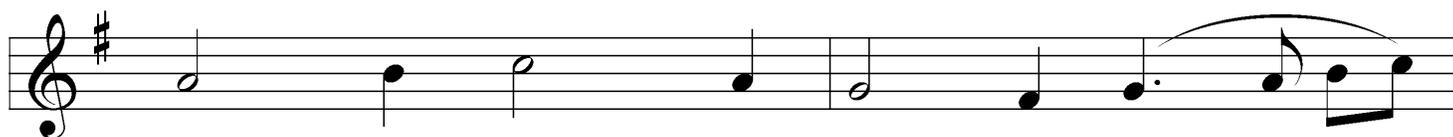
stands And brings us life from heav -  
 earth, And there - fore death had brought  
 crown From death's pale brow for - ev -  
 life; The reign of death was end -



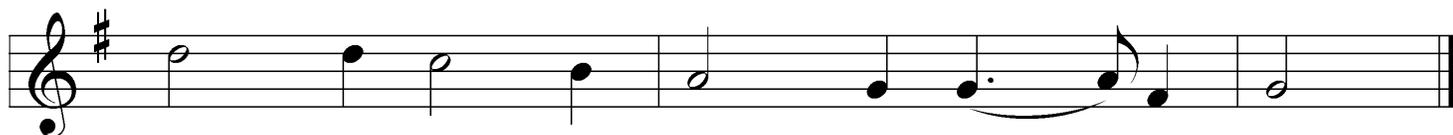
en. There - fore let us joy - ful be  
 us In - to bond - age from of old  
 er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says



And sing - to God right thank - ful -  
 And ev - er grew more strong and  
 An emp - ty form a - lone re -  
 That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
 bold And held us as its cap -  
 mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
 death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.*

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

Tune: NORTHRIDGE (87 87 78 744) Kermit Moldenhauer, b. 1949 © 2005 Kermit Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**SERMON**

**based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-20**

***Certain Hope for Uncertain Times***

## **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 creed was originally chanted rather than spoken.]*

## **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**

*[If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [lambogodlafayette.com](http://lambogodlafayette.com) and click GIVE in the upper right corner or mail a check to the church—3993 St. Rd. 38 East Suite F Lafayette, IN 47905]*

## **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.]*

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**Christ is risen!**

For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**He is risen indeed!**

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**Alleluia!**

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**You are risen!**

Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**You are risen indeed!**

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**Alleluia!**

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**He is risen!**

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

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

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

EASTER

# 152 I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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].)*

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  $\text{☩}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn

Instrumentalists: Alex Becker, Becky, Calliope, Henry, Jason and Sophia Horn, Chris, Jacob and Justin Miller, Alison Rosenblum, Amanda Schoonmaker

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Soloists: Becky Horn and Chris Miller

\*Thank you to all of our members who joined us in the Choir.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Growing Together As A Family - E100 Bible Challenge

Join us for Sunday morning Bible Class as we continue to go through our new E100 Bible Challenge we started in January. We will review readings #85-91 next Sunday morning 9:15-10:15am. You can find a link to the E100 Bible Reading Challenge on our church website and printed copies on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

**NEW video based Bible study beginning April 25th—One by One—**helping Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

**Attention Parents!** In light of current challenges related to classroom gathering, our church is introducing a new approach to Sunday school. Lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers will be available free via YouTube. The engaging and age appropriate Lesson Videos will tie to printed Student Lessons that our church will provide to you at no cost. This new approach presents an easy yet meaningful way for you to encourage your child's faith in Christ. **We are also offering in person classes on Sundays beginning at 9:15am.**

**Campus Ministry - Tuesday Tune Ups—held on Wednesday this week!**

**Wednesday, April 7th at 8:30pm. 1893 E 600 N West Lafayette, IN 47906** Welcome to **Tuesday Tune-Ups** for college students! Just as your bicycle needs a tune-up to stay running smoothly to get you to class, your bodies, minds and souls need a tune-up to stay healthy. We'll have food, build friendship and grow in God's Word.

**Special Ministries Highlight: Prison Ministry**

WELS Prison Ministry is mission work. Most inmates are unchurched and many are searching for answers to spiritual questions. Opportunities to witness for Christ abound in prison ministry...but we need your help. Volunteers are needed to accomplish a variety of services: preparing regular mailings; correcting Bible correspondence tests returned to their office by inmates; and serving as pen pals to inmates. If you would like to get involved, or would like more information on WELS Prison Ministry, go to [wels.net/prison-ministry](http://wels.net/prison-ministry), call 507-354-3130, or speak to Pastor Horn.

**Congregational Volunteer Opportunities**

Our leadership team, along with Pastor Horn, are looking for ways our family at Lamb of God can serve the families in our community by partnering with many of the local non-profit organizations in the Greater Lafayette area. This month they've chosen Food Finders. Go to the website below and sign up with family, friends or church members to volunteer during the time period of April 5th—April 30th. You can sign up at:

<https://foodfindersfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/events/index>



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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; as we, this month, observe awareness of children of military families and children with autism, that God would lead us to show mercy and compassion; Denise, sister of Diane Brady, who is going through some difficult times; for those suffering

from abuse in the home that God would use us to reach out to them and that the abused would be willing to seek help; our new ministry opportunity with the Jesus Cares Ministry; our new building project, as we continue to work on the renovations on our new church home; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Congress of the United States; 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; 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 in person? Pastor Horn is available to chat on the phone or virtually. Contact him through his personal email at: [revhorn2004@gmail.com](mailto:revhorn2004@gmail.com)\*\*\***

