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**Today's theme:  
He Lives to Restore My Hope**

**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.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God, visit our website [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com), like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)) est.1850.

**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.

### **He Lives to Restore My Hope**

Imagine someone you love is near death. Their only hope of survival is a risky brain surgery, one so complicated only one surgeon in the state will attempt it. The surgery is scheduled. But as that doctor drives to the hospital, he is killed in a car accident. Any hope you had for your loved one’s salvation died along with that surgeon. That is how Jesus’ disciples felt after his death. “We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel,” they said (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life died along with Jesus. They had let their personal wants and expectations cloud their view of Scripture which said that the Messiah’s death and resurrection were actually the source of all hope! So, the living

Lord appeared to his disciples. He explained. He opened their minds to the truth of God's Word. And in doing so, he restored their hope. There is little worse than a feeling of hopelessness. Christ's disciples have victory over that feeling. He died, but he is dead no longer. The one who can heal us and give us life to the full lives! He lives to restore our hope.

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

CW 452

*Refrain, sts. 1-5, Refrain*

*Please stand*

## Confession

*CW 154*

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.**

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.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

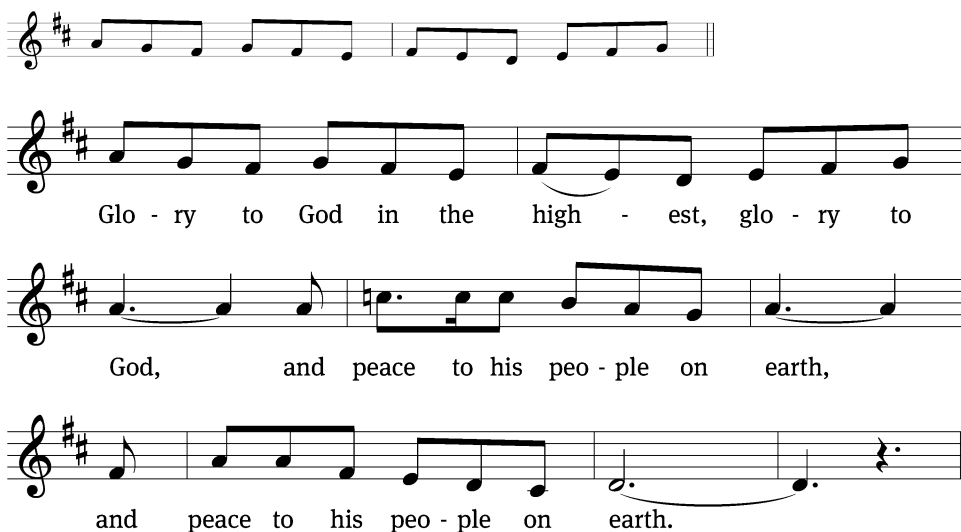
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

## CW 191

*Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*

### **Refrain:**



The musical notation for the refrain is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, 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.

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. **Refrain**

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14a,32-41*

*The message of Christ crucified and Christ risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup>Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now

see and hear. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” ’

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup>When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup>With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

<sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## I Will Take the Cup of Salvation

*Psalm 116D*

*Refrain*

I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and call on the

name of the LORD. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion  
and call on the name of the LORD.

I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for / mercy.  
Because he turned his / ear to me,  
I will call on him as long / as I live.

For you, LORD, have delivered / me from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling,  
that I may walk be- / fore the LORD  
in the land of the / living. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD  
for all his good- / ness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation  
and call on the name / of the LORD.

**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. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

*Our hope is to one day join our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going to our true home.*

<sup>17</sup>Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

<sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.*

*Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?

## ***Refrain***

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*Please stand*

## **Gospel**

*Luke 24:13-35*

*For two disciples Jesus explained that all the Scriptures showed that the Christ had to die and rise. Jesus restored their hope.*

<sup>13</sup>Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup>but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup>He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup>“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup>but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup>In addition, some of our

women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup>but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup>Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Children's Sermon**

*Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.*

**Sermon**

based on *Luke 24:13-35*

**Hope Restored**

*Please stand*

**Confession of Faith**

*† Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The word creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means I believe. The Apostles Creed is so named not because it was written by Jesus' apostles but because it is a brief statement of the gospel truths they taught. Its writing and use dates to the very early years of the Christian church.*

**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.

*Be seated*

## Offering

If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com) and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to **84321** to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906, or you may scan this QR code:



## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me.  
**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*[This blessing has been spoken over God's people for the past 3,500 years, when God commanded Aaron, Moses' brother, to bless the Israelites, "...and so I will put my name on them." Numbers 6:22-27]*

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 † give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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#### **Serving at Worship (4/23)**

Pastor Paul Horn

Vicar Jonah Schlomer

Piano: Liz Schmidt

Violin: Alison Rosenblum

Vocal Leader: Becky Horn

Livestream: Amanda

Schoonmaker

Usher/Greeter: Schoonmaker

Family

Acolyte: Lauren Schoonmaker

#### **Serving Next Week (4/30)**

Pastor Paul Horn

Vicar Jonah Schlomer

Usher/Greeter: Steinhoff Family

Piano: Liz Schmidt

Acolyte: Aiden Graves

Livestream: Henry Horn



## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**Family Bible Study Hour - Sunday Mornings at 9:15am**

**Adults and Teens** - Our current class: Prepared to Answer

**Pre-K—8th Grade** - Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!

**Worship Service - 10:30am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Want to Learn More About the Bible? Sign up for the next session of Bible Basics on the back of the Connect Card.**

*No matter what your religious beliefs or spiritual background, this class is intended for you!* Before you make up your mind about church or religion, you owe it to yourself to hear what the Bible actually says - about God's love for you, and about his plan for your life. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and explore the Bible in a relaxed, non-judgmental setting. Bible Basics is a 12-lesson course that takes a fair, honest look at the main teachings of Christianity as they are found in the Bible.

Class begins **Sunday, April 23rd** after the worship service.

### **Property Improvements - Help Needed**

If you have the time and ability to improve the church property, please consider these opportunities as a way to serve!

- building shelves in the new shed
- tending to the pile of brush that needs to be burned
- spreading gravel
- installing new skirting around fellowship hall
- weeding the flower beds/mulch beds

- lawn care

Please contact the church office for more information.

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## **Bunco**

Calling all ladies! The next Bunco game will be played on **Friday, April 28th** at 7pm at the church. Let Liz know if interested.

**Music and Art Camp, June 12-16<sup>th</sup>** - At Music and Art camp, kids ages 5-12 will learn music theory, how to play the ukulele, art techniques, drumming rhythms, build their faith in Jesus, make new friends, and have tons of fun!

- Dates: June 12th-16th
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: Lamb of God Lutheran Church
- Cost: \$75 for first time campers (includes t-shirt, ukulele), \$50 for repeat campers (includes a t-shirt)

Music and Art camp concludes with the kids performing their songs on the ukulele and bucket drums during the Sunday service following camp (June 18th - 10:30am) with a cookout to follow... and... your child will take their ukulele home with them after camp!

For additional information and to register go to: <https://lambofgodlafayette.com/event/art-and-music-camp/>.

*Note: Scholarships are available. Please contact the church office at [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)*

## **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:**

For Jeff and Jen Holmes who lost their baby to miscarriage; for Chris Huggett as he finishes up his ILE military course; for our Purdue students as they study this week in preparation for finals week;

For all those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, including Jim Holmes, Joan Bonnet, Stacy (daughter of Mike and Bev Beights) and Dianne Degner ; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help.

That the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday. That our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

For all of us to reach out to those struggling with mental health that we might be a listening ear and compassionate voice of encouragement.

For each of us as we seek to build relationships with the unchurched and find confidence from the Holy Spirit to invite them to our Easter service.

For our Pastors, teachers and staff ministers as they reach the lost sheep of their communities with the Good News of Jesus; Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our outreach efforts as we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Bible studies, worship, and fellowship events.

For all military families who are separated by deployment or other training/schools.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between

Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa.

That the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and for the 118th US Congress, that they be guided by sound reason and the wisdom that comes from God above to pass bills that allow us to flourish in our vocations and spread the gospel in peace; 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.