

**Sunday, May 31, 2020 - 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, Count Down & Projected Announcements**

**WELCOME**

**Larry Courson, Pastor**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Pastor: The tomb could not hold Him.

**People: The grave is empty. Christ is Risen!**

Pastor: Humanity's sin could not condemn Him.

**People: He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is Risen!**

Pastor: Death could not contain Him.

**People: He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is Risen!**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

**People: Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

**OPENING HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LSB #457, vs. 1-4**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY - Pastor**

What a beautiful day for celebrating! God, we are so grateful for the promise that this day holds. We are filled with hope and joy and life. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son to die for us. Thank You also that death was not the final word. We see the brokenness of our sin and the effects of it on the world around us. It is only by faith that we can live in anticipation of a world where sin and darkness no longer exist. We wait in anticipation for Your return and the final defeat of sin and death. We praise You, O God, for the great story You are writing! Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION LSB Page 151**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 105:1-5 (NIV)**

Pastor: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

**People: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.**

Pastor: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.**

Pastor: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **A Very Special Easter**

#### **FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9 (NIV) God's Promise to His People**

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NIV)**

### **The importance of the Resurrection**

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV) Jesus' Resurrection**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**THE APOSTLES' CREED - Everyone**

**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 everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING PRAYER - Pastor**

Gracious God, Jesus promised His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that remains as powerful and transformative today as it was on the first Pentecost. With generous and thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to You—our time, treasure, and talent, but most of all, our hearts. Use us and these offerings for Your purposes and glory. Amen.

**MESSAGE HYMN    *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*    LSB #469, vs. 1-6**

**MESSAGE            “The Resurrection Changes Everything”**

**PRAYER**

Holy God, Author of life, we celebrate Christ's resurrection. We celebrate life and light, joy and hope, peace and love. These gifts are made possible by Christ's victory over sin, evil and death. The resurrection gives witness to Your power to defeat all that opposes You. It affirms Your purpose to rescue and restore all of creation. It proclaims Your redemptive plan for all the peoples of the world. It testifies to Your active and ongoing work in our lives. The resurrection is our assurance that You can and will “make good” on Your promise of eternal life. It is to that promise that we cling, trusting that there is nothing that is able to separate us from Your love which is made known to us through Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - Pastor**

**We Remember in our Prayers:**

**Pastor Andy Pronsati**

**Elly, Evan, Cindy, Sheryl, Lonnie, Jonah, Amy, Cory, Rachel, Omar**

**Medical Personnel and First Responders:** Stephen, Rebecca, Becky, Karen, Erik, Lindsey, Stephanie, Chris, Ericka, Todd & Heidi, Tim, Luke, Mike, Jim, Jeff

**Prayers for our Men and Women** in the Military: Matt, John, Joe, Connor, Eric

**Our Nation in the midst** of COVID-19 concerns

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION—Pastor**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

***How Great Thou Art***      Keyboard & Guitar Instrumental

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Pastor**

Heavenly Father, You gave Your Son to die and raised Him to give us eternal life. Help us who have received His body and blood to live in Him and serve You as Your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* LSB #461, vs. 1,2,7,8