



HE LIVES TO GIVE ME HOPE

Imagine someone you love is near death. Their only hope of survival is a risky brain surgery, one so complicated there is only one surgeon in the state who would attempt it. The surgery is scheduled. But as that doctor drives into 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 the feeling of hopelessness. Christ's disciples don't know that feeling. He died, but he is dead no longer. The one who can heal us... the one who can give us life to the full... he lives! He lives to restore our hope.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

THE DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING TWO

*∞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. ∞*

Opening Hymn | 452 **The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

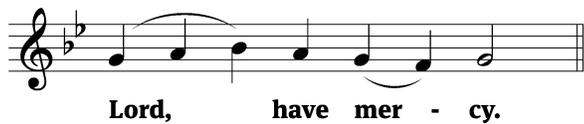
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



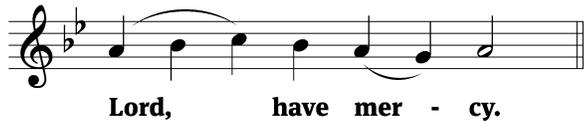
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



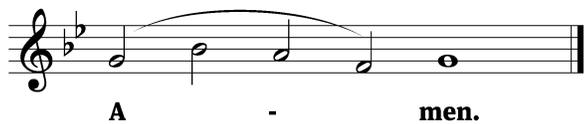
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



Hymn of Praise

CW 438, st 2+4

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

THE WORD OF GOD

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.

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

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
³⁵until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.” ’ ”

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

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

³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those 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.

Psalm of the Day | Psalm 116 *We speak the verses responsively.*

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 before the LORD
in the land of the living.
What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
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 beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

We will 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.

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through 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.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32



Refrain

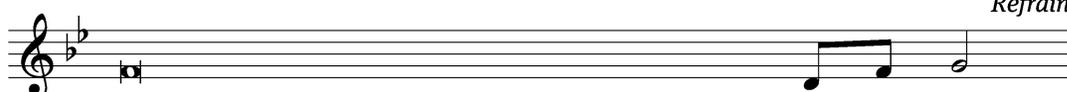


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Tone



Were not our hearts burning with - in us



while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scrip - tures to us?

The Holy 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.

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One 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?"

¹⁹"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. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but 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. ²²In

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

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

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But 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.

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

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then 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

Hymn of the Day | 455 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

Sermon

Stand

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

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, with joy the Church continues to celebrate the Resurrection victory of Your beloved Son. Look in Your mercy on all who have been baptized into His death and resurrection, and grant them grace each day to die to sin and rise to newness of life with Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Fountain of mercy, You call Your people to love and to serve those in need. Pour out Your blessing on the mercy ministries of our Synod, and of Your whole Church, that through their devoted service many may come to know and praise Your unspeakable kindness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of kindness and compassion, throughout His ministry Your Son healed the sick and relieved the distressed. Remember in tenderness those who are in need of His healing and comfort today. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant them grace to entrust themselves entirely to Your loving care. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Giver of the life that never ends, receive today our heart-felt thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in saving faith and who live with You forevermore. In Your boundless love, bring us with them to share in the joys of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special intercessions may be inserted here.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

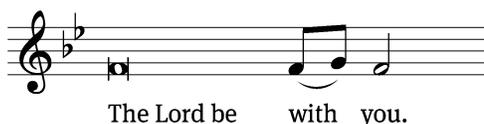


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THE SACRAMENT

Stand

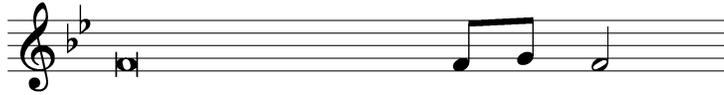




Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by His willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by His glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night 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, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

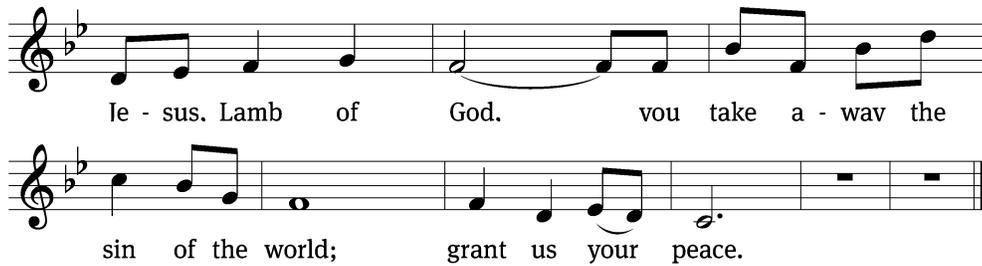
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is a melodic line. The second and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth and fifth staves are identical to the second and third staves, respectively, repeating the lyrics.



Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.

*Please speak to Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation! **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn | 470 Like the Golden Sun Ascending

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Closing Hymn | 441, stanzas 1,2,7,8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky;
he lives exalted there on high.**

**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.**

**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!**



Thank you to Kryssi Heckman for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Because the “wages of sin is death,” redemption from death is the whole story of the Bible from beginning to end, and Jesus’ resurrection is the core of the redemptive theme. Death is swallowed up in Christ’s victory, giving us the freedom of life everlasting. And yet we die. Everything dies—humans and animals suffer and die, whether by natural causes or natural disasters or cancers or famines or wars or murders. In wake of these deaths we feel worry, condemnation, shame, and despair. Though we strive against it, death always has the last word. It is for this reason that, if we don’t pin our hopes for redemption on the cross of Christ, we are left to feeble strategies to fight the perpetual tides of death. One particularly odd strategy for dealing with death is seen in a piece of art by British artist Damien Hirst. In 2007, he unveiled his masterpiece: a diamond-encrusted platinum cast of a human skull priced at \$98 million. The skull, cast from a 35-year-old 18th-century European male, is coated with 8,601 diamonds, including a large pink diamond worth more than \$8 million in the center of its forehead. His explanation of the work is fascinating: “I hope this work gives people hope—uplifting, take your breath away....It shows we are not going to live forever. But it also has a feeling of victory over death.” We don’t need diamond encrusted skulls that give the feeling of overcoming of death. We need sin and death to actually be overcome. Paul says in Romans that “Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised for our justification” (4:25). This overcoming of death reaches all the way to you here, to the memories of smaller deaths in your life; to your depression now, your fears and insecurities, your shame for what’s been done to you or the impulses you cannot control. In the cross and in the resurrection, God has taken sin and death. Though it may not be visible, Christ has overthrown them, taking sorrow captive and ruling over death for all eternity. Love has replaced darkness, joy has replaced despair, and peace has replaced fear. —Justin Holcomb



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