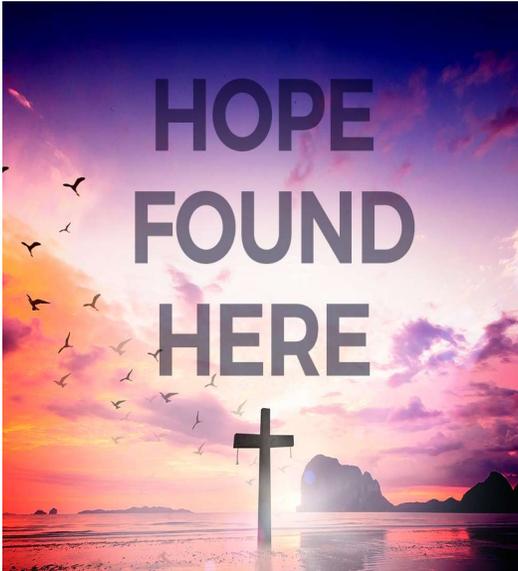


Sunday, April 19, 2020



Live in the Light of Eternity.

The covid-19 pandemic has brought death to be much more a reality to us. This makes us consider what is most important in life. Left to our own devices, we tend to seek out worldly things, mistakenly thinking they will bring us fulfillment. But everything on Earth is temporary. Everything we “own” is just on loan from God. And what pleases God is often 180 degrees from what we may think is important. Today we rediscover what matters most.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me to be your child and an heir of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Give me, I pray, the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that I may turn away from all love of riches before love of You. Keep me from pursuing passing things so that I seek the kingdom of Your Risen Son, my victorious Savior, and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace. Amen.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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INVOCATION (Spoken Responsively)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become 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.

KYRIE

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Feast"*

LSB 171

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free
to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and
blessing and glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all
creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was
slain has begun His reign.**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in Your resurrection victory You have overcome this world,
and won for us eternal life in heaven. Help us, Your people, to focus
our lives on Your calling, that we seek first Your kingdom and love You

above all, thereby finding joy and peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 90: 1-12

Earthly life is short.

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,

or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

R This is the Word of the Lord

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:18-21

Look forward to heaven!

¹⁸Many, ... walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:15-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**Do not value temporary earthly riches,
but the eternal riches of your relationship with Jesus Christ.**

¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down

my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

P: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord!

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 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.

SONG

"Lead Me To The Cross"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-JBbdJ5eZ8>

SERMON

"(RE)DISCOVERING WHAT MATTERS MOST"

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

"Stronger"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7YdtfjMAIc>

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: 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 peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478, vss. 1,3,4

- 1 The day of resurrection!**
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,**
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

**4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!**

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