

Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



The Unknown Made Known!

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The Opening Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen

Red hymnal #143 v.1-3

**1. He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, The incarnate, Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes;
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

The Confession of Sins

L(eader): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

The Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Song of Thanks

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: Old Hundredth

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

The Prayer of the Day

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and sacrament sections of the service. The Prayer of the Day asks God to help us in an area that is tied to the theme of our worship service today.

L: Let us pray:

L: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson

The Unknown Made Known!

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷ God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door,
 For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
 Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
 Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
 Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
 Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

The Unknown Made Known! Always be prepared to make the unknown, known. Why? So, others might come to know Jesus and be saved.

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The Alleluia



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Faith comes from hear-ing the mes-sage, and the

mes-sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al-le-

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21

The Unknown Made Known! Jesus promises his disciples the Holy Spirit will come. He will make known to them what they otherwise could not know on their own.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

The Children’s Message

The Hymn of the Day is assigned because of its rich content and connection to the Scriptures that the sermon is based upon.

The Hymn of the Day

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Red hymnal #184

**1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living, To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.**

**2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching; Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**

**3 O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower; By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.**

Announcements

Connecting with the Word This Month Until we are able to meet again for worship, here are some ways to connect with God's Word.

- Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study on "Life of Moses" on Zoom
- Fridays, 9:30-10:30am Bible Study on "Psalms: Songs of the Heart" on Zoom
- Sundays, 9:30am Weekly Worship Videos Posted to Facebook and Youtube
- Sundays, 11:00am Sunday School for all ages on Zoom
- Anytime, Anywhere! Personal Bible Reading – pick a book, read a chapter per day!

Save the Date! Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Call Day on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00am, streamed live on www.wls.wels.net. We'll get to watch as Thomas and Kristin Rockhoff will find out where they'll be heading! And we'll also be finding out who will be heading to Katy in August 2020 as our new vicar. Keep this in your prayers, and be sure to watch!

The Week Ahead

Sun	5/17	8:00 & 9:30am	Worship
		11:00am	Sunday School on Zoom
Tues	5/19	6:30-7:30pm	"Life of Moses" Bible Class on Zoom
Wed	5/20	4:00-5:30pm	7 th -8 th Confirmation Class on Zoom
Fri	5/22	9:30-10:30am	"Psalms: Songs of the Heart" Bible Class on Zoom
Sat	5/23	4:00pm	Worship
Sun	5/24	8:00 & 9:30am	Worship
		11:00am	Sunday School on Zoom for all ages????????

Our Gifts for Jesus

General Fund Expected (Jul '19 - Apr '20).....\$240,400 General Fund Needed (Jul '19 - Apr '20).....\$280,923 Building Fund thru 4/30/20.....\$442,217

Take God at his Word! Trust him, and give generously to him, as he has given to you.