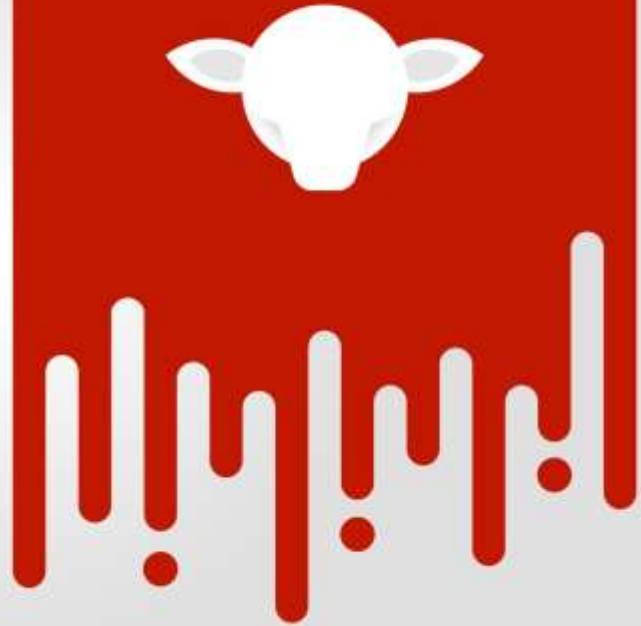


... you were ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your forefathers, not with
perishable things such as silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ,

like that of a
lamb without
blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:18–19



Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

Third Sunday in Easter

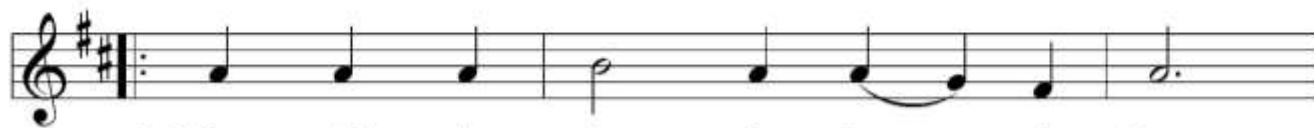
Service Theme
HE LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE

For the disciples, all hope seemed to die with Jesus on the cross. Why? Because God promised a Saviour who would live forever. How could Jesus be that Saviour if he died? It's sad that the disciples did not pay closer attention to God's Old Testament promises. Had they done so, they would have remembered that the Messiah had to die and would rise to life in order to be the source of all hope! For this reason, our resurrected Lord appeared to his disciples – opening their minds to the truth of God's Word. And in doing so, he restored their hope – restoring ours as well as we meditate on His Gospel promises.

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst,
 3 On the third morn he rose a - gain
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 And Je - sus has his foes dis - persed;
 Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign;
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's sting free your ser - vants, too,



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of praise and joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Oh, let us swell the joy - ful strain! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let songs of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

Order of Service Common Service (p.15)

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (*sing*) **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: *(sing)* **glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: 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.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

Children's Message & First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 32–41 (EHV)

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 spoke loudly and clearly to them:

³²“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³³So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

³⁴“For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies
a footstool under your feet.’

³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸Peter answered them, “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. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.”

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

Psalm
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Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

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.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved
me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my
soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from
stumbling.

How can I repay 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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson
1 Peter 1:17–21 (EHV)

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.

¹⁷If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake.

²¹Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13–35 (EHV)

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

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

¹³Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked them.

They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” ²⁷Then 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 where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” ³³They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

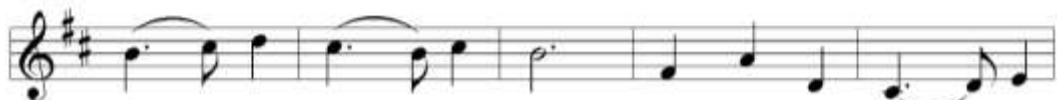
156 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
God's own Son In love for me has won.
hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Sermon Text & Theme

1 Peter 1:17-21 (EHV)

Live in Reverence toward God

- 1) What it means to live in reverence.
- 2) Our reason for living in reverence.

Response: "Create In Me"

C: *(sing)* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the Church for Easter

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(sing)* **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 *and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his 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:

C: *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Word of Institution

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.
Amen.**

Distribution

Thanksgiving

**C: (sing) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the
face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people
Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (sing) And his mercy endures forever.

Final Prayer

**M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your
Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us
pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but
will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day
after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: (sing) Amen.

Blessing

**M: 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.**

C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
 5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
 with your Word And thus now and here -
 pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
 boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
 Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
 fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

Apr. 30 – Mark // May 7 - Thomas

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (23)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion Coffee Hour
Tu (25)	10:00 am 11:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Visitation for Carl Noffke A Christian Funeral for Carl Noffke Elders Meeting Council Meeting
Th (27)	6:30 pm	Confirmation (W)
Fr (28)	6:00 pm	Illumine at St. Paul's
Su (30)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Bible Class Only Worship with Communion Coffee Hour Worship & Communion in Poltimore <i>(A Voters Meeting will follow the service)</i>
Th (4)	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Devotion at Longfields Manor Confirmation (W)
Fr (5)	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Friday Fellowship Bible Study Illumine at St. Paul's
Su (7)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion First Fellowship Potluck



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