



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Certain Hope Gives Peace

April 11, 2021





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Worship at 8am and
10:30am
Bible Class at 9:15am

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Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **“Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **“Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life.”**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside of your worship folder to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women’s and men’s restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Locked away in a room together, terrified that the Jews were going to come and get them too, just like they'd done to their master, Jesus' disciples had no peace. Even though some of them had seen the empty tomb. Even though they'd heard the reports from some of the women that Jesus had appeared to them alive, they still had no peace. Contrast those terrified disciples hidden away from fear of the Jews, with two of the disciples, Peter and John, boldly proclaiming the truth of the resurrection of Jesus, with a peace and calm in their hearts that would make you assume they must be different people. What caused such a change? What could give them such peace? It was the certain hope of the resurrection of Jesus that changed everything! No matter how uncertain their surroundings might be, they had peace. And you can, too! Just as Jesus said to those fearful disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you." Because of the certain hope of Easter, Jesus says the same thing to you, today and every day!

The Season of Easter

The Easter season is 50 days long and consists of 8 Sundays: from Easter to Pentecost. The season of Easter is the oldest season in the church year, referred to as early as the 3rd century. The Sundays of Easter remind us that Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. Instead, it is a continued celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and the victory over Satan, and the certain hope that that gives us, not just on Easter Sunday, but in every day of our lives! No matter how uncertain the times might feel. Christ is risen indeed! And that changes everything.



April 11	Certain Hope Gives Peace
April 18	Made Certain by God's Word
April 25	Certain Hope in Our Good Shepherd
May 2	Certain Hope Bears Fruit

DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Christian Worship 145



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's
 heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where
 I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and
 me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor
 gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -
 he is gone, Live and reign with him in
 act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry
 pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -
 trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
 heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!
 giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;
 ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;
 por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:

This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 “Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!”

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt.
 Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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

C: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

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, our risen and ever-living Lord, 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. Rather than having lasting peace in the good news of the resurrection, I have so often been filled with fear and uncertainty, because I’ve put my hope in myself, or the other uncertain things and people of this world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. By the glorious, victorious resurrection of our Savior, you are assured that all of your sins have been paid for in full. 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: Amen.

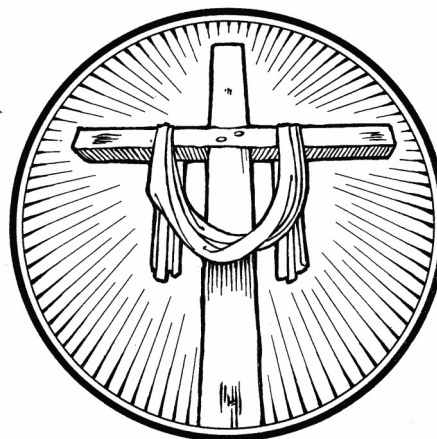
M: In the peace of forgiveness, and in the certain hope of the resurrection, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus

Christian Worship 265 vs. 1



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-20

Peace in the name of the resurrected Lord

¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

Christian Worship p. 68

Refrain

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

Psalm tone

*

Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*"
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*"
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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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



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

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

The victory that has overcome the world

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

C: **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.** (*John 20:29b*)

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

"Peace be with you!"

M: The Gospel, according to St. John, chapter 20.



¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.

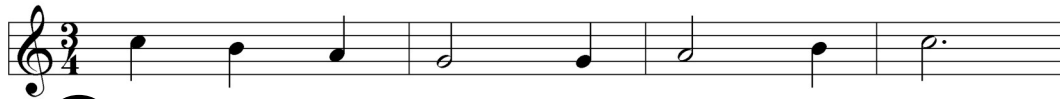
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

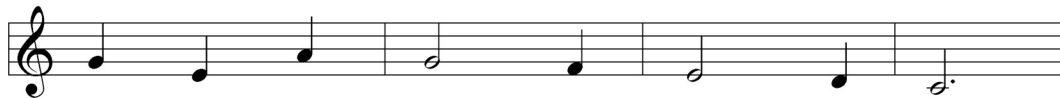
Christian Worship 165 vs. 1, 4-8



① O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 ② On that first morn - ing of the week,
 ③ An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 ④ That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 ⑤ When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



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

⑥ "Thomas, behold my side," said he, ⑧ Blessèd are they that have not seen
 "My hands, my feet, my body see; And yet whose faith has constant been;
 And doubt not, but believe in me." In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

⑦ No longer Thomas then denied; ⑨ On this most holy day of days
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side; To God your hearts and voices raise
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried. In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner

Text: Acts 3:12-20

Peace to Breathe

SERMON RESPONSE

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

HARP OFFERTORY.....Mrs. Virginia Black

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. by Boddie

To help prevent the spread of germs, we won't be passing the offering plates to collect our thank offerings to God. Please place your offering in one of the offering plates located on the table in the back of the sanctuary as you exit this morning. Victory can also receive offerings electronically on our secure website: victorylutheran.org. Click on the "Give" tab in the upper right corner. You can access that site on your phone by scanning the box to the right. We'd also ask that you would fill out the Connection Card, found inside your worship folder, and drop it into the basket on the table as you exit this morning.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

Christian Worship 160

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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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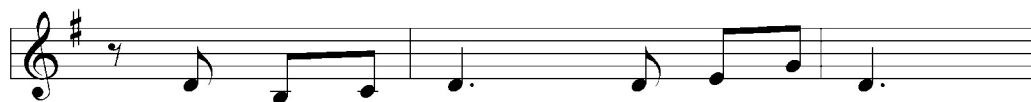
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

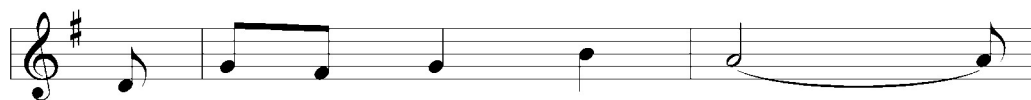
CLOSING HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Christian Worship Supplement 756



1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch his hands and side
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,

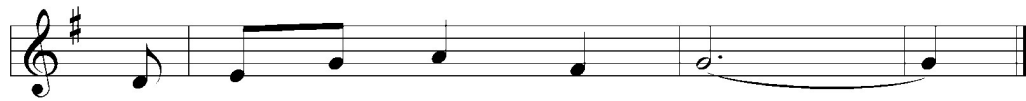


No gra - cious words we hear
Nor fol - low where he trod,
And may our faith a - bound
Are found in means di - vine:
In realms of clear - er light,

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From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
 But in his promise we rejoice
 To call on you when you are near
 Beneath the water and the Word,
 We may behold you as you are



But we believe him near.
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 And seek where you are found.
 Beneath the bread and wine.
 With full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Tune: SHANTI (86 86) Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1984, 2006 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.
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PEACE BE WITH YOU
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME
I AM SENDING YOU



Organist.....Mrs. Esther Huebner

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Parents' Preview for April 18

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service next week!

Refrain from "This Is the Feast of Victory"

Christian Worship 265

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. A slur covers the next four notes: quarter notes C5, B4, A4, and G4. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes F#4, E4, D4, and C4, followed by a whole note G3.

Congregation Meeting



Sunday, April 18th (after 2nd Service)

Agenda:

Building Project Wrap-Up

Council Elections

Ministry Updates

COMING SOON

Saturday, May 15, 2021

9:00AM-12:00PM

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12, is the FINAL day
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MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:



Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament

What was the sermon about? _____



 My favorite song today was: _____ 

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

 Yes
 No



Communion?

 Yes
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

Sermon Notes



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