



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

All Nations Need to Know!

Latin America Mission Festival

April 28, 2024





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Worship at 8am and
10:30am

Bible Class and Youth
Sunday School 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 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 moment with their caretaker is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

TODAY’S WORSHIP:

When something doesn’t apply to someone, it’s not necessary to tell them about it. For example, it’s not necessary to tell your vegetarian friend about your favorite steakhouse recommendations. Or to tell your single friend about the best daycares and preschools in town. But for your friend who loves a juicy filet mignon, your steakhouse recommendation would be hugely beneficial. To your friend with twins about to enter preschool, your recommendation would be hugely beneficial! The same is true of the resurrection reality we celebrate at Easter. The good news of our risen and living Lord is not just for some people, but for all people! Because that good news applies to literally every single person on earth. Therefore, all nations need to know that good news! As we celebrate a Mission Festival today, we’ll hear encouragement about how that work is being done to all nations, especially in Latin America!

Current Sermon Series: Resurrection Reality

St. Paul writes, “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fairy tale. The resurrection is not a legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and a failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be – the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus’ resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life right now! The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter “a joyful week of weeks” – seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate on the breathtaking implications of the resurrection reality!



April 28	Mission Festival – Latin America
May 5	Jesus’ Business is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours
May 12	Christ’s Ascension Means He Is Closer Than Ever
May 19	Christ Has Not Left Us Alone (Pentecost)

DIVINE SERVICE I



OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Christian Worship 380

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 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.**

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. 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, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

(10:30AM) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Erica Kate Vollmer



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your disciples to proclaim your coming. Bless all the missions of your church, and enable your workers to gather in your harvest.

Through them, show your love to the helpless, enlighten those in darkness, assist those in peril and need, and at last bring all your children home to yourself; you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3

God sends Jonah to Nineveh

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Give the LORD Glory and Honor

Christian Worship Psalter Psalm 96B

Refrain



Tone

Sing to the LORD a / new song;
sing to the LORD, / all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day / after day.

Declare his glory among the / nations,
his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his / holiness;
tremble before him, / all the earth. *Refrain*

Let the heavens rejoice, let the / earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that / is in it.

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Let the fields be jubilant, and every- / thing in them;
let all the trees of the forest / sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD , / for he comes,
he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples in his / faithfulness.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-15

How can they hear without someone preaching to them?

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-38

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few

M: The Gospel, according to St. Matthew Chapter 9.

C: 
Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (10:30am Service)

Children ages 3-5 can be dismissed to the 3K/Kitchen classroom for Children’s Church. Children will return from Children’s Church to the sanctuary after the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

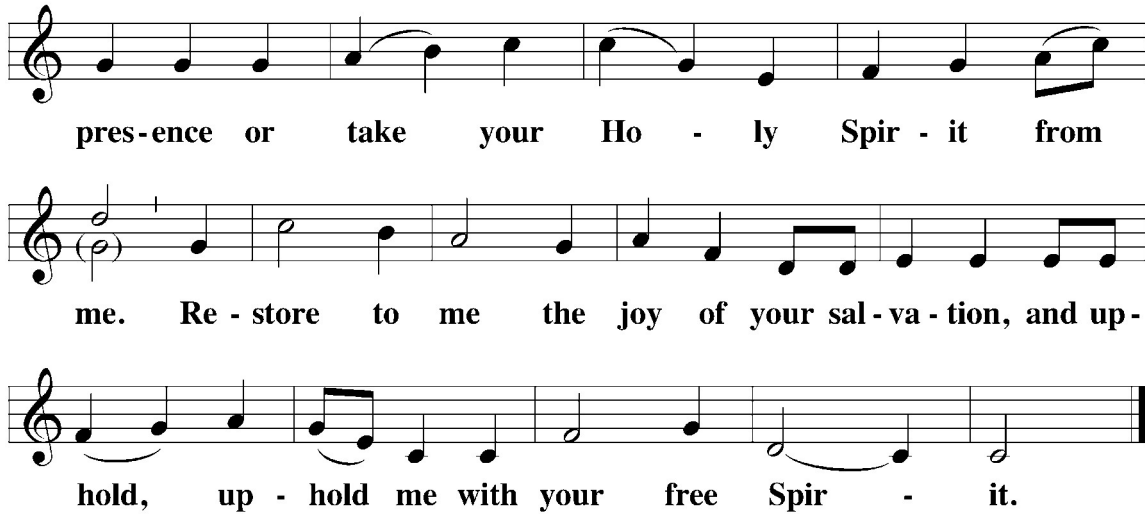
Christian Worship 902

SERMON.....Pastor Carl Leyrer
Text: Matthew 28:16-20



SERMON RESPONSE
Create in Me a Pure Heart

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.

OFFERING

Guests: This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in Jacksonville, St. Johns County, and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.

Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and hand it to an usher, or drop it in the basket on the back table as you exit the sanctuary this morning.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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.

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.

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

Christian Worship 908

Presiding Minister.....**Pastor Josh Koelpin (Missionary— Boston, MA)**
Organist.....**Mrs. Esther Huebner**

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SERVING AT VICTORY

Ushers

This Week (4/28): (8:00) C. Sheehan
(10:30) S. Lomen & R. Vitito

Next Week (5/5): (8:00) N. Baker
(10:30) Rev. J. Huebner & P. Schultz

Counters

This Week (4/28): M. Weideman & P. Meshke

Next Week (5/5): TBD

Sunday Fellowship Snacks

This Week (4/28): *Volunteer needed*

Next Week (5/5): *Volunteer needed*

Media Booth

This Week (4/28): *2 volunteers needed*

Next Week (5/5): *2 volunteers needed*

Altar Guild

May: Karen Krull

Sunday School/Youth Bible Study

This Week (4/28):

Pre-K to 1st: E. Smith

Children's Church: A. Grotefend

2nd to 6th: B. Jessee

Next Week (5/5):

Pre-K to 1st: L. Mielke

Children's Church: L. Mielke

2nd to 6th: B. Nordin

Pastor Call Extended

At the call meeting this past Sunday, April 21st, our congregation extended a call to Pastor Joel Voss to serve as pastor at Victory. Pastor Voss currently serves as Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lansing, MI. Pastor Voss and his wife Lauren have 4 children. Please keep the Voss family



in your prayers, as they now deliberate where they can best serve in God's Kingdom, whether here at Victory, or to continue serving in Lansing. Pastor Voss has welcomed your comments and feedback about the needs of Victory, and his fit in filling those needs. You can email him: joel.a.voss@gmail.com or text or call him: 517-575-5281.



For more information on the mission work that our WELS church body is doing here in the United States and around the world, including the work being done in Latin America, and Pastor Koelpin's mission church in Boston, be sure to check out:

wels.net/serving-others/missions/



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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