

WHY SEEK YE THE
LIVING AMONG THE
DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE,
BUT IS RISEN.

LUKE 24:5-6

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☞ WELCOME ☛

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☛

OPENING PRAYER [p. 41]

HYMN 340, vv. 1–4:

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to thank Him for the many blessings we have received from Him, to give Him the praise He deserves, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

THE ABSOLUTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Hymn 36: All Glory Be to God Alone*)

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| C: [sing] All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One, Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend. Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill. | We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We worship Thee in humbleness; From day to day we glorify Thee, everlasting God on high. Of Thy great glory do we sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring. |
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THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

C: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the joy of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits of that joy in our lives and in our conduct. Hear us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS — THE HISTORIC LECTIONARY (All readings from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

The Old Testament — Job 19:25–27

“And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
Even after my skin is destroyed,
Yet from my flesh I shall see God;
Whom I myself shall behold,
And whom my eyes shall see and not another.
My heart faints within me.”

The Epistle — 1 John 5:4–12

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

The Holy Gospel — John 20:19–31

When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” And when He had

said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] **Amen.**

HYMN 532, vv. 1–5:

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

THE SERMON:

Why are you looking for the living among the dead? (Luke 24:5)

HYMN VERSE

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 356:

The Day of Resurrection

CLOSING PRAYER [p. 59]

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ †, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

DISMISSAL OF NON-COMMUNICANTS

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Especially for those who were unable to attend last week, and for others who desire to commune today.

THE EXHORTATION [pp. 52–53]

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My † Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. We pray that You would strengthen us through this Sacrament in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, 325

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The † LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Organist: Darek Hartwig

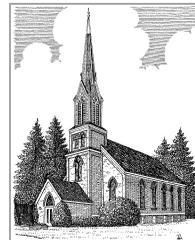
☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞

Coffee and Refreshments After the service, all are welcome to join us in the basement for refreshments and coffee.

Thank You We thank Pastor Harold Sturm for leading our worship service and bringing the message from God's Word

Pastoral Services If you need the services of a pastor this week, please contact Pastor Corey Hanke (608) 467-8914. Pastor Heyn is attending a conference of Latin American pastors for our synod's Board for World Outreach. He will return on Friday evening.

Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the pure word and sacraments, witnessing to the lost, and nurturing fellow believers so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This we do through worship, education, service, and fellowship.



✧ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE ✧

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| Today | Sunday School | 10:20 AM |
| | Coffee and refreshments | 10:30 AM |
| | <i>No Bible Study</i> | |
| Thursday | Ladies Aid | 1:00 PM |
| Next | Divine Service | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday | Sunday School | 10:20 AM |
| | Bible Study, Book of <i>Job</i> | 11:00 AM |

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