



Today's Worship at
Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter 2

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Living in Peace

COVID-19 may surround us; social distancing may separate us; people may fail us; but the good things God gives will never fail because they are based on Christ's resurrection from the dead. In Jesus we live in peace.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

WE PRAISE GOD IN SONG – “Welcome Happy Morning”

CW 163 vv 1-3

"Wel-come, hap-py morn-ing!" Age to age shall say; "Hell to - day is
Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all, God from heav'n be-
He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go, Trod the path of
van- quished; Heav'n is won to - day!" Lo, the Dead is liv - ing,
- hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall, Of the Fa - ther's God - head
dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show. Come, then, True and Faith - ful,
God for - ev - er - more! Him their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.
You, the on - ly Son, Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.
Now ful - fill your word; This is your third morn - ing - - Rise, O bur - ied Lord.
"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say; "Hell to - day is van - quished;
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CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.

ALL: 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.

P: 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.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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. Amen.

EASTER CHANGES US

1 Peter 1:17-21 – *Live life to the full*

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29b

Acts 5:29-42 – *It's a matter of faith*

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead —whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from

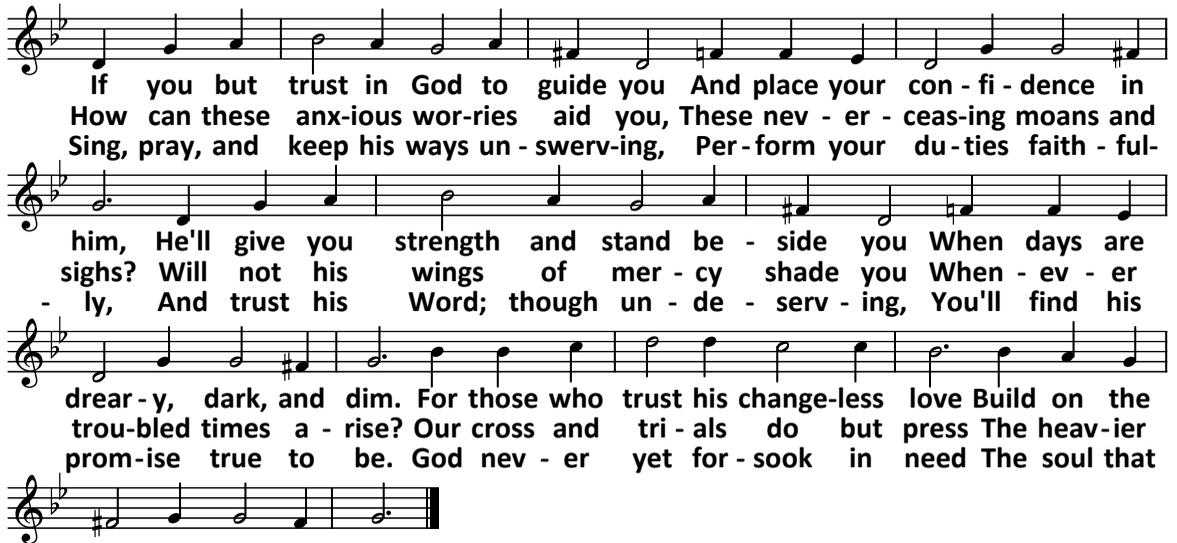
God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

HYMN – “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

CW 444 vv 1 & 2



If you but trust in God to guide you And place your con - fi - dence in
How can these anx-ious wor-ries aid you, These nev - er - ceas-ing moans and
Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv-ing, Per - form your du - ties faith - ful -
him, He'll give you strength and stand be - side you When days are
sighs? Will not his wings of mer - cy shade you When - ev - er
- ly, And trust his Word; though un - de - serv - ing, You'll find his
drear - y, dark, and dim. For those who trust his change-less love Build on the
trou-bled times a - rise? Our cross and tri - als do but press The heav-ier
prom-ise true to be. God nev - er yet for - sook in need The soul that
rock that does not move.
for our bit - ter - ness.
trust-ed him in - deed.

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THE MESSAGE – based on Acts 5:29-42

“It’s a Matter of Faith”

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners. He redeemed us from Satan's power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sin, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER 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.

BLESSING AND CLOSING VERSE



Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the
peace of Christ rule in your heart, And what - ev - er you do, in
word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord. Giv - ing thanks, giv - ing
thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giv - ing thanks, giv - ing
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