



*“I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.”*

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### OUR WORSHIP

*Joy*

**SERVICE THEME** In all four Gospels, Mary Magdalene is the first witness of the resurrected Jesus. Why? In our Easter Gospel Reading, we see that Jesus Christ could have easily revealed Himself to John or Peter first. Why does He reveal Himself to Mary first? I believe it is because Mary is uniquely suited to experience a joyful exhilaration and exuberance that is stratospheric. How can we experience that same joy in our lives today and always?

**+ Preparing to Hear the Word +**

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Pastor : This is the day the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**OPENING SONG** LSB 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Our salvation have procured. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Praise eternal as His love, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!**

### **CONFESSING OUR NEED FOR JOY**

**All: Father, we are desperate for real joy. We have tried so many things, but nothing we have tried gives us lasting joy.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Father, we beg You, we plead with You, send Your Holy Spirit to inject joy into our lives through the Easter Readings and the Easter Message. Please! Give us real authentic tingling in our toes joy today and every day. We implore you in the name of Jesus, for He is our risen and living Lord.

**People: Amen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ Hearing the Word +**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 150**

Pastor: Praise the LORD.

**People: Praise God in His sanctuary;**

Pastor: Praise Him in His mighty heavens.

**People: Praise Him for His acts of power;**

Pastor: Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

**People: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,**

Pastor: Praise Him with the harp and lyre,

**People: Praise Him with timbrel and dancing,**

Pastor: Praise Him with the strings and pipe,

**People: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,**

Pastor: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

**All: Praise the LORD – the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**HYMN INTERLUDE** LSB 461, vv. 1-2 “I Know My Redeemer Lives”

**I know that my Redeemer lives,  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Peter 1:3-7

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Pastor: This is the gracious and joy-filled Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God for giving us a life-giving hope!**

**HYMN INTERLUDE** LSB 461, vv. 3-4 “I Know My Redeemer Lives”

**He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.**

**GOSPEL READING** John 20:1, 11-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the disciple whom Jesus loved,  
the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**People: Glory to You, Jesus, our risen Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "(my) Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ, for You are our living and life-giving Lord.**

**HYMN INTERLUDE** LSB 461, vv. 5-6 "I Know My Redeemer Lives"

**He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Easter Eggs"

**HYMN INTERLUDE** LSB 461, vv. 5-6 "I Know My Redeemer Lives"

**He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**MESSAGE** "The Fruit of the Spirit is Joy"

Introduction

"The sickest children get the most attention."

[1] Sickness unto Death

"Neither do I condemn you."

[2] Sickness of Approaching Death

"She kept this perfume for the time of My burial."

[3] Sickness of a Broken Heart

"Don't hold onto Me."

[4] A Concluding Thought

"I AM with you always!"

**+ Responding to the Word +**

**OFFERING** LSB 803 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav ' n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well - spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

#### **PRAYERS & THE 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!

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: Father, as Jesus sustains all things by His powerful word, may He give us a sustaining and eternal joy through His words in the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may, from this day forward and forever, experience stratospheric joy as we read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Word that is, from Genesis to Revelation, all about Jesus. We ask in the name of Jesus – our risen, living, and Life-giving Lord.

**People: Amen! Alleluia!**

#### **BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**People: Amen!**

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**ENDING SONG** LSB 463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen today; Alleluia"

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
When contending death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Al - le - lu - ia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!**

**Fruit of the Spirit Booklet**

For the Lenten Wednesdays, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, the Sermons were on the nine Fruit of The Spirit that Paul listed in Galatians 5:22-23: *For the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Those Sermons have been condensed and printed in a booklet which is available for everyone who would like one. Enjoy!

The Fruit of the Spirit is about new attitudes that produce new actions. Or, to say it another way, the Holy Spirit gives us a new mind and heart that results in a new kind of life.

**Next Sunday - April 24**

**Theme:** Seeing Things Differently

**Children's Message:** What's Different?

**Message:** "What in the World are You Doing for Heaven's Sake?"