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OUR WORSHIP

An Eternal Perspective

SERVICE THEME In our text, Jesus' brothers are a wonderful case study in the thinking of the world, seeing everything from the perspective of the moment. The Christian rejoices in and enjoys the here and now; however, we act from a different vantage point, namely, from the perspective of eternity.

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

INVOCATION

Pastor: In our Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we have been given new eyes with which to see this world and our life in it from an eternal perspective.

People: Amen!

INVITATION HYMN LSB 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Now the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still He comes to give us life And by His presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONFESSION

Pastor: It is human nature to live for the moment, without an eternal perspective. And living for the moment means we see ourselves as the world sees us. We see our money as our source of worth. We see our various vocations as a matter of self-serving and self-interest. We live with constant anxiety and worry. We see our personal worth and significance as a matter of what we acquire and/or accomplish.

People: Father, hear our plea – have mercy on us!

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor: In His mercy, our heavenly Father sent Christ Jesus to defeat death and open the doorway to new and eternal Life – today and forever. In fact, because we are flesh and blood, Christ Jesus shared our humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who has the power of death in his arsenal, that is, the devil – and free us who all our lives were held captive by our fear of death. This means we no longer have to live from moment to moment in anxiety and fear; we are free to live with an eternal perspective, living for things that make a present and eternal difference.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Father, again today, take us to the cross and the open tomb that we might experience the power of Your Holy Spirit to give us an eternal perspective. And with this new perspective, enable us to serve You by serving others with a selfless and other-directed love. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus, Your Son and our Lord, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ Hearing God's Word +

FIRST READING Daniel 12:2-3

²“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

⁵⁷ Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Pastor: These Readings are from God's holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 7:1-8

Pastor: The holy Gospel is recorded in the Gospel of John, the one whom Jesus loved, the 7th chapter:

People: Glory be to You Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth.

¹ After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill Him. ² But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ Jesus' brothers said to Him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that Your disciples there may see the works You do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even His own brothers did not believe in Him.

⁶ Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify that its works are evil. ⁸ You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because My time has not yet fully come.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our living, Life-giving, and in-dwelling Lord.

People: Praise without end be to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE “Seeing Things Differently”

SONG OF THE DAY TLH 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled –
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow’rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

MESSAGE “What on Earth are You Doing for Heaven’s Sake?”

Introduction

“Never has a life accomplished so little . . . so much.” (SAK)

The Way the World Thinks vs. the Way a Christian Thinks

Jesus’ brothers show us how the world thinks – the view of the moment.

Christians think differently; we have an eternal perspective.

Implications of an Eternal Perspective

Investment – money.

Investment – time.

Insecurity, anxiety, and depression.

Insecurity and insignificance.

How Do We Get an Eternal Perspective?

“My time has not yet come.”

Postscript

You may be called “crazy” or worse.

+ Response to the Word +

OFFERING LSB 704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**

**Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your word
Let what You will be my desire;
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light Eternal, through Your grace.**

PRAYER & 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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG TLH 480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to a tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**

**O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

Bethesda Auxiliary Sunday – May 1
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You will have the opportunity to support the ministry with a monetary donation/membership. Bethesda Auxiliary's Oregon Unit's traveling Gift Table of homemade gifts will be set up in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for your shopping pleasure. Think of upcoming occasions of gift giving: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations, Weddings, and baby showers.

Thankyou for your prayers for this ministry and for caring for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are so often overlooked and under-served in our society.

Next Sunday – May 1

Theme: Who is Jesus?

Children's Message: "Who am I?"

Message: "Take Your Pick"