

“*I* am
the
resurrection
and the
LIFE”

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OUR WORSHIP

Our Future and Now Resurrection

SERVICE THEME Jesus' Resurrection is both historical as well as personal. When Jesus says to Martha, "I AM the Resurrection and the LIFE," He is saying on the one hand there's a Resurrection reality which all of us will experience one day in the future. But, He is also saying there is also a Resurrection to a new and exciting kind of Life now.

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 118:14-17; 22-24

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my might;

People: He has become my salvation.

Pastor: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

People: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

Pastor: the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

People: the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

Pastor: I shall not die, but I shall live

People: and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected

People: has become the chief cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing;

People: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: We rejoice in the future Resurrection of our bodies to be like Jesus' glorious Resurrected body; and, we also glory in the new Life we have now, being Baptized into the reality of Jesus' death and Resurrection in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

OPENING HYMN LSB 903, vv. 1, 3, & 5 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

**This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King, To David’s holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav’ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 570 “Just As I Am”

Pastor: Father, our world copes with death by denying it or by sentimentalizing it.
May we neither deny death nor see it as *natural*. Death is our enemy and
we should hate it.

People: Jesus defeated the Devil, who uses the fear of death to enslave us.

Pastor: There is also a second Resurrection reality, namely, that, in our Baptism,
we have died to our selfish sinful nature, and have been raised to
newness of Life.

**People: The forgiveness of sins, given to us freely through Jesus’ death,
makes us alive with nothing less than the Resurrection power of
God.**

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

+ Readings from God's word +

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:7-9

⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ He will swallow up death forever. Then the LORD God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for Him, so that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 6:1-2

¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is He who has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up. ² After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him."

FIRST EPISTLE READING Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

SECOND EPISTLE READING Colossians 2:8-15

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in Him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of your whole natural self in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with Him in Baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Him, when He forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 11:17-27

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John the evangelist, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the eleventh chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, while Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask of Him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they died, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "New vs. New"

MESSAGE HYMN "There Is A Redeemer"

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

Refrain

***Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Holy Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.**

Refrain

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face!
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.**

Refrain

MESSAGE "Two Resurrections"

Introduction

In our Gospel Reading, Jesus tells us there are two resurrections.

Our Future Resurrection

"He who believes in Me, though he died, will live."

Through death Jesus' destroyed death.

Our Now Resurrection

"He who lives and believes in Me will never die."

Forgiveness/No Condemnation/Justification gives us Resurrection Life now.

Conclusion

We must emphasize both.

+ Our Response to God's Word +

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

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!**

SENDING PRAYER

Pastor: Father, Jesus says, “I AM the Resurrection AND the Life.” Give us renewed faith that the grave is not the end; but only the portal through which we will one day receive new bodies like His glorious body. And, today, may we reflect on our Baptism and the new Life we have through our connection to His death and Resurrection. We ask in Your Son’s precious name, the Same who is the Resurrection and the Life, and who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile possible when He thinks of you
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING HYMN *LSB 924* “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever,
Reign with You in endless day.**

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THEME: Jesus’ Interaction with Mary

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Just Listen”

MESSAGE: “Jesus’ Quiet Ferocious Love”