## Easter 4 May 8, 2022 Divine Service 1

## Confession and Absolution

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the 
  Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever:

from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Kyrie

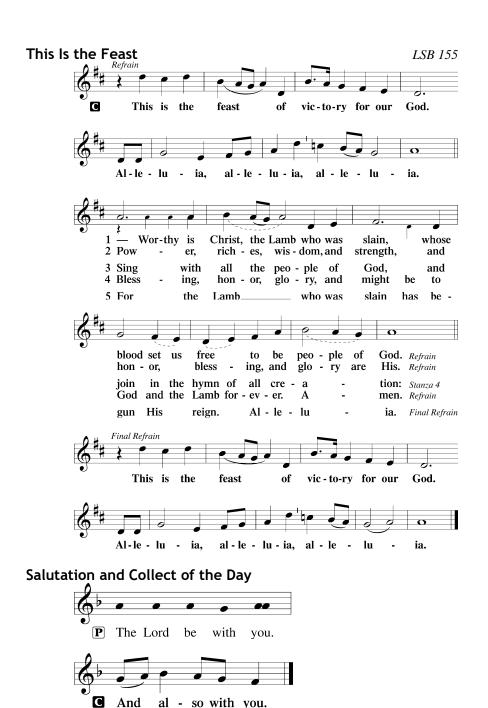
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peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.





## P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## First Reading

#### Acts 20:17-35

## Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** Revelation 7:9–17

#### A Great Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

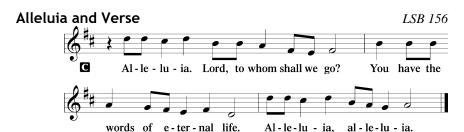
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their

shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



## **Holy Gospel**

John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



#### I and the Father Are One

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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.

#### Children's Sermon



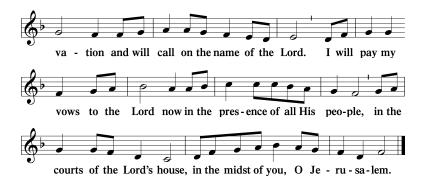


- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days
   Thy goodness faileth never;
   Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
   Within Thy house forever!

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#### Sermon





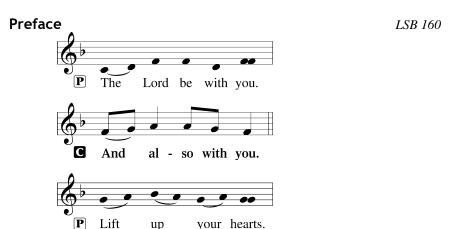
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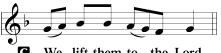
### Prayer of the Church

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Holy Spirit in rich measure, that hearing and following Christ, our Shepherd, we would pass through every tribulation to our eternal heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church [gathered here/in our day], that God would bless her under the care of her pastors, instilling in them wisdom, fortitude, humility and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- In thanksgiving for the gift of family, that You would bless those who have shown us a mother's love, all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For wise and faithful leaders, that they would govern in our land according to Your Law, defending the lives of the unborn, the orphaned and the widowed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

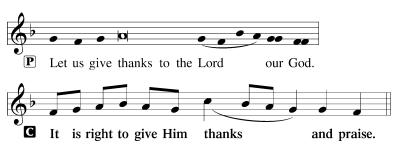
- For the sick, the suffering and the dying, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that You would deliver and comfort us, guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That as we receive the same body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that was given into death and raised again for our justification, we are granted the joy of our forgiveness of sins and the power of endless life, and that we would live out our baptismal lives dying in repentance and being raised in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For faith to endure the tribulations of this life and pass through death to join the saints in the ceaseless praises of heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

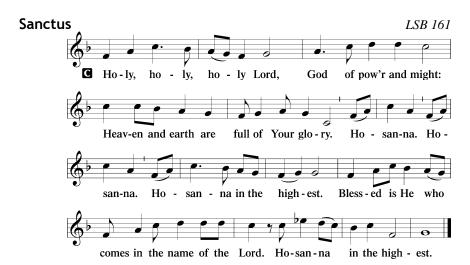




**C** We lift them to the Lord.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

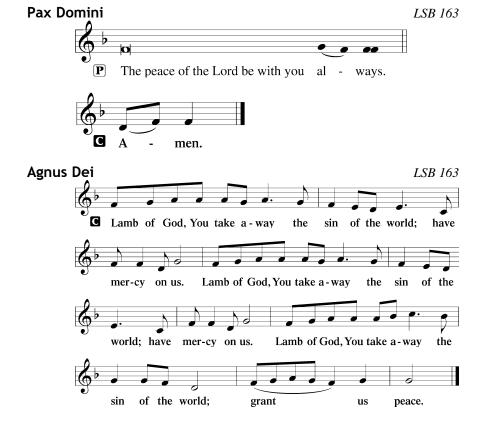
#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "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, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

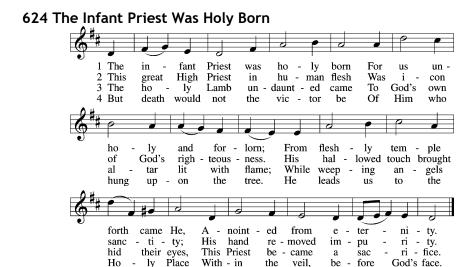


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- The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn, And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

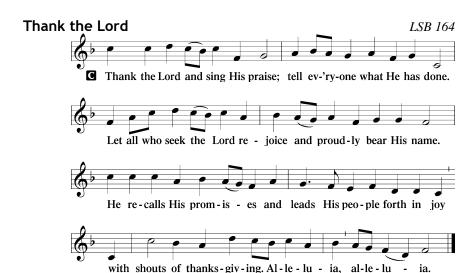
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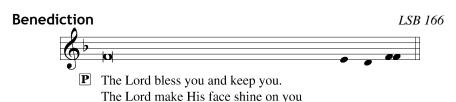


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School** -10:15 am at the Lutheran student center.

**Bible Study**: 10:15 am in the Followship Hall. We are studying Christ in the Old Testament

**Thursday Bible Study:** 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying The Gospel of Matthew.

Lutheran Witness: 10 copies of the history of the LCMS

**Large print bulletins** are now available. Please let an usher know if you need one.

**Leisure Lutheran** Cards and Games every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**Backpack program:** We would like to thank everyone who has help us out. As we will no longer need plastic bags. We will now continue with our \$1.00 contributions

New sign -up Sheets for 2022, are on the wall Communion Attendants, April to June.

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, Sign-up sheet starting in April is now on the wall.

The Roses that are being handed out today are for the moms, from Immanuel Lutheran for Life.

## The Flower Chart

For 2022 is now up on the wall. Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you.

College Refreshment Tuesday, The Students will be out for the summer. I will be doing the signup sheets for when they will be coming back and will have the sheets up at that time. Thank you to everyone who had sign up for this year.

**COPIES OF "LIFE DATE",** a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this spring

May's Newsletter: there are copies on the table in the narthex for you to take if you did not get one.

## Helping Single, At-Risk Moms Choose Life Through the Love of Jesus.

## Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Grant Entity — \$100,000

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries operates maternity and transitional homes for single, at-risk mothers in Florida. The opportunity has arisen to use their successful model to expand into the northern Illinois area. Illinois has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. In 2018, 42,441 babies were killed by abortion in this state, an increase of seven percent from the previous year (Illinois Department of Health).

Expanding Redeeming Life's reach to the Chicago area will save women and babies by offering single, pregnant women in crisis an option to choose life for their unborn children.

The success of Redeeming Life maternity homes is dependent on the nurture, mentorship, and life skills learning offered to the residents by a caring deaconess, devoted to their spiritual care. Residents learn to cook, parent, run a household, create and live within a budget, finish their education, and find a way to become self-sufficient. Most importantly, residents are shown the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father with ample opportunities to grow in love, security, and faith in Jesus, many for the first time.

Essential to the success of the women is the nurturing and mentoring by a professional church worker who guides the residents on a daily basis. While teaching life skills and supporting residents in furthering their education and/or job skills is a vital part of what Redeeming Life does, the heart of the ministry is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. As an organization with RSO status in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Redeeming Life may call rostered workers.

This mission grant will help Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries support a called deaconess to serve in the Chicago area. With the loving ministry of a deaconess, the needs of the residents, especially in the area of critical spiritual care, will be met. In addition to providing funding for diaconal service, the grant will help offset costs during the first two years, offering a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and will provide program services for the women living there.

To learn more about this ministry go to rlom.org.

"Redeemer, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother

# Sunday School Lesson Summaries Unit 8

## Jesus Saves the World

Lesson 13: May 8<sup>th</sup>.

"The Living Wonder" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus' Body in the tomb. When the two Mary's and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tell them Jesus has risen from the dead.

## **Junior Youth Sunday School**

We'll be learning about the greatest story ever told as shared by the Chosen T.V. series, in Season 2.