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**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
Tower Bells and Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.*

*Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**LSB 457**

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Invocation (*Stand*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
**make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 147:1-11

1 Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
**he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted  
**and binds up their wounds.**

4 He determines the number of the stars;  
**he gives to all of them their names.**

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
**his understanding is beyond measure.**

6 The LORD lifts up the humble;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
**make melody to our God on the lyre!**

8 He covers the heavens with clouds;  
**he prepares rain for the earth;**

**he makes grass grow on the hills.**

9 He gives to the beasts their food,  
**and to the young ravens that cry.**

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

**nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

**All: Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 40:25-31 (*Congregation sits*)

25 To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name;

by the greatness of his might  
and because he is strong in power,  
not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but they who wait for the LORD shall  
renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:11-20

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 16:16-24 (*Congregation Stands*)

16 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. 23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Children's Message

#### Sermon Hymn

#### *Thee Will I Love*

LSB 694

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;  
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.  
Thee will I love with all my power,  
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.  
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,  
So long as life is mine.

All that could make me glad and free;  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed  
By what Thy lips revealed.

2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,  
Who art my best and truest friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever,  
For never shall Thy kindness end.  
Thee will I love with all my heart--  
Thou my Redeemer art!

4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble;  
Permit me nevermore to stray.  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,  
And keep me on the narrow way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light,  
O Radiance strong and bright!

3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,  
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;  
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
And not for hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

Sermon "Living as Servants of God" 1 Peter 2:16

#### Hymn

#### *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

LSB 477

1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and 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.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient powers 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.

3 (Stand) 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.

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.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

How awesome are Your works, O Lord — chiefly the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Show the light of Your honor and great power to those in error's darkness, that by the Holy Spirit's work they would submit themselves to Christ's gracious redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Church, O Lord, from every sorrow and mockery of the enemy. In this little while between Christ's resurrection and our own, do not let the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption. Sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials and all Christians firm in the faith for life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for all Christian homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness; strengthen all parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unashamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, it is Your will that every human institution exercise the authority You give them from above to punish those who do evil and praise those who do good. Give us good government at every level, under which we may honor everyone, love the brotherhood and fear God. Above all, let our subjection be offered always for Your sake as sojourners and exiles in this world, and if we must endure suffering unjustly; help us to always give you honor and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Provider, grant Your blessing, wisdom and protection as we enter the Spring-time with all its activities. Give success to the farming of crops and animals. Protect the labors of those who build and transport goods. Bless all students and teachers with success at the end of a school year, especially giving wisdom and guidance to all who will graduate. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of Good Gifts, we thank you for all who aid and assist us both in everyday needs and in times of crisis. Please bless and protect firefighters, law-enforcement, emergency workers, military personnel, chaplains, medical persons, counselors, manufacturing workers, food producers and retail workers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, on the day when this little while ends, we will ask nothing. Now, in every need, we are bold to ask everything in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Mediator. Hear our supplications and intercessions for every need [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory.

**Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while, and then be followed by eternal joy.**

Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; **through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

**LSB 707**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands--  
'Tis a delightful road--  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles  
Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: "Living as Servants of God" 1 Peter 2:16

I. Living as \_\_\_\_\_ of God...

means we...

a.

b.

II. Live as people who are \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ looks like verse \_\_\_\_\_

III. Freedom is not \_\_\_\_\_ for evil.

Evil in our lives is to be \_\_\_\_\_ ,

and then \_\_\_\_\_ .