

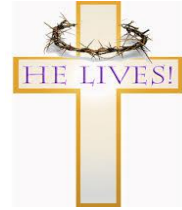


# LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

April 26, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen!***

P. Christ is risen. ***C. He is risen indeed!***

P. Hope is alive. ***C. A new age is dawning.***

P. Joy is alive. ***C. Redemption is here.***

P. Love is alive. ***C. Death cannot harm us.***

P. We are alive. ***C. New life is within us.***

P. The church is alive. ***C. God's spirit is within us.***

***ALL: God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you!***

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

P: Let us pray, ***C. Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught up in the worries of the world. Forgive us for not sharing the Good News. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us back to the path of Christ. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Congregational response: **AMEN**

## **WORSHIP SONG** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**GOSPEL LESSON** P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 24: 13-35:

***C. Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all

the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After reading: P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***C. Praise to you, O Christ.***

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/OFFERING PRAYER**

P. Let us pray, ***C. Bountiful God; we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. AMEN***

**HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

**BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** “10,000 Reasons”

P. Go in peace and serve the Living Lord. ***C. Thanks be to God!***

P. Christ is risen! ***C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

### **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What joy the blest assurance 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 in majesty above  
He lives to rule His church in love

He lives all glory to His name  
He lives my Savior still the same  
What joy this blest assurance gives  
I know that my Redeemer lives

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### **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul, Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus x 2

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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