



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

April 19, 2020

2nd 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 "Because He Lives"

GOSPEL LESSON P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John 20: 19-31:

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of

the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 “Jesus, My Lord”

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

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

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood
 Chorus Amen amen
 I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
 Amen amen
 Let my song join the one that never ends
 (Because He lives)
I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away
 Chorus
Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Because He lives

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Have you seen Jesus My Lord?

Chorus Have you seen Jesus my LORD?
He's here in plain view
Take a look, open your eyes
He'll show it to you
Have you ever looked at the sunset
with the sky mellowin' red
and the clouds suspended like feathers?
Then I say...you've seen Jesus my LORD
 Chorus
Have you ever stood at the ocean
with the white foam at your feet
felt the endless thundering motion?
Then I say...you've seen Jesus my LORD
 Chorus
Have you ever looked at the cross
with a man hangin' in pain
seen the look of love in His eyes?
Then I say...you've seen Jesus my LORD
 Chorus
Have you ever stood in the family
with the LORD there in your midst,
seen the face of Christ on your neighbor?
Then I say...you've seen Jesus my LORD
 Chorus

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