

1st Peter Sermon Series for the Easter Season



Easter's Elect Exiles

“Mom's Easter Babies”

5th Sunday of Easter

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Livestream

Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Zoom

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist, David Ziegler - Handbell Director

CATECHISM SERVICE

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism
as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

Encouragement in the Time of a Pandemic

All: We will get through this.

We will get through this together.

We will get through this by the grace and mercy of God.



Opening Hymn

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855 sts.1,13, 3-4



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
2 For Eu - nice and for Lo - is We sing our thanks and praise.
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
Young Tim - o - thy they nur - tured And led him in Your ways.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
Raise up in ev - 'ry house - hold True teach - ers of Your Word
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
Whose lives will bear clear wit - ness To Christ, our ris - en Lord.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: **"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

Baptism Verse

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590 st. 1



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

C: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

C: *I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?

C: *I do.*

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Absolution Verse

Jesus Sinners Will Receive

LSB 609, stanza 6

6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease
And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

Greeting, Collect (Prayer of the Day), and Luther's Morning Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray together.

C: 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.

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

- Please share the peace of the Lord with any family members at home.
- If you are on the Facebook Live page, please share the Lord's peace in the comments.

Anthem

He's My Friend

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

He's always there to walk beside me; I feel His presence in my soul.

I know His strength and love will guide me through a world that can be so cold.

He's always there for me to turn to; I can put my trust in Him.

My gratitude is overflowing; I know that He's my friend.

He's my friend and I will love Him, and serve His name the best I can.

The joy I feel cannot be measured,

Knowing He's my, knowing He's my friend, He's my friend.

He's always there for me to talk to when the world is closing in.

I know that I can say "Lord, help me;" and He'll answer my prayers again.

I feel His mighty love surround me; the light of hope I see in Him.

And once again I am so thankful to know that He's my friend.

He's my friend, and I will love Him, and serve His name the best I can.

The joy I feel cannot be measured, knowing He's my friend.

He's my friend, He's my friend. He's my friend.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 146 (ESV)

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

1 Peter 2:2–10(ESV)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

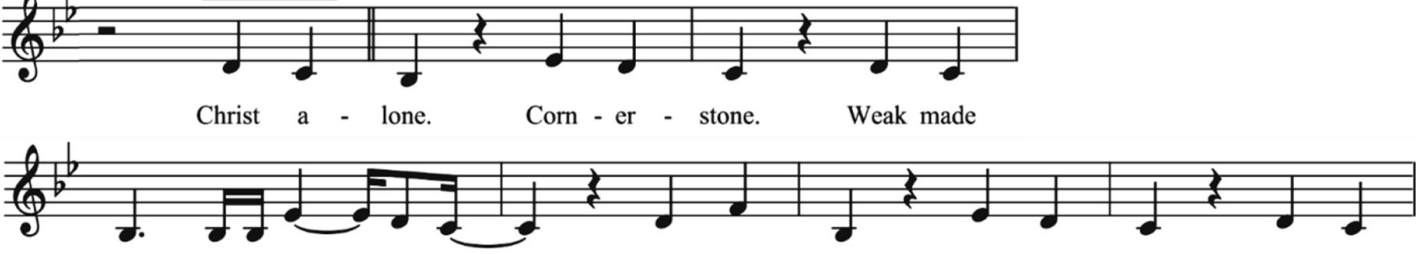
Cornerstone

VERSE 1



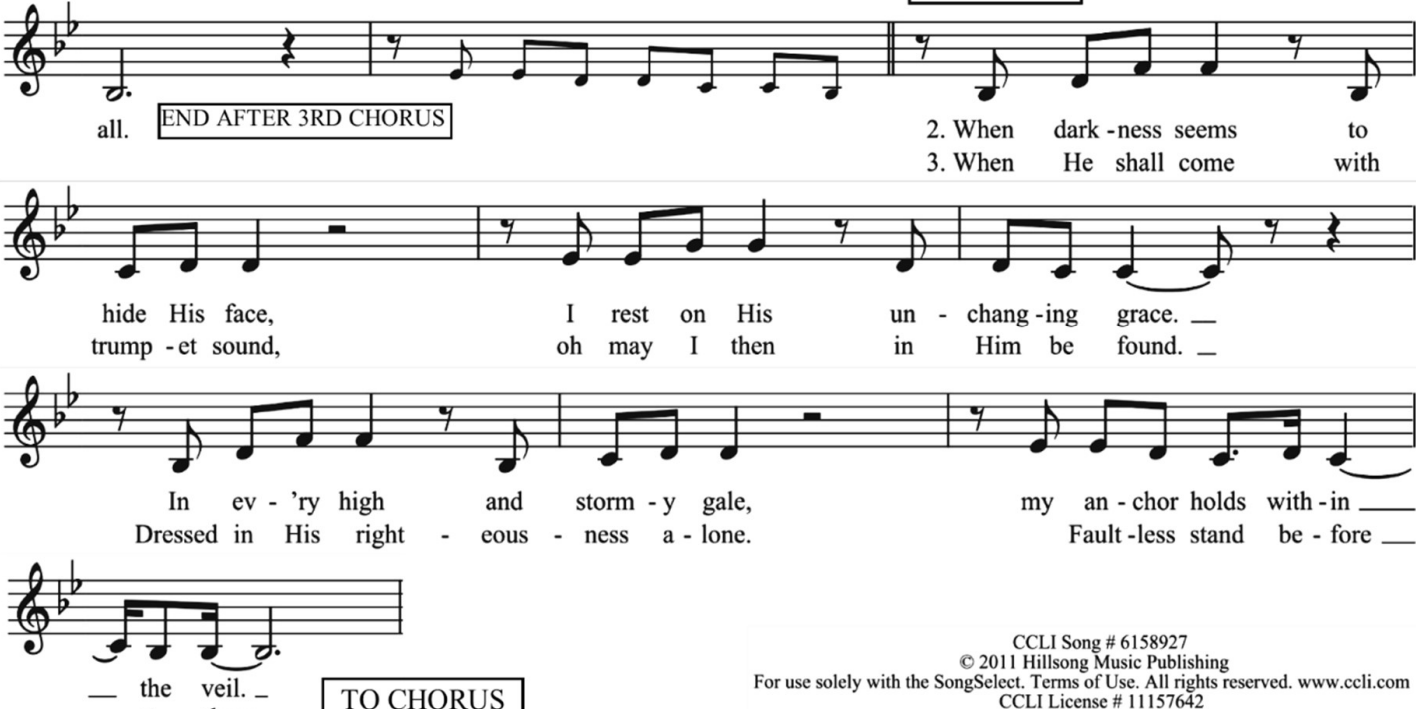
1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and
right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

CHORUS



Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made
strong in the Sav - iour's love. — Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

VERSE 2 & 3



all. **END AFTER 3RD CHORUS** 2. When dark - ness seems to
3. When He shall come with
hide His face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. —
trump - et sound, oh may I then in Him be found. —
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in —
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore —
— the veil. — **TO CHORUS**
— the throne. —

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Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

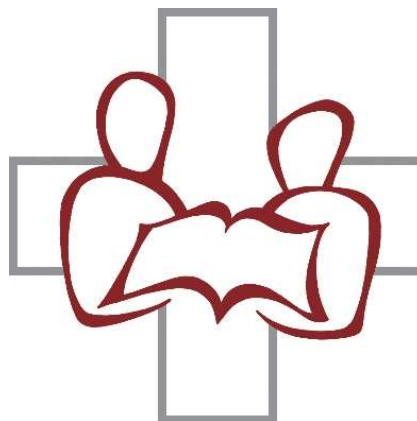
⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*



Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633 sts. 1, 5-7



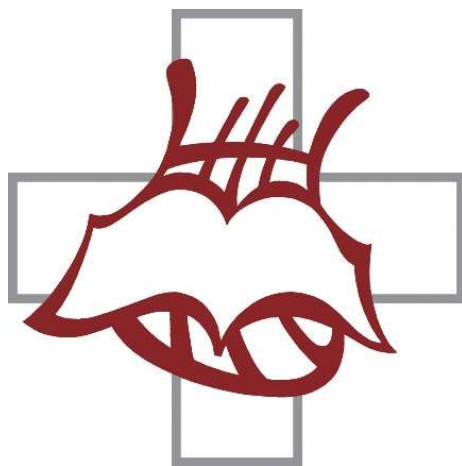
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -

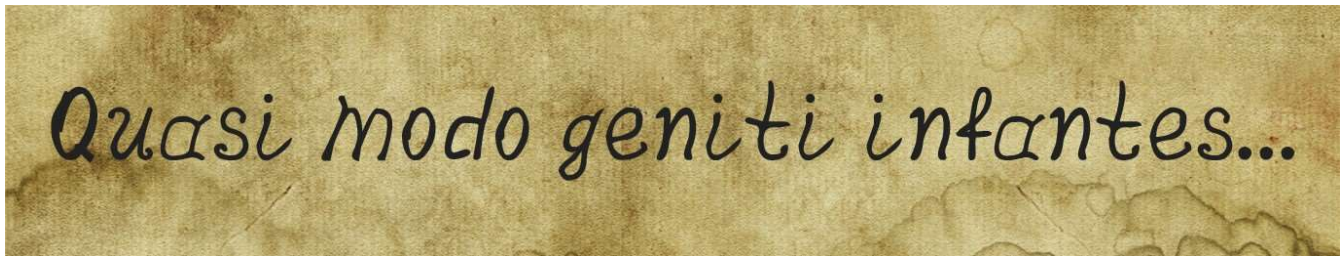


our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,
lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!





Confession of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Luther’s explanation

P: Confess with your mouth what you believe in your heart: Romans 10:9
that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead

C: *I believe 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.*

P: What does this mean?

C: *I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

Prayers

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Closing Words Based on Luther's Small Catechism

P: We have prayed as the Lord has taught us.

We have said, "But deliver us from evil." What does this mean?

C: We pray that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us to be with Him for eternity.

P: The Church concludes the prayer saying, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen." What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these requests are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Closing Hymn***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Announcements