

# 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Sermon Series for the Easter Season



## Easter's Elect Exiles "Life Together in This Hope"

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**(UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Livestream

Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Livestream

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

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### ***EASTER REFRAINS***

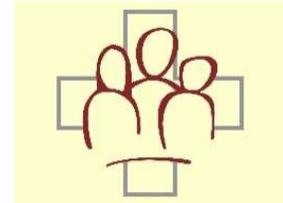
*An order of service using many refrains and hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.*

#### ***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.**



#### ***Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)***

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P:** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Verse**

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

LSB 474 sts. 1, ref

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:  
 Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Proclamation**

- P: Christ is risen.     **C: He is risen indeed!**
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**Proclamation Verse**

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## **Invocation**

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

C: **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

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

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Proclamation Verse**

## **Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

LSB 474 ref

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 105:1–5, 8;

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, *antiphon (repeated verse): 1 Peter 2:2–3*  
that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C: **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;

C: **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

C: **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,**

P: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
He remembers his covenant forever,

C: ***the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
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.***

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

C: **Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your  
prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth.  
to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

**Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Old Testament Canticle (sing twice)**

from LSB 261

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has become my sal - va - tion.

**Reading from the History of the Early Church**

**Acts 5:29–42 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.  
<sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.  
<sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”  
<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.  
<sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted

worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

**John 20:19–31 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Anthem****Majesty****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.

*Majesty, worship His majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise;*

*Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.*

*Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.*

*He is Lord, lift up His name, the name of Jesus; He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings;*

*Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.*

**Confession of Faith****Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Children's Message & 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.

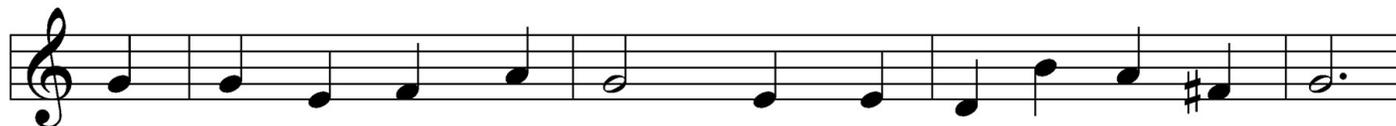
**Hymn of the Day**

**The Day of Resurrection**

LSB 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
 Δ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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## **Series Reading from 1 Peter**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **1 Peter 1:3–9 (ESV)**



**Sermon**

**"Life Together in This Hope"**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Response**

**Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

LSB 782 sts 1,4



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

**Prayers**

***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.**

## **Proclamation**

P: Alleluia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C: death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.**

P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

**C: Alleluia.**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## **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.**

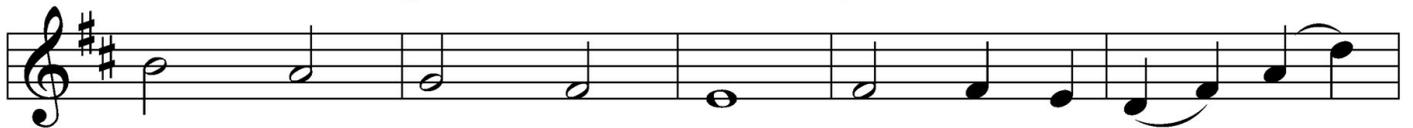
## **Closing Hymn**

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

LSB 461 sts. 1-2, 5, 7



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

## **Announcements**