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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

- 1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,"
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

- 3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

Introit *Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
**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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

G Amen.

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

G This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 40:25–31*

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

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.

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”?

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.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5*

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.
 He determines the number of the stars;
 he gives to all of them their names.
 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
 his understanding is beyond measure.
 The LORD lifts up the humble;
 he casts the wicked to the ground.
 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
 make melody to our God on the lyre!
 He covers the heavens with clouds;
 he prepares rain for the earth;
 he makes grass grow on the hills.
 He gives to the beasts their food,
 and to the young ravens that cry.
 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
 nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Epistle 1 Peter 2:11–20

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 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.

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

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

G Alleluia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 16:16–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
G Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 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'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 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'? 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. 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. 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to You, O Christ.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 Now is the victor's triumph won;
 Now be the song of praise begun.
 Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
 Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
 Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
 He rises glorious from the dead.
 All glory to our risen Head!
 Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

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Sermon "Minor Sorrow, Massive Joy"

Apostles' Creed

G 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

Offertory *LSB 159*

G What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Lord's Prayer

G 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.

Benediction *LSB 166*

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 \dagger give you peace.
G Amen.

392 God Loves Me Dearly

- 1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain
- ref Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.
- 2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain
- 3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain
- 4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain
- 5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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Individual communion is available to anyone wishing to receive the Lord's body and blood, please e-mail or phone Pastor to schedule. As always, Pastor will be available any time to anyone needing spiritual support.

Lutheran Hour for next Sunday, May 2, 2021:

"Laughed At" (Jonah 3)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance. Hear this inspirational message on 820 CHAM at 8am or 920 CKNX at 9am next Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

Pop Can Collection - If you have any bags of pop cans, aluminum or vehicle batteries collected for the youth group, please deliver to First or Redeemer churches on Saturday May 8, 2021 before 1 pm.

Alternatively, if you require pick up, contact Mark Higenell 519-600-0015 or e-mail mhigenell@tcc.on.ca.

Fundraising opportunities for the youth group have been practically eliminated during the last year, but what we collect now will hopefully help in the foreseeable future.

Redeemer Cemetery Care: May 6

DON: Brad Buchanan, Greg Hymers

The Berea congregation are appealing to fellow Lutherans within the East Region of LCC for donation pledges towards the purchase of their church sanctuary (and the property is sits on) from the East District Church Extension Fund.

Berea are seeking to raise \$150,000 altogether towards this effort.

After discussion, it was agreed to advertise this request for pledges via our weekly church bulletin. In this way, the members of both Logan and Monkton can be made aware of this situation and can make individual pledges at their own discretion.

The deadline for pledge responses is the end of July 2021.

The pledge response can be sent by mail:

Berea-by-the-Water Lutheran Church

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