



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, May 7th

PRELUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

arr. John Behnke

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! He is risen!

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

P: God raised Jesus from the dead and gave Him honor and glory.

C: **We place our faith in Him, and we place our hope in His resurrection.**

P: “Death is swallowed up in victory. “O death, where is your victory?”

C: **“O death, where is your sting?”**

P: For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.

C: **But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: The Gospel or “good news” is that the victory that Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. The Holy Spirit ignites true repentance and confession in our hearts daily. For, 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.**

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we so often forget the hope and redemption we have won because of Christ’s victory over sin and death. We are consumed by feelings of grief, shame, guilt, regret, and uncertainty. We are unable to reconcile our broken relationships. We withhold forgiveness, knowing that it should be given freely as You have given it to us.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, have mercy upon us. Release us from the tyranny of shame and guilt. Remove all regret for our past mistakes and fears that overtake our trust in Your Word. Restore our broken relationships Renew our hope in Your promises, and lead us, so that we may continually delight in Your perfect will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead. He died on the cross, was buried, rose again on the third day, and ascended into Heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty, interceding on our behalf. Paul writes to the Romans, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” By His death and resurrection, your sins have been forgiven, and there is nothing that can separate you from His love and His forgiveness. As we share in the death of Jesus on the cross through our baptisms, we also share in His resurrection through how we live our lives as disciples. Even as we celebrate this resurrection, we have been given a future hope – the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Praise God for His mercy, forgiveness, and the renewal of our souls by His Spirit!

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Alleluia, Christ Has Risen”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Titus 2:11-15 [ESV]

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18 [ESV]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

RESPONSE “Word of God, When All Was Silent”

SERMON “LOGOS, THE WORD, OVER FUTURE UNCERTAINTY”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

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PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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“Grant Peace, We Pray”

Organ

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Thank the Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in B-Flat”

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