

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**10 am Worship**  
**Facebook Live**



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**RISEN**

The text is rendered in a bold, 3D font with a vibrant, multi-colored gradient. The letters are set against a dark background filled with numerous thin, diagonal lines in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple), creating a dynamic, glitch-like effect. The overall aesthetic is modern and energetic.

# Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR JAMES JERPSETH**

### **GATHERING SONG "Amazing Grace"**

#### *Verse 1*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

#### *Verse 2*

'Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

#### *Verse 3*

The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

#### *Verse 4*

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

*Tag*

And grace will lead me home

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

### **SONG "Forgiven"**

*Verse 1*

I'm the one who held the nail  
It was cold between my fingertips  
I've hidden in the garden  
I've denied You with my very lips  
God I fall down to my knees  
with a hammer in my hand  
You look at me arms open

*Chorus 1*

Forgiven forgiven  
Child there is freedom from all of it  
Say goodbye to ev'ry sin  
You are forgiven

*Verse 2*

I've done things I wish I hadn't done  
I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen  
Just the thought of Your amazing grace  
And I cry Jesus forgive me  
God I fall down to my knees  
with a hammer in my hand  
You look at me arms open

*(Repeat Chorus 1)*

*Bridge*

I could've been six feet under  
I could've been lost forever  
Yeah I should be in that fire  
But now there's fire inside of me  
Here I am a dead man walking  
No grave gonna hold God's people  
All the weight of all our evil

Lifted away forever free  
Who could believe who could believe

*Chorus 2*

Forgiven forgiven  
You love me even when I don't deserve it  
Forgiven I'm forgiven  
Jesus Your blood makes me innocent  
So I will say goodbye to ev'ry sin  
I am forgiven

**SONG "Give Us Clean Hands"**

*Verse*

We bow our hearts we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

*Chorus*

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob  
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

*Tag*

We bow our hearts we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

## SONG SONG "I Am Set Free"

*Verse*

You broke my chains of sin and shame  
And You covered me with grace  
You mend my life with Your holy fire  
You cover me with grace  
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

*Chorus*

(And) I am set free oh  
I am set free oh  
It is for freedom that I am set free

*(Repeat Verse)*

*(Repeat Chorus)*

*Bridge*

(And) yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace  
And for Your love (x4)

'Cause You are the hand that reaches out to save

*(Repeat Chorus)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C:** Amen.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING** - *Lutheran Border Concerns: Unfortunately, many families have lost their homes due to severe flooding. At LBCM, we support our*

*community in times of need. We are committed to providing as many new homes as we can to those affected by the storm. Please consider helping to rebuild and create a brighter future for our neighbors.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY**

**FIRST READING** *After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

#### **Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**SECOND READING** *Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

#### **1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**GOSPEL** *In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

### **John 10:11-18**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### **MESSAGE BY PASTOR JAMES JERPSETH**

#### **SONG "Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

*Chorus*

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

*Verse 1*

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

*(Repeat Chorus)*

*Verse 2*

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed the Savior's birth

*(Repeat Chorus)*

*Verse 3*

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn

*(Repeat Chorus)*

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Charles Taylor, Suzanne Till, Nancy Fahien, Cindy Fallon, Barbara Berg, Neil Vann, John Michel, James Vadis, Ralph Jerzy, and Derek Lyon. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Derek Bergeson.*

## **MISSION MOMENT ON FELLOWSHIP - Robin Holt**

## **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING**

### **SONG "Because He Lives"**

*Verse 1*

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

*Chorus*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives



*Verse 3*

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

*(Repeat Chorus)*

*Tag*

*And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG "I'll Fly Away"**

*Verse 1*

Some bright morning when this life is o'er  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

*Chorus*

I'll (fly away) fly away O glory  
I'll (fly away) fly away (in the morning)  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

*Verse 2*

When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

*Verse 3*

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

*(Repeat chorus)*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

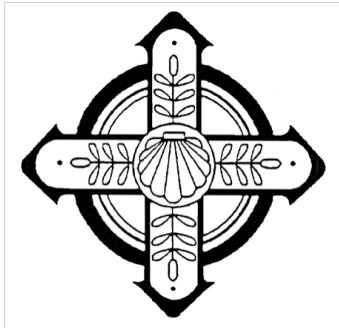
**C:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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