

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025,

6:30, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father God, thank you for the joy of this morning!

Jesus Christ is risen today!

In Him is forgiveness of sins,

And because He lives, we will live as well.

This morning we reflect on that forgiveness and life. Help us to consider the ways we’ve run from you. *(time for reflection)*

Let’s pray together:

Lord God, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We’ve broken your commandments, failed to worship you, and haven’t loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we might turn around and live for your glory.

This is the Good News: in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are restored and made new every day. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

It’s Empty!

HYMN

“Happy Day”

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27

Job looked ahead to the Redeemer, Christ, in front of whom he’d stand.

²³“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the

earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Because Christ lives, we will live as well.

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order:

Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION God is good. **All the time.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12
The women heard the greatest news of all time: "He is not here but has risen."

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be

delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION All the time. **God is good!**

HYMN *"Because He Lives (Amen)"*

SERMON – "What Happens Next?"

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER & BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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**Sermon Notes – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**“What Happens Next?”**

Was there a time when you didn't think you could “do it”

or you were uncertain about “what happens next?”

We \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_: “what happens next?”

1 Corinthians 15:19

John 14:2-3

Live like it's \_\_\_\_\_

John 5:24

A future and present reality.

What if you lived like it? What would change?

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