

+THE DIVINE SERVICE+
OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + 25 APRIL 2021



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Welcome to our Divine Service!

We are pleased that you are with us.

+Worship Notes+

The entire service, including the rubrics of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.

Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. **If you are looking for a church home** and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

PLEASE: Upon entering the nave, ***silence*** should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

Stay Home when Sick

If you are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately, exiting down the side aisle, if possible. If at a service, notify an Usher on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

COFFEE HOUR

We would like to invite you to a cup of coffee and a quick snack after service in the Narthex. Anyone is welcome to bring a treat to share! We still encourage visiting outside the building during this time.

The fourth Sunday of Easter was nicknamed JUBILATE SUNDAY due to the incipit ("Iubilate Deo") of the introit assigned to this day.

The full text of the introit in its original Latin was: "Iubilate Deo, omnis terra, allelúia: psalmum dícite nómini eius, allelúia, allelúia, allelúia. Dícite Deo, quam terribília sunt ópera tua, Dómine! in multítudine virtútis tuæ mentiéntur tibi inimíci tui."

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 167

- 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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- 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.**

Absolution

LSB 167

- 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.**

Stand

Service of the Word

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

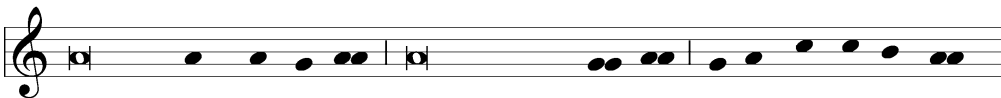
LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



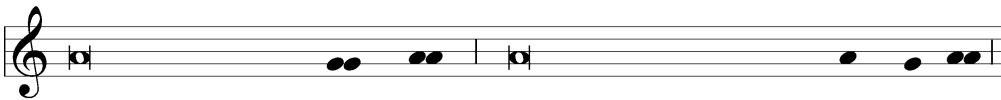
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



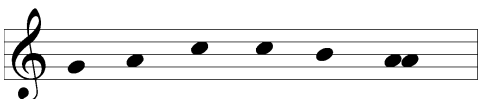
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



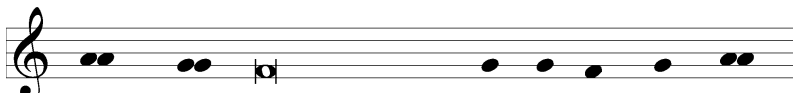
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



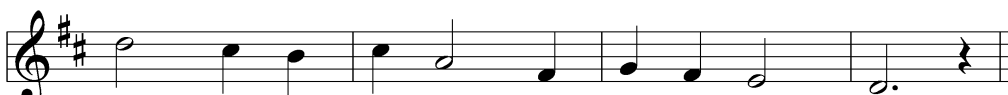
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

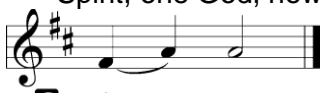
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait
for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait
quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

A Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Holy Gospel

John 16:16-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So 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?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus 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’? ²⁰Truly, 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. ²¹When 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. ²²So 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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

Sit



Hymn of the Day

468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap-peased. Since He in death
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 re - joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

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Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is "Lord, have mercy."

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P In praise of the awesome works of our God — chiefly the resurrection of Jesus Christ; and for those in error's darkness, that through the light of God's honor and great power He would lead them to submit themselves to Christ's gracious redemption, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For the Church, that God would preserve her from every sorrow and mockery of the enemy; that in this little while between Christ's resurrection and our own, the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort would not turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption; and that He would sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials and all Christians firm in the faith for life, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For all Christian homes, that by good deeds the ignorance of foolish people may be put to silence before God's divine institution; for all married couples, that God would preserve them in love and faithfulness; for all parents, that God would strengthen them as teachers of the faith; and for the unmarried, that God would uphold them honorable and unashamed in their station, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For every human institution, that according to God's will, they would exercise the authority He gives from above to punish those who do evil and praise those who do good; for good government at every level, under which we may honor everyone, love the brotherhood and fear God; and for us, that our subjection would be offered always for Christ's sake as sojourners and exiles in this world, and that any suffering we must endure would be unjust and borne mindful of Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- P In supplication and intercession for every need, *especially Charlotte, Charles, Cynthia, the Conrad's, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Gloria, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Lucy, Lynette, Marion and her family, Rodgers, Stephen, Susan, Susie* asking for everything now in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator, until that day when we will at last ask for nothing, let us pray to the Lord:
- P For all who commune, that here in the Sacrament of the Altar God would give us joy in the midst of sorrow; that coming in repentance, a firm faith and a united confession, we may have honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament; and that with consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in Him, we would stand undaunted until the day of visitation, let us pray to the Lord:
- P Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while, and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope

and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **✝** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **✝** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

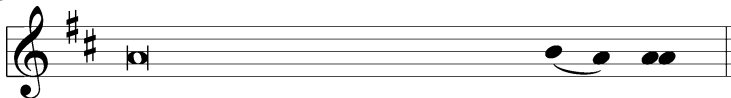
Lord's Prayer

C 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.



Pax Domini

LSB 180



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

624 [The Infant Priest Was Holy Born](#)

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
 ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
 forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Distribution Hymn

392 [God Loves Me Dearly](#)



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

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 A - men.

Hymn to Depart

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
 Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Toccata In A Minor

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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✝ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✝

Announcements

- + **Last Sunday's Attendance: 48**
- + **Evangelism Committee Meeting in the side Bible Study room following service.**
- + Pastor is beginning to do Bible Study before church once again! **Bible Study** will take place before service **in the sanctuary at 8:30**
- + Remember, next Sunday is Mite Sunday! Mite boxes are located in the Narthex if you need one!
- + If you have any prayer requests or changes to your prayer requests, please contact Moira in the church office or email goodshepherdic@sbcglobal.net

Synod Sentences for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

Stewardship Thoughts for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

Lutherans For Life Thoughts for the Third Sunday of Easter

The joy that comes from the risen Christ cannot be taken away (John 16:22). This is not a feel-good happiness dependent upon circumstances. It is a fruit of Christ’s Spirit, the joy of our salvation in Christ that circumstances cannot change or diminish. Many of the life issues we deal with today are “joy robbers” and present opportunities to share the joy of the resurrection.

Prayer: *Gracious Savior, fill my words with the comfort and hope of resurrection to everlasting life with You. Amen.*

A Prayer for the Week

Lord God, heavenly Father, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod here on earth, that we might be like Your only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory: We beseech You, comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we may not fall into despair, but that we may continually trust in Your Son’s promise, that our trials will endure but a little while, and will then be followed by eternal joy; that we thus, in patient hope, may overcome all evil, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“‘A little while,’ He says, ‘and ye behold Me no more,’ for I shall be taken prisoner and they shall deliver Me to death. But it will not last long, and during this short time ye shall be sorrowful, but only remain steadfast in Me and follow Me. It will soon have an end. Three days I will be in the grave; then the world will rejoice as though it had gained a victory, but ye shall be sorrowful and shall weep and lament. ‘And again a little while, and ye shall see Me; and, because I go to the Father.’ That is, on the third day I will rise again; then ye shall rejoice and your joy no man shall take from you, and this will not be a joy of only three days, like the joy of the world, but an eternal joy. Thus the Evangelist John most beautifully expresses the death and resurrection of Christ in these words,

when Christ says, 'A little while, and ye behold Me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me; and, because I go to the Father.'" *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Jubilate Sunday*

A Snippet From 1517

"We share in this joy! We share in it now, amidst all this sorrow. Christ cannot be taken from me! I am His. He answers for me, and all is forgiven. Suffering itself binds us together. We suffer with Him in order that we will be glorified with Him. We win a glorious victory through Him who has loved us. The suffering, the tribulation, and the cross kill my old selfish Adam. It binds me together with my Savior. "So we do not lose heart," Paul writes, "Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). The outer self wastes away, and the inner self is being renewed when we take up the duties we would shirk or bear with viciousness and chagrin, and when we suffer sickness, aches, and ailments though they continue year after year, and when we continue in faith—with Christ, by Him, keeping ourselves near Him in His word and communion. The apostle writes, "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame" (Rom. 5:3–5). We have this hope in Christ. And we can say, "I know in whom I believe." Amen." *An excerpt from "A Year of Grace: Collected Sermons of Advent through Pentecost" written by Bo Giertz and translated by Bror Erickson (1517 Publishing, 2019), pgs 195-198. Used by Permission.*

We Pray For...

Charlotte: *Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie* – financial, strength, recovering from surgery(L)

The Dan Conrad Family – our LCMS missionaries in Mexico

Charles – *friend of Ryan* – suffering from possible heart attack

Cynthia – our TGSLC shut-in

Dalton – chronic sciatica

David - DD shut-in

Debra: *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer

Faith: *friend of Mary* – Stage 4 cancer

The Paul Federwitz Family: *LWML Support* - LBT Support in Ghana

Gloria: *mother of Gayle* – compression fracture in her back; suffers from severe anemia

Rev. James Kollie: Our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)

Jamesetta Kollie - kidney failure

Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health

Johnathan – strengthening of faith; continued remission

Karen: *Jod's sister* – personal and family matters

Lucy: *friend of Bruce&Karina* – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee (K)

Lynette – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

Marie – recovering from surgery

Marion and her family – various health issues around the country; death of sister and niece

Phillip Magness: our LCMS missionary to Francophone Africa

Rev. Rex Umbenhaur: complications with malignant intestinal mass

Rodgers: *friend of Bruce&Karina* – employment; health (K)

Stephen: *Son-in-law of Pastor&Jill* – diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Susan: *friend of Bruce&Karina* – financial, good health (K)

Susie – recovery from auto accident

The Rev. Tuomo Sijojoki Family: our LHF missionary in Kenya – forced to leave their Kenyan home due to SARS-CoV-19 and return to Finland

Rev. Walter Steele – our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya (K)