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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* LSB 457

Verse 1

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Verse 3

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 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 us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my privilege to announce God's Grace to all of you. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY (Psalm 145 and John 16)

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C: and again a little while, and you will see me.

P: I will extol you, my God and King,

C: And bless your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless you

C: And praise your name forever and ever.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

C: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

C: And all your saints shall bless you!

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

C: And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**All: 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray; O God, you make the minds of your faithful be of one will. Grant that we may love what you have commanded and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens

not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:1-11

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of

God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

All: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"* LSB 589

Verse 1

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

Verse 2

Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

Verse 3

Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

Verse 4

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

MESSAGE

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PRAYERS

PREFACE and SANCTUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that ... evermore praising you
and singing:

**All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord
 God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had
mercy on those whom you created and sent your only begotten

Son into our flesh to bear our sin. We beg you to forgive, renew and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat his body and drink his blood as he bids us do in his own testament. To you alone, O Father, be all glory and honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI (Spoken)

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB 550

Verse 1

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him, from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2

Your Gift of Love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

Verse 3

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray; we give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this life-giving gift, and we ask you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in 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: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"The Lord My God Be Praised"* LSB 794

Verse 1

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

Verse 2

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

Verse 3

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

Verse 4

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

POST SERVICE MUSIC

Our Week With God

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| Sunday: | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| | 11:45 AM | Church Voter's Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Confirmation (8 th grade only) |
| Sunday: | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |

Church Announcements for This Week!

Worship With Us Each Week

All are welcome to join us for worship each week. We are following the safety guidelines that are put out by the government and health officials to make sure all are as safe as they can be. If you are not comfortable joining us in person. We also live-stream our 8 AM worship service on our Facebook page and church website and we have now started live-streaming our 10:30 AM service on our YouTube Channel. After both of these services are finished they will remain up on the page for you to view at a later time. We are also recording our services, so if you would like a digital copy on DVD or flash drive just let us know.

Sunday Morning Christian Education Update

Each week Joe, Pastor, and other volunteers will lead the children through an opening in the church that will include music and an introduction to that week's Bible story, then they will head to the fellowship hall to learn about the Bible Story in a hands on way and then also do a craft and other various activities that support the lesson. We will continue with Sunday school in this way till the end of May. Pre-recorded adult Bible studies will be posted to our Facebook and YouTube page Sunday mornings by 9:15 am. These studies are led by Pastor and are for your enjoyment.

Address Update For A Beloved Shut-In

Margaret Keuchel has moved! Her new address is Liberty Village of Rochelle 2203 E Flagg Rd. Rochelle, IL 61068. Her family says that she is missing our congregation and stated it would be nice if people send her cards. Please feel free to send her some well wishes!

Rite of Confirmation

On Sunday May 16th, 8 youth will be affirming the faith that they were baptized into. This will take place during the 10:30 AM worship service. We will be limiting the numbers of those in attendance to only family and friends of those who are being confirmed. We will also be live-streaming the service like we normally do so that those who would like to worship with us from home are welcome to.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will start Memorial Day weekend. On Sunday May 30 and for the rest of the summer we will be only having one worship service at 9:00 AM. We will continue to live stream our service on our Facebook page, church website, and post to YouTube shortly after the service has ended.



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