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***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”***

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

People without hope are in dire straits. They often have no energy, no happiness, no life, and nothing to live for. But where there is hope, there is energy, joy, abundant life, and every reason to live. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the dead has given us countless blessings, hope is certainly one of the greatest blessings of all. We have hope as Christians because our Lord, crucified for the collective sins of humanity on the cross on Good Friday, did not remain in the grave, but triumphantly rose again three days later on Easter morning.

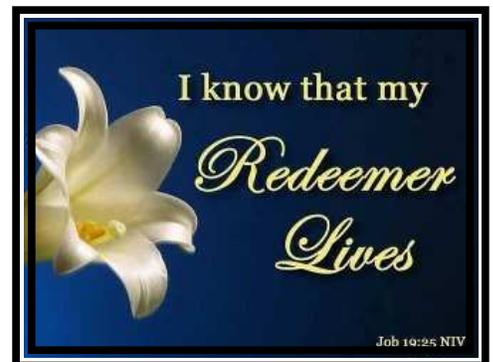
The fact of Easter separates us from all other worldly religions whose hopes rest on fictional gods or on human founders who are either dead or soon will be. How disappointed the followers of these false prophets will be when all their hopes prove futile. They should have known that only a Lord who has overcome His death could overcome theirs as well.

How happy we will be when our hope is fully realized at our own resurrection, when Christ comes again and we shall behold our Lord face to face at last in a new heaven and a new earth. It is my prayer that this flame of hope would be kindled in your hearts yet again this Easter as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and sing:

*He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

*(LSB 461:8)*

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Skelton



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