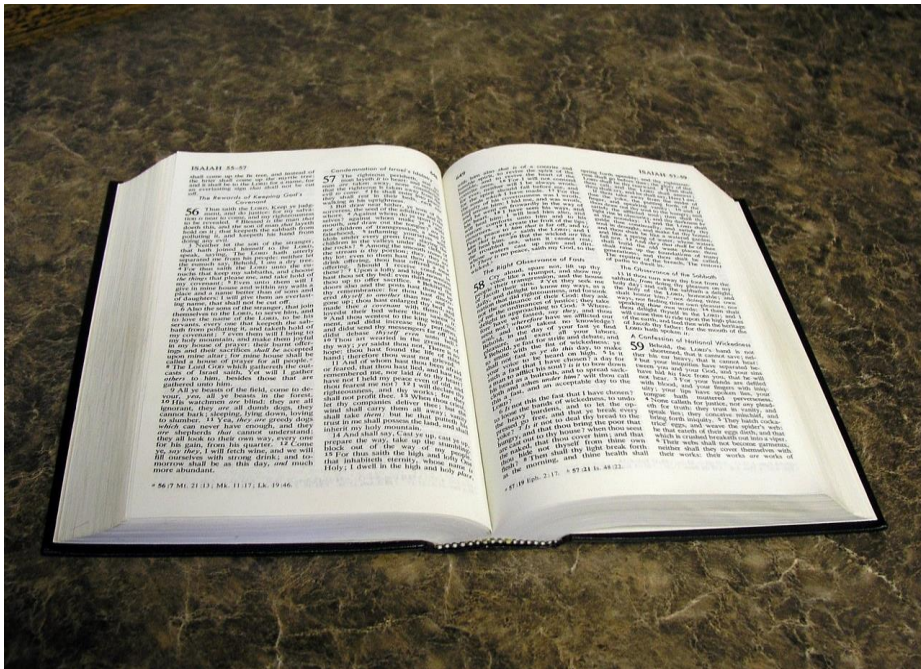


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## April 14, 2024



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (arr. Mayo) & "Living Hope" (arr. Hayes)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

## GOD SO LOVED

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty;  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.  
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness; find what you're looking for.

## CHORUS

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. **CHORUS**

The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

## BRIDGE

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love. **2X**

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## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

By his wounds you have been healed. *1 Peter 2:24*

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**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.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high! **REPEAT ALL**

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high!

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release

him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:36–49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 477 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
- △ 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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**SERMON** "I told you so!" Luke 24:36-49

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

***Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

LSB 208

**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 we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
 Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**LORD'S PRAYER****THE WORDS OF OUR LORD****PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
 regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

**AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

*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!*

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

**CHORUS**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
 My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
 And like a flood, His mercy reigns;  
 Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
 His Word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be,  
 As long as life endures. **CHORUS 2X**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
 The sun forbear to shine;  
 But God who called me here below,

Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
*You are forever mine.*

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## 550 LAMB OF GOD

- 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**
- 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.
- 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**
- 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**

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## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

### REFRAIN

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb. **REFRAIN**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: How great is our God. **REFRAIN**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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## 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.

**G** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS****P** Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**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** Amen.**LIVING HOPE**

How great the chasm that lay between us,

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness saw through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory,

To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.

The King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**CHORUS 2X**

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!

Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev'ry chain, there's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.

Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me. **2X**Jesus, Yours is the victory! **CHORUS 2x****ENDING** Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!*@Phil Wickham Music, Simply Global Songs CCLI 01551130 Johnson, Wickham***POSTLUDE****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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