

Confident!

April 18, 2021 ~ Hope Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands

INVOCATION

V: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

V: Let us pray, and confess our sins to the Lord God. May our words be sincere and true, and express our heartfelt sorrow and repentance.

(silence for personal confession and self-examination)

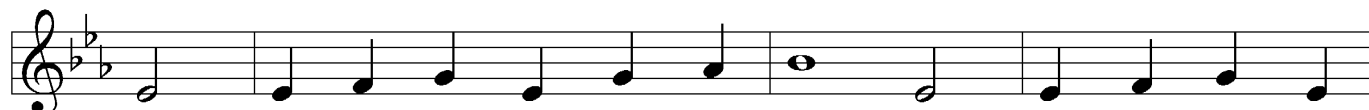
V: Jesus, Savior of all,

C: **Forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive me for not living up to my identity as a baptized child of God, and for allowing the world to influence my thoughts and behaviors. Forgive me, Lord, not because I deserve your mercy, but only because of your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

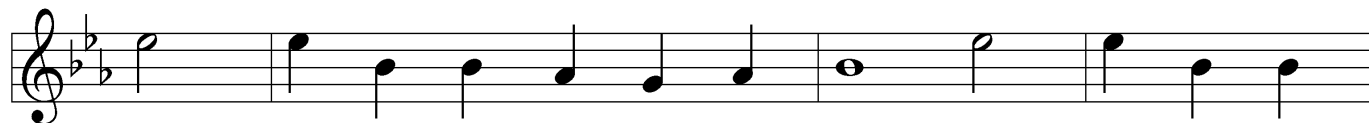
"Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds" (LBW143, vs. 1-2)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Congregation is seated

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² 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? ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ 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.

Congregation stands

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30 & 11:00 AM services)

DCE Steve McCarthy

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!" (LBW133)

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap - pall me;
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne There a - bove all things is giv - en.

Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ re - call me.
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heav - en.

Bright - er scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.

"CONFIDENT!" SERMON SERIES

"Confidence"
Pastor Lew Upchurch

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

COMMUNION SONG

"Come Share The Lord" (TCH462, vs. 1 & 3)



1 We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is burn-ing in our
3 We'll gath-er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the glo - ry of our



hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his lov - ing Son the Fa - ther
Lord and com-ing King; now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for



makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (TCH365)



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this res - ur - rec - tion morn.



He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer By His might - y en - ter - prise;



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
We with Him to life e - ter - nal By His res - ur - rec - tion rise.

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: The service now begins.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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