

## EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 3, 2021

### OPENING HYMN – LSB 461

*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

♪ 1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever living head.

♪ 2. He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

♪ 3. He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

♪ 4. He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

♪ 5. He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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, 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.**

## PSALM 23

Read responsively

P: The Lord is my Shepherd:

C: **I shall not want.**

P: He makes me to lie down in green pastures:

C: **He leads me beside the still waters.**

P: He restores my soul:

C: **He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C: **For you are with me; your rod and yours staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:

C: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C: **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

P: In Holy Baptism, we were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered our sins. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: **We were buried therefore, with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

*Romans 6:3-5*

## COLLECT

P: Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through his holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.  
Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C: **♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON HYMN – LSB 744

*“Amazing Grace”*

**1. 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!**

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

**♪ 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**

♪ 4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

♪ 5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

### SERMON

"Jesus Said"

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### OFFERING

### PRAYERS

### LORDS 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.

### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN – LSB 461**

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**♪ 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend;**

**He lives and loves me to the end;**

**He lives and while He lives, I’ll sing;**

**He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**♪ 7. He lives and grants me daily breath;**

**He lives, and I shall conquer death;**

**He lives my mansion to prepare;**

**He lives to bring me safely there.**

**♪ 8. 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!**