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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

Second Sunday of Easter / Confirmation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(repeat 2 more times)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (ELW 860)

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Confirmand Bible Verses

Rhys Awad

Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through him who gives me strength.”

This Bible verse means to me that God will be at my side for all the days I am weak and strong. He guides me through tough times and gives me confidence when I need it.

Brooklyn Becker

Matthew 5:14-15: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

I chose this verse because ever since I was a little girl people have told me I am like a ray of sunshine, that my smile brings them joy. This verse reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and we are called to share that light with others. I believe that is a gift I have been given by God to help share light and love with others.

Greyston Hendrickson

Proverbs 14:23: “In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.”

I chose this Bible verse because more times in my life than I can count my parents have pushed me to do better in school and most of the time I said yes, but after pastor and my mother both said and I quote “you are smart, intelligent and a good kid, so why don’t you work at school.” I started to ask myself that and now I can honestly say that when they say to do better, my yes will be an honest one.

Henry Salowitz

Luke 6:37: “Who am I to judge another, when I myself walk as an imperfect man?”

I chose this verse because it shows that you shouldn’t judge someone about something because no one is perfect.

Olivia Trepkowski

Psalms 32:8: “I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

This means to me that God is watching over me and will guide me through my life. He has a plan for me and is going to help and guide me into becoming a great person.

Olivia Bostwick

Isaiah 41:10: “Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

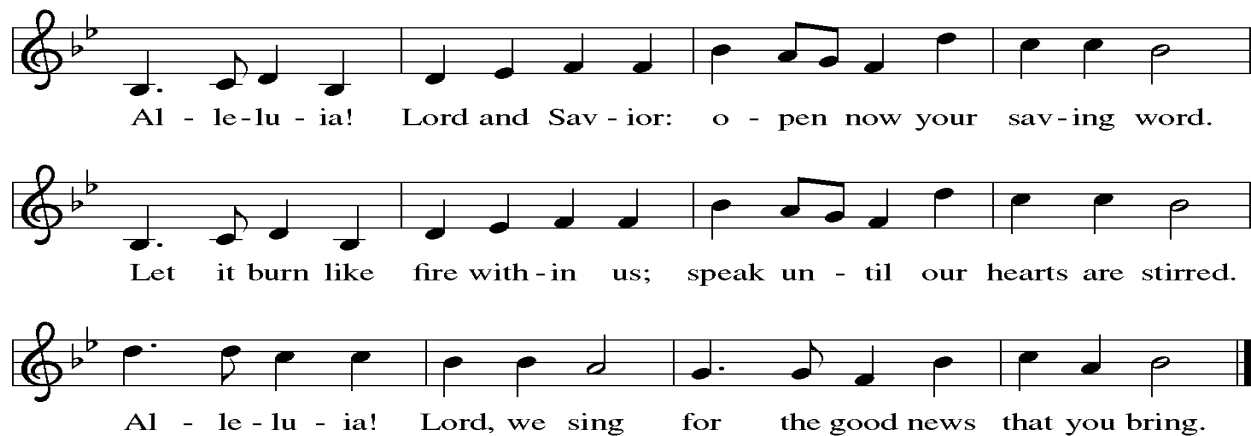
I chose this verse because it tells me that God will always be there to give me strength in my highs and my lows and will always be by my side.

Ella Bostwick

Matthew 5:14: “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”

This verse speaks about the importance of visibility, and being your true authentic self. It tells that the way we treat others should be based on God’s love and making everyone feel valued. I chose this verse because I am heavy on the importance of treating people equally, no matter who they are.

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW, Setting 10, page 205)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “My Lighthouse” (CCLI 7002032) (*video*)

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 Shining in the darkness
 I will follow You oh
 My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 I will trust the promise
 You will carry me safe to shore
 Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea **Chorus**

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)
Chorus

Affirmation of Baptism

L: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

The names of those affirming their baptism are read aloud and are asked to come forward.

Rhys Awad, Brooklyn Becker, Greyston Hendrickson, Henry Salowitz, Olivia Trepkowski

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these disciples, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to you, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Pastor will invite others to come forward for laying on hands (grandparents, siblings, sponsors)

P: Stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends...Hear us, O God,

Congregation responds...Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: "Come to the Table" (ELW 481)

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer

A: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion / Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Communion Songs: "Sanctuary" (CCLI 24140)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You. *(repeat 2 more times)*

“Let There Be Peace On Earth” (CCLI 93690)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

“The Peace of the Lord” (ELW 646)

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.
The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.

The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.
The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Salaam Aleikum” (*acapella*)

Salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le,
salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le.
Salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le,
salaam aleikum le, salaam aleikum le.

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

May peace be in your hearts,
May peace be in your homes,
May peace be in your land,
May peace be in our world.

May peace be in your hearts,
May peace be in your homes,
May peace be in your land,
May peace be in our world.

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Salaaam aleikum, Hoyah!
salaam aleikum, Hoyah!
Salaam aleikum, Hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah, hoyah!

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: We work together to spread Christ's love with our community

C: Through Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Lives, and an Open Table.

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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