

April 19, 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter

Festival Hymn: #339 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Verse 1

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

Verse 2

**You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

Verse 3

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

Prayer of Day: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 16 (Call and response)

L: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: ⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: ⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: ⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, & in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise & glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; & even though you do not see him now, you believe in him & rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (*Please stand as you are able*) ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”²⁶A 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.”²⁷Then 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.”²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn of the Day: #343 "My Song is Love Unknown"

Verse 1

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

Verse 2

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!**

Verse 3

**Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.**

Verse 4

**We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.**

Verse 5

**In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say?
Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

Verse 6

**Here might I stay and sing-no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!**

The Prayers:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need, Nancy, George, Tom, Dean, Marlene, Lloyd, Brian, Robert, Karl, Finley and Billie and Mark. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith (especially Olavus Petri and Laurentius Petri, renewers of the church). Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

Verse 3

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Verse 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my sould, my life, my all.**

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April 19, 2020 - Announcements

Worship: Join Pastor Kris on Facebook at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you miss the live feed on Facebook or do not have Facebook you can watch it on our YouTube channel at a later time. A link is on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts and hymn lyrics can be downloaded on St. Luke's website.

Sunday School: The Sunday school children can join Michelle live on our Facebook page at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings for a Bible story and short visual. A link is on St. Luke's website. Children's bulletins can be downloaded on St. Luke's website.

Confirmation Class: Emails have been sent out with all the information on what you are to do from home. The May 3rd Confirmation service is postponed until further notice, as well as confirmation pictures. 8th grade Faith Statements will be posted to St. Luke's website for everyone to read since we are not able to have these read during worship. Email Pastor Kris or the office with any questions or if you are not receiving emails.

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings for a short lesson & devotion. A link or invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

Call Process: The call committee has been formed and they are in the process of calling pastoral candidates to interview. We'll keep you updated as they proceed with the call process.

Church Council: Church council met in April via Zoom Meet online. The council meeting minutes were mailed to your homes.

Giving Statements: 1st quarter giving statements were mailed to your homes. If you did not receive a statement please contact the office via email or leave a voice message.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations! The Zumbrota food shelf has sent their gracious thank you's!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

O'Reilly Scholarship - Seniors: Thank you to those who turned in a scholarship application! They will be reviewed this month. The chosen applicant will be awarded at the Senior breakfast. If this is postponed we will let you know.

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Brian Deneen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek and Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.