

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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10:30

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We at St. Luke's dedicate  
ourselves to grow in faith and  
love, to serve together, and to  
reach out with the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ.



## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC~ SOLO~ 'I Will Rise'

## WELCOME &amp; GREETING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Through Him we are risen to new life!

**C: We are and will be risen indeed!**

P: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

**C: in Him we will live also!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul writes, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." We reflect on this as we confess our sins before God.

*Silence for reflection*

P: We confess:

**C: Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior's work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, amid doubts and fears, Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore. As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you've given as a reflection of Your love, that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

#### OPENING SONG~ 'Step By Step'

- 1 Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You  
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days
- 2 Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You  
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days
- 3 I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me , and I will follow You all of my days  
And I will follow You all of my days, follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Rich Mullins

## FIRST READING~ Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING~ 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING~ John 11:17-27

<sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,

<sup>19</sup>and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup>"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH~ 'The Apostles' Creed w/ explanation, 2<sup>nd</sup> article  
(From the small catechism)

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Plate, 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness,**

**innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives  
and reigns to all eternity.**

**All: This is most certainly true.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE SONG~ 'Awesome God'

Leader: when He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just puttin' on the ritz,

**All: Our God is an awesome God.**

Leader: There is thunder in His footsteps and lightning in His fists,

**All: Our God is an awesome God.**

Leader: And the Lord wasn't joking when He kicked 'em out of  
Eden. It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.  
His return is very soon and so you'd better be believin' that  
Our God is an awesome God.

**Chorus: Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an awesome God. (Repeat)**

Leader: And when the sky was starless in the void of the night,

**All: Our God is an awesome God.**

Leader: He spoke into the darkness and created the light,

**All: Our God is an awesome God.**

Leader: And judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom.  
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross.

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
that Our God is an awesome God.

**Chorus:**      **Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.** *(Repeat 3X)*

**Our God Is an Awesome God,  
Our God Is and Awesome God**

## MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERTORY SONG~ SOLO~ 'Hallelujah Jesus'

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P:      Lord, in Your mercy,

**All:    hear our prayer.** *(after final petition: **Amen.**)*

## WORDS OF INVITATION

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

P:      Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*(Be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION AND SONGS~ 'Amazing Grace'

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now I'm 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.

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

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home. **Chorus**



4. 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. **Chorus**

Unending love, amazing grace.

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### **'Come Thou Fount'**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood  
How His kindness yet pursues me, mortal tongue can never tell  
Clothed in flesh till death shall lose me, I cannot proclaim it well.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face  
Clothen in my blood washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace  
Send thine angels now to carry, me to realms of endless day  
Oh that day when free from sinning, I shall see that lovely face

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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to  
shine on us with His glorious light. We ask that You would strengthen  
us in this Sacrament and empower us to walk in the hope and light

and life promised through your resurrection. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG~ 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

1 Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heaven'ly host.  
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost

2 Praise to the Father, praise the Son  
Praise to the Spirit, three in one.  
Praise to the most high God we sing  
Praise to our Savior, Lord & King

Praise our God  
Praise His name.  
Praise our God  
For our God saves.

3 Let every mouth the Lord proclaim  
Let earth and heaven sing His praise.  
Let every knee before Him bow  
For great is our God the Lord of all.

Praise our God  
Praise His name.  
Praise our God  
For our God saves.

- 4 Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heaven'ly host.  
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost

#### BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

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**C: We are and will be risen indeed!**

P: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

**C: in Him we will live also!**

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.**

#### POST-SERVICE MUSIC