

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in the bands of death)
Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

H. Schiedemann
J.S. Bach

GATHERING SONG 10:45

Word of God Speak

Millard, Kipley

WELCOME

Pastor Penny

OPENING HYMN 8:15

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480 (vv. 1, 4-5)

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

4 O, where is your sing, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5 The sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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10:45

Jesus Does *Bergthold, Cash et al.*
My Jesus

Wilson, Pardo, West

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19b*)

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He has put all things under His feet.** (*Ps. 118:24; Rom. 6:9; adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8*)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

A time for silent reflection and personal confession.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: The Apostle John reminds us "if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." By faith in Jesus, God the Father forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Responsive)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

People: may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Acts 4:32–35

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1–2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and

just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."—**Acts 2:42**

8:15 - ALLELUIA

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 1:1-9

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 where He shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jonathan Federwitz

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

Light into the Darkness

Jonathan Federwitz

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. M. Hogan

Melinda Lein, soprano, and Lynn Frank, piano

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Pastor Penny

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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† **8:15 THE PREFACE** (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

LSB 160

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

LSB 163

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. **The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.**
All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see – the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see – the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see – the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul He makes us whole –
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see – the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see – the Lord is good.

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O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470 (vv. 1, 4-8)

- 1 O sons and daughter of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,

Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where he trod;
But in His promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.

4 For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

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10:45

***Waymaker
Come to the River***

*Leeland
Salmon, Walker*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:45

Lord, I Need You

Carson, Maher et al. (v. chorus)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 8:15

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464 (vv. 1, 4-5)

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;
 Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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10:45

Stand in Your Love

Baldwin

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music

G.F. Händel