



September 19, 2021

Traditional Service – 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

Prelude

To God on High Be Praise

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna

#204

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation stand amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion— joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus, "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, ev'ry one!

Psalm Response

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.**

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

(arr. Marianne Kim)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Sermon

The Source of Our Courage

Offertory

Offertorium

(Malcolm Archer)

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn**Thine is the Glory**

#187

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! [*Refrain*]

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [*Refrain*]

Benediction**Postlude****Tambourin**

(Jean-Phillippe Rameau)

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Praise and Prayer

Great Things

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Closing Song

God With Us

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Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome and Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Liturgist (8:30) and Worship Leader (10:00)	Rev. Greg Buell
Scripture Reader (8:30)	Ron Mantegna
Scripture Reader (10:00)	Matt Parks
Prayers of the People (10:00)	Lois Morris
Director of Music and Soloist (8:30)	Ruth G. Heald
Pianist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Pianist (10:00)	Jim Peterson
Guitarist and Pastoral Intern	Luke Stoner
Worship Band (10:00)	Christine Cheng, synthesizer; Sarah Lee, Susan Matthein, Deb Valkenaar, Ellen Westel, vocals
Audio/Visual Team	Ed Burton, Keira Burton

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Questions for Reflection

Opening Discussion:

- When you face difficult or scary situations, what gives you courage?
- How does your faith in Jesus Christ relate to courage?

Digging Deeper:

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-19.
- What is the good news that was handed down to Paul and that he preached to the Corinthians? (See v. 1 - 9)
- Looking at verses 9 and 10, what did Paul mean when he said “By the grace of God, I am what I am?” In what ways might the good news and the grace of God have given Paul courage to carry out his calling and ministry to preach to Gentiles like those in Corinth?
- Verse 3 says that “Christ died for our sins.” Looking at verses 12-19, why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to our salvation? What are the implications if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead?

Life Application

- Who first passed the good news to you? Who have you passed the good news to?
- Looking at your life, how has God’s grace blessed you and allowed you to be who you are today?
- Who are the people that God has called you to share the good news with? What is your mission field? (Peter’s was his fellow Jews; Paul’s was to the Gentiles.)
- Just as Jesus appeared to the disciples, Paul and others, Christ continues to reach out to people today through the Holy Spirit. Share an experience where the Risen Lord, has touched you in some way through his Word, his presence and/or his people?
- How does knowing that we worship a Risen Lord who is still alive in the world and active in the lives of his people give you courage?
- What are the areas in your life today where you need strength and courage?

Suggestions for Prayer

- Spend some time in gratitude this week for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the good news of salvation.
- Ask the Risen Lord to provide you with the strength you need to face the challenges in your life.
- Pray for those people who do not yet know about or believe Jesus Christ as well as for opportunities to share the good news with others.