

**Midweek Vespers Service
April 14, 2021
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
6:30 p.m.**



Face Coverings Required

1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin and Absolution:

Pastor Dearly Beloved, we have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. Hymn #340 “Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

1 Alleluia! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.

2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.

3 Jesus lives! Why weepest thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.

4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.

5 Jesus lives! To Him my heart
Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart,
Hinder not my heav'nward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise
To its Magnet in the skies.

6 Alleluia! Angels, sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and love!

4. The Versicles and Gloria Patri

Pastor O Lord, Open my lips.

Congregation And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Congregation Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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: forevermore, Amen. Alleluia.

5. Psalm 47 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

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, forevermore. Amen.

6. Scripture Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

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Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation Thanks be to You, O Lord!

8. Hymn #349 “How Rich, At Eastertide”

1 How rich, at Eastertide,
The harvest we are reaping,
For Christ, the Crucified,
Gives comfort to the weeping.
Saved by his bitter death,
With all our sins forgiven,
We learn to live by faith,
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
For now is Christ arisen.

2 As first-gifts hallow all
If offered in thanksgiving,
So Christ has died for all,
The First of all the living.
Wherefore, the blessed dead,
Who else had vainly striven,
Are on with Him, their Head,
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
For now is Christ arisen.

3 The Lord, who taught the way
Of dying and forsaking,
Shall bring us to that day
Of our complete awaking.
Then let no ill destroy
The hope we have of heaven:
Come, serve our God with joy,
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
For now is Christ arisen.

9. Sermon “This Is The Victory” 1 John 5:1-6

10. The Versicle & Canticle

Pastor Let my prayers rise before you as incense:

Congregation And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

11. The Nunc Dimitis

Congregation Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your Word

For my eyes have seen Your Salvation which you have prepared before the face of all people.

A Light to lighten the Gentiles; and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

12. The Prayers, beginning with The Kyrie

♪ **Congregation** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

13. The Lord's Prayer

♪ **Congregation** 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.

14. Luther's Evening Prayer

Congregation In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

15. The Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

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

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

16. Closing Hymn #357 “The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done”

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;

The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph hath begun.

Alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legion hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates 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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Announcements

Bridal Shower for Coriann Anderson - Coriann's getting married! Ladies of the congregation of all ages are invited to a brunch bridal shower for Coriann Anderson on Saturday, May 1 in the backyard of the Anderson home at 14678 Dunbar Ct., Apple Valley 55124. Please come and celebrate the bride-to-be any time between 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For planning purposes, please text or call Naomi Barrott at (612) 382-1708 by Friday, April 23 with your RSVP. Coriann Anderson and David Ponath are registered at Target and Crate and Barrel.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

Meditations Available – The new meditations are available on the welcome desk.

Women's Bible Study – A study on *Prayer, An Audience with the King*. Class continues on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Fellowship Hall or you can join us virtually. Contact Ruth B. for details and to request study materials. rb1950@gmail.com or 651-457-9379

Coffee Sign-Up- If you would like to make and serve coffee for the adult Bible study hour, please sign up un the volunteer board.