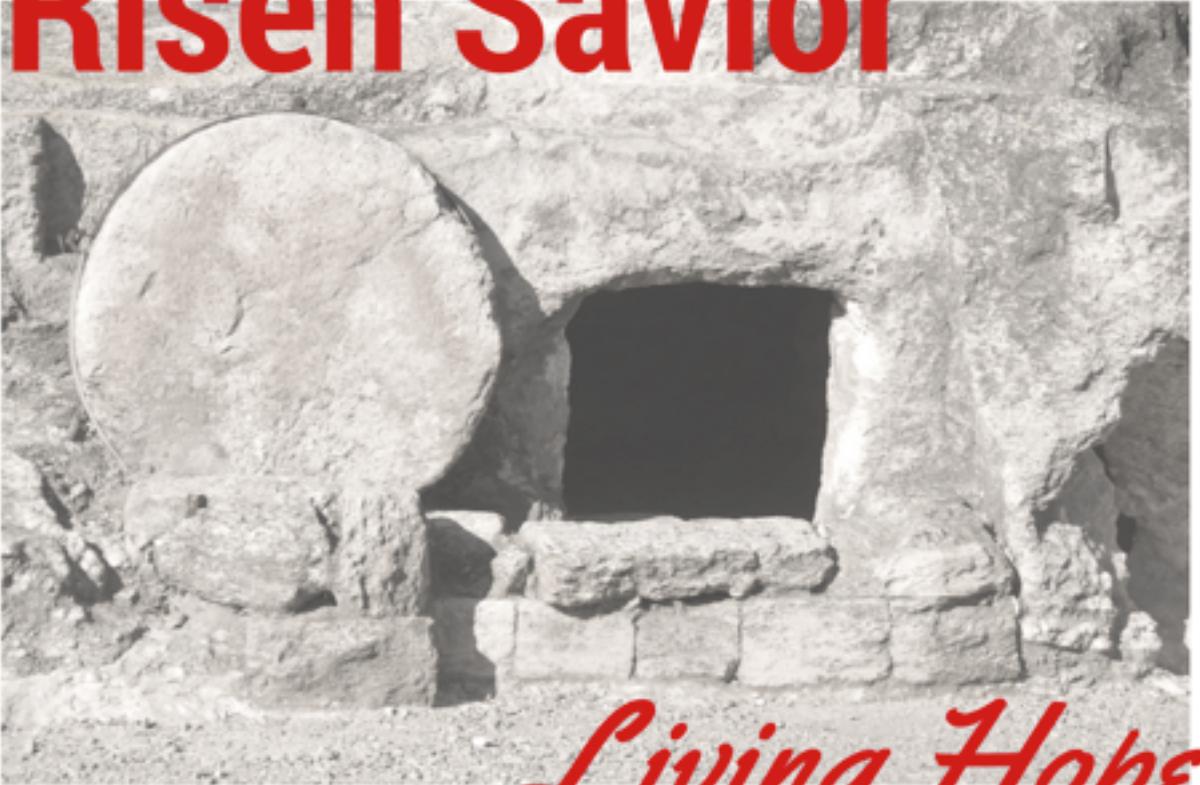


# Risen Savior



*Living Hope*

EMPTY TOMB,  
LIVING HOPE

*Second Sunday of Easter*



April 23, 2017

**W**ELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES! We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**, in the back corner of the sanctuary there is a room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place. The restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any questions or concerns.

**LORD JESUS**, you have risen from the dead to guarantee my forgiveness; send your Spirit to comfort me during trouble and lead me to find the joy of your resurrection now and the joy of life eternal; AMEN.

#### **PRESERVATION THROUGH FAITH ALONE:**

On the passage 2 Peter 1:10, "Be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure," the Apology to the Augsburg Confession states:

...Do good works in order that you may persevere in your calling, in order that you do not lose the gifts of your calling. They were given to you before, and not because of works that follow, and which now are kept through faith. Faith does not remain in those who lose the Holy Spirit and reject repentance.

On the other hand, this does not mean that faith lays hold of righteousness and salvation only in the beginning and then resigns its office to works as though they had to sustain faith, the righteousness received, and salvation. It means that the promise, not only of receiving, but also of retaining righteousness and salvation, is firm and sure to us. Paul ascribes to faith not only the entrance to grace, but says that we stand in grace and boast of the future glory. In other words, he credits the beginning, middle, and end to faith alone. *Formula of Concord, Article 4 (Concordia p. 551)*

#### **RESURRECTION HOPE:**

In the face of doubt, Christ gives us proof and peace. Through his Word and sacraments, Jesus gives the same peace to all people of all time.

## **OPENING HYMN:** 149 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

**LITURGY:** *CW p. 38*

*Please rise.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  **Amen.**

## THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

*Those who were witnesses of the Resurrection speak:*

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. 23 This man, who was handed over by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. 24 He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip.

25 “Indeed, David says concerning him:

I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart was glad,  
and my tongue rejoiced.

My flesh also will rest in hope,  
27 because you will not abandon my life to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life.  
You will fill me with joy in your presence.

29“Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, 31he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay.

32“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY:** 16, p. 68

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

*The Resurrection has given new birth into a living hope:*

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 5Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

6Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials 7so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **THEME VERSE:** John 20:29b

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *John 20:19-31*

*Jesus appears to his disciples, proving that the peace he proclaimed was true:*

19On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” 22After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

24But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

26After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

29Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. 31But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 165 - *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

**SERMON based on 1 Peter:** *The Difference that a Living Hope Makes*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed, p. 41*

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Easter:** p. 126  
*Please rise.*

**HYMN:** 434 - *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart*

**CLOSING PRAYER:** *CW p. 43*

**CLOSING HYMN:** 406 - *This is the Threefold Truth*

## **NOTES**

**LWMS Rally & Men of Truth** both happen this Saturday. Talk to Tony Scheff if you're interested in the men's conference, or Doris Rosener if you're interested in LWMS.

**Ascension Worship,** May 25 at 7 PM.

**Frisbee Golf, anyone?** Potentially May 21 after church.

## THIS WEEK

**Today**      **Romans 4**  
**9:30 AM - Easter 2**  
**10:45 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School**

**Monday**     **Romans 5**

**Tuesday**    **Romans 6**  
Treasure Haus Work Day  
7 PM - CAP Class

**Wednesday** **Romans 7**  
5-6:45 PM - Catechism

**Thursday**   **Romans 8**

**Friday**      **Romans 9**

**Saturday**   **Romans 10**  
Men of Truth conference at MLC (New Ulm)  
LWMS Spring Rally in Arlington, MN

**Sunday**     **Romans 11**  
**9:30 AM - Easter 3 Worship with Holy Communion**  
**10:45 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School**



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# MY WORSHIP NOTES



*For children to use during worship.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the church season or special day today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue   White   Purple   Red   Green

The Sermon Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_



This is in the:    Old Testament      New Testament

What was the sermon about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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My favorite song today was:



\_\_\_\_\_

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
- No



Communion?

- Yes
- No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

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