

2024

# “Worship the God of Wonders”



## My Lord! My God!

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service**

*It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..*

*Daniel 4:2,3*

**Call Statement:**

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

**Mission Statement:**

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

#### WELCOME AND PRAYER

#### BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

## HYMN

LBW #128

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

### Verse 1

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Al-le-lu-ia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Al-le-lu-ia!

### Verse 2

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al-le-lu-ia!

### Verse 3

Hail, the victim un-de-filed, Al-le-lu-ia!  
God and sinners rec-on-ciled. Al-le-lu-ia!  
When contending death and life, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Al-le-lu-ia!

### Verse 4

Christians, on this Holy Day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the LORD Is ris'n on high; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al-le-lu-ia!

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: **You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up for us all to be our Savior, and along with Him You have graciously given us all things. We thank You for Your precious, saving Gospel, and we pray that You would help us to believe in the Name of our Savior faithfully and steadfastly, for He alone is our Righteousness and wisdom, our comfort and peace, so that we may stand on the day of His appearing; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Lord. Amen.** Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hamburg, 1846

## LESSONS

Acts 4:32 - 35

1 John 1:1 - 4

## GOSPEL

John 20:19 - 31

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

# So You May Believe

## SONG

### I Believe In Jesus

#### Verse 1

I believe in Jesus. I believe He is the Son of God.  
I believe He died and rose again. I believe He paid for us all.

#### Chorus 1

I believe He is here now, standing in our midst.  
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

#### Verse 2

I believe in You, Lord.  
I believe You are the Son of God.  
I believe You died and rose again.  
I believe You paid for us all.

#### Chorus 2

And I believe that You're here now, standing in our midst.  
Here with the power to heal now, And the grace to forgive.

### NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All: Amen.**

### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### The WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### The POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

**THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

**SONG            God Is Good, All The Time**

**Chorus**

**God is good all the time,  
He put a song of praise In this heart of mine;  
God is good all the time,  
Through the darkest night His light will shine.  
God is good, God is good all the time.**

**Verse 1**

**If you're walkin' through the valley,  
And there are shadows all around;  
Do not fear, He will guide you,  
He will keep you safe and sound.  
'Cause He has promised to never leave you  
Nor forsake you,  
and His Word is true.**

**Verse 2**

**We were sinners, so unworthy,  
Still for us He chose to die,  
Filled us with His Holy Spirit,  
Now we can stand and testify  
That His love is everlasting  
And His mercies they will never end.**

**Bridge**

**Though I may not understand All the plans You have for me;  
My life is in Your hands,  
And, through the eyes of faith I can clearly see.**

**Ending**

**God is good, He's so good,  
God is good, He's so good,  
God is good, He's so good all the time!**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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**NEXT SUNDAY April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Acts 3:11-21 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49**

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**Join us for Fellowship Hour  
following worship today**



**Join in our Tuesday Bible Study  
10:30 am on Tuesdays mornings  
- Gospel of Mark - we meet in the Narthex-**