

Celebrate



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

Contemporary Worship Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 ♦ 8:45 A.M.



GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Never Too Far Away,” Bryan Fowler, Dave Stovall,
Matt Lott, and Michael Tait

1. I want you to know somebody loves you
Your hearts growing cold
When loves right beside you

Pre-Chorus: From your best moments to your darkest hours
You're held inside the hands of supernatural power
Don't you ever forget you are a child of God

Chorus: (And) you're never too far away
To turn it all back around
You're more than your yesterdays
You can leave them all behind you now
You're never too far away

Oh you gotta keep the faith
When everything falls apart
You're still in the arms of amazing grace
You're never too far away

2. It's hard to believe

That you are forgiven
Free from mistakes

That built the walls in your heart like a prison (*pre-chorus, chorus*)

Ending: Hallelujah I'm forgiven you're forgiven

You're never too far away

Hallelujah I'm forgiven you're forgiven

You're never too far away

Hallelujah I'm forgiven you're forgiven

You're never too far away

Hallelujah I'm forgiven you're forgiven

We're never too far away

Welcome and Thanksgiving for Baptism

Beloved in Christ, by Jesus' death
God forever destroyed the power of death
and raised Jesus to new life.

In our baptisms,
we are joined to Christ—
in his dying,
and in his rising again.

Our eternal life begins today.

We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

It is by these baptismal waters that we live.
In these waters, O God,
you have drowned everything
that separates us from you.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

You lead us to these waters
for refreshment, again and again,
as a Good Shepherd leads the sheep.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

At these waters we touch eternity,
life forevermore.

Here, we drink deeply from your healing fountain.

We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.

Every time we turn to these waters,
we remember:

here, you have destroyed our sin.

Today and every day, we belong to you.

We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world. Amen.

Gathering Song – “Today, Tomorrow, and Forever,” AJ Pruis,
Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, and Mark Graalman

1. Through every trial
Through every circumstance
Still Your mercy covers me
Through every battle
I don't have to understand
Still I lift my voice and sing

Chorus: Today tomorrow and forever I will live for You
Today tomorrow and forever I will worship You

2. You have been faithful
You have been kind to me
You hold my future in Your hands
When the world is shaking
The ground beneath my feet
You're the solid rock on which I stand

Bridge: I'll worship You on the mountain in the valley
I'll worship You in the calm and in the storm

Ending: Today tomorrow and forever I will worship You
Oh I will worship You
Jesus I worship You

Sunday School Singers – “Hallelu, Hallelu,” *traditional*

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

And also with you.

Song of Praise – “I'm So Blessed,” Jonathan Smith, Logan Cain,
Madison Cain, Matthew West, and Taylor Cain

Intro: I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed
I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

1. Trouble knocking at my door today
I ain't gonna let it in
Worry wanna steal my joy away
I ain't gonna let it win

Pre-Chorus: On my best day I'm a child of God
On my worst day I'm a child of God
Oh everyday is a good day
You're the reason why

Chorus: I'm so blessed I'm so blessed
Got this heartbeat in my chest
No it doesn't matter about the rest
If I got You Lord I'm so blessed

Interlude: I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed
I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

2. When I count the problems that I see
Hope looks all but gone
But when I count the ways You're good to me
You got me counting all day long (*chorus 2x, pre-chorus 2x, chorus*)

Ending: I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed
I'm so blessed hallelujah I'm blessed

WORD

Faith Milestone – Third Graders' Bible Milestone

Reading – 1 John 3:16–24

Gospel – John 10:11–18

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of the Day – “Worship the Lord,” Dennis Gale

1. Worship the Lord your God with all of your heart.
Worship the Lord with your song.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.
Worshiping all the day long.
2. Worship the Lord your God with all of your soul.
Worship the Lord through your prayers.
Keep God's commandments and tell all the world
of all the love that is shared.

Bridge 1: Shout for joy to the Lord.

Come before Him with joyful song.

Know that the Lord is God, whose love endures forever.

3. Worship the Lord your God with all of your mind.
Praising God all the day through.
Know the Good Shepherd loves all of the sheep,
love that is faithful and true.

Bridge 2: Shout for joy to the Lord.

Come before Him with joyful song.

Know that the Lord is God, whose love endures forever.

4. Worship the Lord your God with all of your strength,
joyfully singing God's praise.
Worship the Lord and be surrounded by love
now and for all of your days.
Now and for all of your days.
Worship the Lord your God with all of your heart!

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All of creation resounds with good news:

the tomb is empty;

God's love triumphs over death.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Song – "Reckless Love," Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury,
and Ran Jackson

1. Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: (And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found

Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it

Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless

Love of God yeah

2. When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up

Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down

Coming after me

Offering Prayer

God of life and hope,

we have brought our gifts today because we are grateful beyond words for your love, which has washed away our sin and made us your own.

Now bless these gifts and use them in this ministry we share so that all may know you and the life-giving power of your love and grace. Amen.

MEAL

Holy Communion

Setting the Table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

Communion Song – “Above All,” Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

1. Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
2. Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Chorus: Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all (*repeat song*)

Prayer after the Meal

Dear God,
we see now the truth about you.

Your love for us is without limit.

In the hope of the empty tomb
and possessed by grace,
we pray for courage and faith.

Empower us to be Easter-forever people.
Embrace us with your love. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Sending and Blessing

May God, who puts all things together,
makes all things whole,
Who led Jesus, our Great Shepherd,
up and alive from the dead,
Now put you together, provide you
with everything you need to please him,
All glory to Jesus forever and always!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Sending Song – “Your Name Is Power,” Chris Llewellyn and
Gareth Gilkeson

1. You're the only answer to the darkness
You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos
You are the voice that calls me on

Pre-Chorus: Louder than ev'ry lie
My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Chorus: Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power
Your name is power

2. I know it is written hope is certain
I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation
You speak the power to prevail (*pre-chorus, chorus*)

Bridge: When You speak You scatter darkness
Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it
When You speak the church awakens
We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it (*repeat*)

Final Chorus: Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us

Tag: Your name is power over darkness
Your name is power in the chaos
Your name is power

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