



4th Sunday After Easter
May 15, 2022 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Invocation

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

A: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Loving Father, help me to keep the eyes of my heart on Jesus and the glorious eternal inheritance that You have reserved for me and all who have trusted You as Savior, in Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Hymn: ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God
A sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal

No strength of ours can match his might
We would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight
Whom God himself elected
You ask who this may be
The Lord of hosts is he

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord
God's only Son, adored
He holds the field victorious
Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us

We tremble not, unmoved we stand
They cannot overpow'r us
Let this world's tyrant rage
In battle we'll engage
His might is doomed to fail
God's judgement must prevail
One little word subdues him

God's Word forever shall abide
No thanks to foes, who fear it
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit
Were they to take our house
Goods, honor, child, or spouse
Though life be wrenched away
They cannot win the day
The Kingdom's ours forever

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

- L: 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.
- A: Amen.**
- L: 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,
- A: 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.**
- L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
- A. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel :1659-60, 61-62

*"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will deal with you as you deserve, because you have despised
my oath by breaking the covenant. Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of
your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. So I will establish my covenant with*

you, and you will know that I am the LORD. Then, I when I make atonement for you for all you have done, you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

Acts 6:2-7

“So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.’ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

Matthew 28:16-20

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“The Resurrection Gives Focus—The Great Commission Continued”*

Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle’s Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Hymn: ***Lord Jesus Think On Me***

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within

Lord Jesus, think on me
By anxious thoughts oppressed
Let me your loving servant be

And taste your promised rest

Lord, Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past
I may the eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last

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Words Of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***How Firm A Foundation***

How firm a foundation
O saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In his excellent Word
What more can he say
Than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior
For refuge have fled

Fear not, I am with you
Oh, be not dismayed
For I am your God
And will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous
Omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient
Shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you
I only design
Your dross to consume
And your gold to refine

Throughout all their lifetime
My people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal
Unchangeable love
And then, when gray hairs
Shall their temples adorn
Like lambs they shall still
In my bosom be borne

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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

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