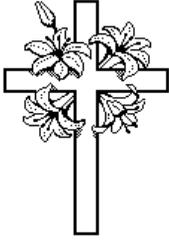




Victorious



To the world Jesus seemed like a defeated man... until his resurrection from the dead on the third day. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering our favorite athlete. Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph... we are VICTORIOUS. That's the main point of Easter and of the sermons based on the book of Revelation for this Easter season:

Today – VICTORIOUS: Over Self by Selfless Love

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Whether you are a first time visitor or back at "home", we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come and worship with us again.

- If you would like more information about Grace Church, we would love to share. Speak with Pastor Sievert or any of our members. You may also want to check out our website www.gracelutheran.church.



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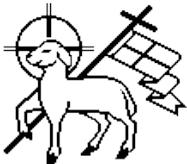
Notice today that The Paschal Candle, lighted during the Easter Season and at every baptism, connects us to the Savior's resurrection. As Jesus lives and is the light of the world, so we have life with God. Since we were not meeting in person at this time last year, today marks the first time the candle has been used in worship!



Worship

Easter 5
May 15, 2022

We celebrate the feast of victory that is ours because of Easter! It echoes the song of victory for the Lamb in the book of Revelation. (#675:1,7,8)



In the Easter Gospel, Jesus gives his church the Keys, the power to forgive sins in his name. Heaven is open!

OPENING RESPONSE

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The open tomb proclaims his victory.

C: Death no longer has dominion; life will reign eternally.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[L] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[L] Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.** (*spoken*)

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we

know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

After the Gospel, we say:

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God, he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Will 728

SERMON

Revelation 21:1-6

**Look what he
is making:
Everything
new!**

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”^[Isaiah 65:17] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’^[Isaiah 25:8] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.



\OFFERING OF PRAYERS

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.**

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)