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**Fourth Sunday of Easter  April 22, 2018**

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship………………………..Who you say I am

Pastor: *Let us open our Worship Service this morning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s children said:*

**“AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD!**” *(Psalm 106:48)*

Opening Hymn..**#583** (Red Hymnal and on screen)… “You Are My All in All”

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*Pastor:* Let us take a few moments to silently talk to God from our hearts

*Pastor:* Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer

**We confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore we come to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in Your mercy, and asking Your forgiveness.**

*Pastor:* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10: 8-10)

*Congregation*: **Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise….**#209 x2** and on screen………………..…  “This Is The Day”

The Prayer of the Day

First Lesson……………… (on screen)……................................. **Psalm 119:96**

Second Lessons…………...(on screen.)……….……… **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

…………...(on screen.)……….……… ……..**Philippians 3:12**

The Gospel.........................(on screen)….……..…........................**Matthew 5:48**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

 **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

 **world without end. Amen**

Special Music: …………………………………………………..Junior Choir

Children’s Sermon

Pulpit Hymn ……………**#526 vs 1, 2, 3** and on screen……….. “Solid Rock”

Message………………………………………………………… **“Perfection”**

Video during sermon…………...………………………..…………. **“Flawless”**

Hymn of the Day…… **#498 vs 1, 2, 4** and on screen……..….  “O Happy Day!”

The Apostles’ Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism, Ambassador Publications, 2007)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Offertory *(presentation of our offering to the Lord)*

Response: **#88** Words below ….............................“More Precious Than Silver”

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,**

**Lord, You are more costly than gold.**

**Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,**

**And nothing I desire compares with You.** (x 2)

### Prayers of the Church (see insert, congregation may be seated)

After each petition the Pastor will pray: *“We ask this in Jesus Name.”*

Congregational Response: “**Thank you Lord Jesus.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn….. **#343** &on screen………………..….. “Amazing Grace”

Closing Prayer

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to **Caren Sundquist** for reading our scripture lessons. Thanks also to all the other participants in our service today for being a blessing in our worship.

**Pastor Emory, Meta and Naila** would like to thank everyone for the Birthday cards, notes, gifts, flowers, cakes, salads, and the time and work you gave to make Meta's 102nd Birthday Celebration Dinner such a success.  You are a blessing to us.

Thank you to those who have signed up to read scripture lessons and serve communion the schedule will be posted next week in the fellowship hall.

We are so blessed to have worshiped together today. We pray God’s blessings upon our members, friends, families and visitors. Visitors are invited to take a “Welcome Packet” and sign our guest book in the narthex. Visitors are also invited to join us for fellowship and coffee following the service.

**NEXT SUN.** 9:30 am...............................................................Worship Service

10:45 am……………..…………………Confirmation Instruction

 11:00 to noon…………...….……….Junior Choir/Sunday School

11:15 to 11:45 am........................................................ Adult Class

**TUES.** 7:00 pm………………..………………..………… Bible Study Group

**WED.** 6:30am……………….………….……….……………Men’s Bible Study

 9:00 am………………..…..………...……………..……………..Quilting

 2:00 to 3:00 pm …………………....….……. Congregational Prayer Time

 6:00pm………………………………..……………..……Handbell Choir

 7:00 pm……………………………………………….Adult Choir Practice

**Thurs.**

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