



**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 12, 2020**

GATHERING VIDEO "Up from the Grave He Arose" ...Lowry/arr. Bock &
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" ...Wesley/arr. Hart
by Deb & Glenn Hofmann

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" sung by Joslin Grove Choral Society

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Jackie & Jordan Bucks

READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

READING of Cathy Smith's Letter to Prayer Warriors

SONG “My Victory” by Mulligan, Crowder, Cash & Bentley
Sung by Brian Bucks Piano - Jordan Bucks

APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their need.

Brief silence

We thank you for the church, a community of comfort and care.
Keep our bonds of faith and friendship strong while we are physically
distant and inspire creativity in us as we seek new ways to do your will.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our earthly home, and for the growing season which we
have entered. Bless the earth with abundance, and lead us to bless the
planet by our careful use of its resources.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for government leaders, community leaders, health
leaders, and those who have stepped forward to help us in these
challenging days. Give wisdom and compassion in all who serve your
people, and lead us to follow their counsel.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for ministries and organizations who are working to feed
the hungry. Guide us as we continue to grow into our congregational
mission of feeding people – body, mind, and spirit and inspire us to ever
greater generosity as we share what you have given us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the promise of healing and salvation,
promised to us by the resurrection of your son.

As we continue to face the threat of the coronavirus we pray

for all who mourn their dead;

for the thousands who have contracted the virus;

for all who are quarantined;

for those who have lost their employment;

for those who fear the present and future;

for children who cannot assemble for school;

for parents with needs for child care;

for physicians, nurses, and home health aides;

for hospitals and clinics;

for volunteers who are serving their communities;

for medical researchers;

for the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease
Control;

for adequate and wise governmental policies;

and for all who are near to our hearts this day . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear these and all our prayers, spoken and silent,
as well as the words for prayer that Jesus taught us:

THE 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.**

HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
(Lutheran Service Book #465)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Go in peace. Keep the faith.
Thanks be to God.

GLORY RINGER ANTHEM: "Thine is the Glory" arr. Geschke

POSTLUDE – "Glorious Day" (Living He Loved Me) Arr. by Carol Tornquist
Words and music by Mark Hall and Michael Bleecker

