

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

"I will extol the LORD with all my heart"

Psalm 111:1

A Song Service of Praise

Today's worship uses Psalm 111:1 as its theme. "Extol" means to "praise someone or something with great enthusiasm and admiration." The resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us many reasons to praise God with great enthusiasm and admiration. Today we will use some of the phrases from Psalm 111 and see how the truth of Easter gives each of us peace and reasons to "Extol the LORD with all my heart!"

OPENING RESPONSES

STAND

M: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

M: ¹ Praise the LORD.

(Psalm 111)

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

**C: ² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

**M: ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**C: ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

**M: ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

**C: ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

**M: ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**C: ⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: ⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

C: ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.

C: (sung) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

(Hymn 157:2,4)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace.
Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting
assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

Junior Choir (8:00)

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

PART ONE

"I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the
assembly."

Psalm 111:1

Hymn:

Alleluia! Jesus Lives Hymn 153

PART TWO

Extol the LORD:

“Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”

Psalm 111:2

Romans 6:1-10

The Great Work of Baptism is ours because our baptism connects us to Christ's death and resurrection. The Paschal candle that is lit during the season of Easter and placed near the altar reminds us of Christ's resurrection. This candle is also lit at each baptism to remind us that we are baptized into Christ's resurrection.

⁶ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (New International Version)

Hymn:

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It Hymn 737

John 20:19-31

Sometimes we fail to ponder the Great Works of the Lord and lose sight of the peace his resurrection won for us. This was a lesson that Thomas had to learn the hard way. He doubted. He despaired. Learn from Thomas. Be blessed by believing what you have only seen through the eyes of faith. Then you will praise God with great enthusiasm for the peace he won for you.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

Hymn: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* Hymn 165

Acts 10:34a,36,39-43

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³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (NIV)

Hymn: *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* Hymn 719

Note the encouragement in verse 4 to imitate Peter and proclaim the great works of the Lord so that more and more people may ponder them.

1 Peter 1:3-9

What brings more doubt into our lives than grief or sorrow? "Why did this happen to me?" "How could God let my loved one die?" "When will this sickness stop?" Grief and sorrow raise doubts about God's love and God's plan for our lives. Peter points us to the resurrection as proof of the living hope we have regardless of our outward circumstances. We may doubt when we face trials, but the trials themselves prove the genuineness of our faith. Faith clings to a Savior we have not seen, but love. And this unseen Savior gives us the inexpressible joy of proof and peace even in the face of doubt.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

Hymn:

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Hymn 720:1-6

PART THREE

Extol the LORD:

"He provided redemption for his people; To him belongs eternal praise."

Psalm 111:9,10

Romans 4:18-25

To redeem means to buy back. We have been bought back from the guilt of our sins. Through faith in Jesus' life and death in our place we are declared not guilty of sin. A good, fancy church word that means to declare not guilty is "justify." We have been justified through faith in Christ. The empty tomb of Jesus assures us that our "justification" is complete. It has been credited to our account through faith. Just as it happened in the case of Abraham.

¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded

that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (NIV)

Hymn:

He's Risen, He's Risen Hymn 143

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

The resurrection not only assures us that we have been fully redeemed, it also assures us we will live with God forever in heaven. To him belongs eternal praise because he has freely given believers the gift of eternal life!

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.”^[c] Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. (NIV)

Hymn:

With High Delight Let Us Unite Hymn 168

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

Musical Offering

Joyful Joyful Matthew Krueger 8:00 a.m.;

I Love You Lord Andy Gajewske 10:30

STAND

Prayer of the Church

Easter (page 126 of CW)

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 334

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 35

April 28—May 3

Monday	1 Chronicles 18-20
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 21
Wednesday	1 Chronicles 22
Thursday	1 Chronicles 23-27
Friday	1 Chronicles 28
Saturday	1 Chronicles 29

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Pastor Randy Ott

Announcements

Thank You to Mr. Muchka for leading us in worship today.

Adult Christ Light will meet today in the church at 9:15 a.m.

Come Follow Me This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons.

Confirmation Class for public school students will not meet this Wednesdays. We will meet again on May 7.

Thursday Worship: Evening worship services will resume on Thursday, May 1st at 7pm. Please pass this information on to others. (Note the newsletter calendar says NO worship service this is incorrect.) Thank you for your help.

Pastor Ott will return on May 4. If you need pastoral care from April 20-May 4 please contact Pastor Dan Cole of Maribel. His contact information is: (920) 863-2851 or pastor_sjm@charter.net

Open Forum to prepare for the Quarterly Voters Meeting will be after 10:30 a.m. worship next Sunday, May 4. Items that will be discussed at the Voters Meeting on May 18 include: allowing alcohol in the pavilion, organist fund guidelines, reports from the council restructuring committee and appeal committee.

The Bay Area Life Center will offer roses after each service on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11. A free will donation is appreciated.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will not meet again until May 11. We will discuss three weeks of readings on May 11: Weeks 34-36 1 Chronicles 1-2 Chronicles 12. Discussion guides form April and May are available in the rack at the back of church and in the church basement. The discussion guides now include suggested answers!

Sunday School Teacher Needed This Fall we will need a new Sunday School teacher. Sunday School is for students ages 3-5. It meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you have any questions about it or would like to see what it is like, talk to Char Van Rossum or stop in for a class on Sunday!

Vacation Bible School: "A brand NEW summer day camp program for your children and their friends comes to Zion Morrison on June 30th through July 2. This year's theme is Happily Ever After and is based on Revelation 2:10. Go to the website for a form and more information there are also some forms in the church basement. The deadline is June 8th.

School Band: Our spring music night is quickly approaching. On Friday, May 2nd, our band and soloists in the even grades will perform in the commons at 7pm. All are invited.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Adult Christ Light, church
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Bible History, grades 1-5

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Adult Christ Light, church
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Open Forum, church

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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Maundy Thurs.	241	(111, 130)
Communion	135	(41, 94)
Good Friday	309	(92, 217)
Communion	240	(61, 179)
Easter Vigil	79	
Communion:	62	
Easter	533	(280, 253)
Communion	329	(198, 131)

Endowment Helps Start Missions

The Board for Home Missions authorized a new mission start in Goodyear, Ariz., and a mission enhancement for Bethel, Menasha, Wis., at its April 3-4 meeting. According to Rev. Keith Free, Board for Home Missions administrator, the board also prioritized five more new missions that can be started when funding is available and authorized.

Funding for the two authorized endeavors came as a result of distributions from the WELS Missions Endowment Fund. The Joint Mission Council, which oversees mission opportunities and cross-cultural work that are the operational responsibility of both the Boards for World and Home Missions, received a distribution of more than \$287,000 in 2013 from the WELS Missions Endowment Fund. This freed up Home Missions' dollars previously set aside for cross-cultural work, allowing funding for these new mission opportunities for the next four years.

"Whether it is through Congregation Mission Offerings or through special gifts to Home Missions or through gifts to the Missions Endowment, we are elated that God's peo-

ple are supporting missions," says Free. "With such support the Board for Home Missions can continue to authorize new missions."

Currently Rev. Thomas Schulz serves a core group of about 40 communicants in Goodyear, Ariz., part time. The group has been meeting under the name River of Life since 2013 and worships at a storefront location near the center of growth for the Goodyear community. Home Mission funding will allow River of Life to call a full-time pastor to train, organize, and lead members to reach out to the unchurched in this large, growing area 20 miles west of Phoenix. Future potential includes ministering to a growing Hispanic community in the area as well as reaching out in the neighboring city of Buckeye.

Bethel, Menasha, Wis., began outreach to the Hispanic community in 2003 with a multi-cultural vacation Bible school. This quickly grew into offering English as a second language classes. With the addition of a bilingual pastor in 2005, the congregation started offering bilingual worship services and eventually monthly

worship in Spanish. In 2012, with funding help from the Northern Wisconsin District Mission Board, Bethel called a half-time retired pastor to expand its offerings to the Hispanic community. Now with Home Mission funding, the congregation can call a second, full-time bilingual pastor and thus be able to offer weekly worship in Spanish, better prospect follow-up, more community outreach events, and continued nurture of the English-speaking congregation.

Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director of the Ministry of Christian Giving, says he's excited to see "what Jesus is allowing us to do through these WELS endowment distributions."

He continues, "Since 2006 God's people have honored him with their gifts to help build up the WELS endowments. Now their gifts are bearing fruit by creating another stream of revenue to support the Lord's worldwide work."

In 2013, almost \$600,000 was distributed from WELS endowments to support work in our ministerial education schools and missions. Learn more at www.wels.net/christian-giving.

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