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**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**“God’s Narrative:  
Let’s Get Ready to Rumble!”**

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**The PRELUDE & WELCOME**

**The OPENING HYMN #718 – Jesus Lead Thou On**

1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe To our home we go.

3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

**The INVOCATION**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**The CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C:** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P:** O Almighty God, merciful Father...

**THE BENEDICTION (LSB p. 202)**

**P:** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you + and give you peace.*

**C:** Amen, Amen, Amen!

**The CLOSING HYMN #470 – O Sons and Daughters of the King (vss. 5-8)**

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

8 How blest are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**The ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**R:** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Join us for Fellowship time immediately after the worship service, and please feel free to sign up to make coffee and/or bring something to share.**

*Reader: You may be seated as we continue with the singing of our Sermon Hymn #470, "O Sons and Daughters of the King" verses 1-4*

**The SERMON HYMN 1** O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**2** That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**3** An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**4** That night the Apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said: "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**The SERMON**

**Pastor Matt Duerr**

**"God's Narrative: Let's Get Ready to Rumble!"**

**THE OFFERING** *(The offering plate is available near the entrance to the sanctuary, so that the gifts our Lord has bestowed on us can also become a blessing to others!)*

**The SPECIAL PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Elder:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Cong:** Lord, have mercy.

**The 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. *Pg. 5*

**C:** I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**C:** Amen!

**The RESPONSIVE INTROIT** *(From Psalm 86)*

**Elder:** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us,

**Cong:** for we are poor and needy.

**Elder:** Preserve our lives, save Your servants.

**Cong:** For we trust in You, You are our God.

**Elder:** Be gracious to us, O Lord,

**Cong:** For to You do we cry out and pray all day.

**Elder:** For great is Your steadfast love towards us.

**ALL:** You have delivered us from the curse of death and given to us new life through Christ.

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *(LSB pp. 187-189)*

**E:** *Glory be to God on high:*

**C:** And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer....

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**E:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**E:** Almighty and everlasting God, through the power of Your Spirit, teach us to be persistent in our faith, our prayers and our lives so that we may persevere in a world that is lost and help them to see Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Who died and rose to redeem us, and lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **C: Amen.**

**Reader:** On this Fifth Sunday of Easter and as we continue our journey through God's Narrative of earth's history our Old Testament reading comes from the book of Genesis, the thirty-second chapter beginning with the twenty-second verse.

### **The OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Genesis 32:22-28**

<sup>22</sup> The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

**Reader:** This is the Word of our Lord!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **THE INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Reader:** *In our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus uses a parable to teach His disciples and us a lesson about being persistent. Please rise out of respect and reverence for the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as we join together in singing the triple alleluia.*

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Reader:** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter, beginning with the first verse:

**Cong.: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

### **The HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 8:1-8**

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Reader:** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

### **The APOSTLES CREED (LSB p. 192)**

**All: 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.**