

**Newark Lutheran Church**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening~ Praise Chorus #4**

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart:  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

One with himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

**Confession of Sin:**

P: Let us confess our sins

**C: Heavenly Father, we come before  
You to seek Your mercy and grace. We  
have sinned against You and against  
ourselves with our wrong attitudes of  
selfishness and pride. We have not  
followed completely what You have told  
us in Your Word and have at times even  
rebelled against Your ways. We seek  
Your forgiveness and cleansing through  
Your Son Jesus Christ, to whom all  
praise and glory will be given. Amen.**

**Absolution:**

Almighty God, the God of love forgives you  
and frees you from all your sins. May He  
strengthen you by his Spirit, to live daily  
walking in cheerful obedience to Christ our  
Lord.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**1st Lesson: Lamentations 3:18-26**

so I say, “My endurance has perished;  
so has my hope from the Lord.”

Remember my affliction and my wanderings,  
the wormwood and the gall!

My soul continually remembers it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!*

**Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great  
mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a  
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is  
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in  
heaven for you, who by God's power are being  
guarded through faith for a salvation ready to  
be revealed in the last time. In this you  
rejoice, though now for a little while, if  
necessary, you have been grieved by various  
trials, so that the tested genuineness of your  
faith—more precious than gold that perishes  
though it is tested by fire—may be found to  
result in praise and glory and honor at the  
revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have  
not seen him, you love him. Though you do  
not now see him, you believe in him and  
rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled  
with glory, obtaining the outcome of your  
faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-12**

“Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me. In my  
Father's house are many rooms. If it were not  
so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a  
place for you? And if I go and prepare a place  
for you, I will come again and will take you to  
myself, that where I am you may be also. And  
you know the way to where I am going.”  
Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know

where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.  
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### ***Apostles Creed:***

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.

### ***Pulpit~ Hymn #507***

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain:**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)**

### ***Kid's Bible Time***

***Message: Pastor Jon Benson***

***"Our Living Hope"***

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

### ***Offertory~ Hymn #553***

*"O What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day"*

O what a wonderful, wonderful day—  
Day I will never forget;  
After I'd wandered in darkness away,

Jesus my Savior I met.  
O what a tender, compassionate friend—  
He met the need of my heart;  
Shadows dispelling,  
With joy I am telling,  
He made all the darkness depart!

**Refrain:**

**Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,  
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;  
My sins were washed away  
And my night was turned to day—  
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!**

Born of the Spirit with life from above  
Into God's fam'ly divine,  
Justified fully thru Calvary's love,  
O what a standing is mine!  
And the transaction so quickly was made  
When as a sinner I came,  
Took of the offer  
Of grace He did proffer—  
He saved me, O praise His dear name!  
**(Refrain)**

Now I've a hope that will surely endure  
After the passing of time;  
I have a future in heaven for sure,  
There in those mansions sublime.  
And it's because of that wonderful day  
When at the cross I believed;  
Riches eternal  
And blessings supernal  
From His precious hand I received. **(Refrain)**

### ***Offertory Response***

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### ***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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***Benediction***

#### ***Closing***

##### ***"He Will Hold Me Fast"***

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.  
  
Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

"Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
May you be strengthened for His works this week.*