

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, FL

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Pastor Johnathan Rockey



The Disbelief of Saint Thomas by James Tissot-1886-1894 Brooklyn Museum 

Lyrics are provided for today's songs so you may follow along.

THE PRELUDE

Living Hope

(Please stand.)

THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN

Happy Day

Verse 1

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out Jesus is alive
He's alive

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

Verse 2

When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive
He's alive

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

Bridge

Oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me

And oh what a glorious day
What a glorious name
Hey

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
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(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

CCLI Song # 4847027

THE INVOCATION

LSB 167

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Please continue standing or kneel.)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please stand.)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 172

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon

us.”²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet¹¹ saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

LSB 174

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie Karolus

THE SERMON

Pastor Johnathan Rockey

A HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

This is amazing grace
 This is unfailing love
 That You would take my place
 That You would bear my cross
 You laid down Your life
 That I would be set free
 Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

CCLI Song # 6333821

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Prayer Requests may be texted to 352-448-7240 during the service.
 Please include your name in the request.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 179

(Please be seated.)

BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME

LSB 183

THE OFFERING**THE VOLUNTARY****Living Hope****Verse 1**

How great the chasm that lay between us
 How high the mountain I could not climb
 In desperation I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night
 Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul
 The work is finished the end is written
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope

(Please stand.)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Please be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

(Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

(Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 3

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Chorus

(Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Chorus

(Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

CCLI Song # 4674207

The Power Of The Cross

Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Chorus 2

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

CCLI Song # 4490766

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
 My God my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy rains
 Unending love amazing grace

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
 My God my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy rains
 Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God who called me here below
 Will be forever mine
 Will be forever mine
 You are forever mine

CCLI Song # 4768151

(Please stand.)

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 183

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

LSB 183

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

This Is Amazing Grace



**How Do We Structure our Church To Fulfill our Mission
“Enrich The Lives of People We Meet By Sharing the Grace of God?”**

How Can Our Congregation Work Smarter, Rather Than Harder?

**Join us on Saturday, May 7 starting at 8:00 am
to collaborate with leadership, and to answer these important questions.**

**Breakfast and Lunch will be served!
We are looking for about thirty people to participate!**

Flowers provided today by First Lutheran Church

Information

2022 Vacation Bible School will be June 24-25. Registration is open. Contact Miss Stephanie.

FLC Food Train is available for members of our church who need just a little love and help during a challenging time of death or illness or surgery. Contact the office.

Apr-Jun 2022 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the Narthex.

FLC Card Ministry meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm

Miriam Circle meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00am

Reminder that **Care Notes** are available in the office lobby to assist you

Rightnow Media is a great book and video resource for parents and children

B.A.S.I.C. Nicaragua – Barbara Hughes has shared some pictures and a testimonial from a family recently there helping build houses. Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday 4/24/2022

College Lunch – 11:30am Fellowship Hall

Youth Group – Abiding Savior at 4:00pm

Tuesday 4/26/2022

Grief Share Support Group – 1:00pm FHall

LSF Bible Study – 7:00pm Campus House

Sunday 5/1/2022

Coffee & Donuts before Bible Study & Worship

Adult Bible Study – 8:45am FHall

VPK-5th Grade Sunday School – 9:00am

Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am

VBS Volunteer Meeting – after service in FHall

College Lunch – No Lunch until the Fall

Youth Group – At Abiding Savior 4:00pm

Birthdays this week

June Nesheim 4/13

Matt Dudeck 4/14

Eleanor Scott 4/15

Richard Vlasak 4/15

Brett Higginbotham 4/19

Ryland Brown 4/20

Chuck Meyer 4/21

Fritz Kaufman 4/22

Cole Rabe 4/22

John Nabet 4/23

Jonathan Albertin 4/23

Darin Steffen 4/24

John Gums 4/25

Norm Nesheim 4/29

Laura Trippensee 4/29

Anniversaries this week

The Galavises 4/16

The Hellweges 4/29

Serving Today

Altar Guild

Christine Dietrich

Judy Varady

College Lunch

Julie Glover

Lector

Dian Dudeck

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Dian Dudeck

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Hye Jin Park

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FLC Praise Team

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Church Administrator

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Please stop and speak with Pastor John or DCE Stephanie

*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday

Baptized Christians who:

-come confessing their sins to God

-believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin

-desire to live a new life in Christ

-recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord

Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people may come forward with their parents for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

Available in the Narthex

Cry Room

Children's Bags

Bathrooms

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HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- *come confessing their sins to God,*
- *believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,*
- *desire to live a new life in Christ, and*
- *recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.*

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

**We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.*

**Apple juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not to use wine trays.*



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