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The Second Sunday of Easter**8:00 & 10:30 a.m.****April 27, 2025****OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOOK ALIVE IN 2025!**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ~ Eph. 2: 4-5

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP**Welcome & Announcements****Opening Songs: Lord, I Lift Your Name On High . . . Rick Founds**

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life.

I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, we come before your throne

Bowed in humble adoration.

We're so glad to be your own,

So we sing in exultation.

Repeat Chorus Twice

Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord I lift Your name on high!

Living Hope

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.

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 ev'ry chain,

There's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope!

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.

Repeat Chorus Twice

Jesus Christ, my living hope

God You are my living hope

Confession (All): Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humbly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes. Grant us Your gift of faith.

Absolution (Pastor)

Apostle's 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, 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.

The Lord's Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30).

We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Song: Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Saviour knelt to wash our feet
Now at His feet we bow

The One who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

Chorus:

Your name, Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our King
Your name, Your name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our King

The fear that held us now gives way
To Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King is resurrecting me
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory
The resurrected King is resurrecting me

Repeat Bridge

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

The resurrected King is resurrecting me.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Childdrens Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: The Business of Easter, Part 1 – Reconverting the Apostles

Sermon Text: Luke 24: 13-49

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine . . . Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain:
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow’ river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Repeat Refrain Twice

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWT 47th ANNIVERSARY OFFERING: We will celebrate the 47th anniversary of The Word Today next weekend, May 3 & 4. Please be in prayer this week as you prepare your special gift to the ministry.

ALUMINUM CANS: We are collecting aluminum cans next weekend (May 3 & 4) in the north parking lot. No glass or plastic, please.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY: This weekend, we welcome Seth Bahr to Our Shepherd as our new contemporary music leader! We are looking for singers and musicians (guitar and drum players) to serve the Lord in this ministry. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact the church office or Seth at 262-490-1919.

THE WORD TODAY WALK: Join us for a fun walk around Scout Lake’s half-mile loop (5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale) after the late service on Sunday, May 4th. We are celebrating TWT’s 47th anniversary and will provide a tailgate lunch. Please sign up so we can plan for food. (In case of inclement weather, we will be at church.)

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, May 3, 2025, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer; see our website for the link.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Please sign up if you can help around the church and grounds on Saturday, May 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

MILKMEN OUTING: Please sign up if you would like to attend the Milkmen game on Sunday, June 8th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16.00 and include a Skybox seat, ¼ of a Screamin’ Sicilian pizza, a drink (soda or beer), and a drawstring bag! Tickets will be distributed closer to the date of the game.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER FOOD PANTRY: On Saturday, May 17, 2025, we are asking for 8 volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please see our website to sign up.

VBS 2025: Save the date! VBS, “**Calling All Superheroes,**” will take place from June 23 to 27. Details and information will be coming soon.

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today

Gondi (India)

Our family have received the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are hearing the word of God through Radio programme. Thank you very much for this great blessing to listen the Word. We will use the Radio to hear the Word of God and will also introduce the program to our friends and relatives in the village. Much obliged by the privilege to hear God’s Word.

Thank you very much for giving us this great opportunity to listen the Word and grow in the love of God. We will continue to use the radio to hear the Word and also strive to introduce the program to our neighbors, family and friends.

Haryanvi (India)

I am blind, Please pray for me. Thank you very much for the radio. I am listening the God’s word regularly and I am knowing God and His love, I am very happy. I will introduce to my family members also.

This is our first time listening to the Word of God through the radio, and we are truly thankful for this opportunity. The messages have touched our hearts deeply, and we are blessed to hear the Word of God in such a powerful way. Our family has been encouraged and uplifted by the teachings, and we have gained a greater understanding of the love of Jesus. We are grateful to TWR for bringing the Word of God to our lives through the radio. It has been an amazing experience, and we look forward to learning more and growing in our faith."

Banjara (India)

Thank you TWR for providing the radio for me and my family. We are listening the Bible words and knowing the God. Pray for my family salvation. We are traditional families and worshiping the idols. Pray for our community.

In this old age really I am very happy that I am knowing the true God. i am thankful to TWR for providing the Radio. My children also should know Jesus and His ministry.

Goungbe (Western Africa)

I was blessed by this teaching about our lives without Christ where we where slaves to sin and the new life in which we now become slaves to Christ Himself to obey Him. May the name of the Lord be glorified.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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