



*Easter Season*  
*2024*

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

## Welcome to Lord of Life!

All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!  
The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.

**Communal words** spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

**Holy Communion** is the Lord's Table and all are welcome, regardless of age. We celebrate the Eucharist (literally "thanksgiving") during worship every Sunday. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available.

**Children are welcome in this place!** At baptism, we welcome people into God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults (not just their parents) who care about them. We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents:

*PrayGround:* Table up front with coloring supplies. Go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently.

*Activity Bags:* great things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.

*Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): You can leave young children in the nursery. Our nursery attendant has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

*Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

**Offering** is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give, but for those comfortable participating, please join us in this act of worship. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate by placing your offering in the offering box at the baptismal font, by using the QR code that leads you to the website ([www.lordoflife.org](http://www.lordoflife.org)), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

**If you are worshipping from home**, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, and water for remembering your baptism. Please join worship in-person to celebrate Communion with the congregation! If that is not possible, please reach out and we can have a member of our Care Team arrange a visit with Communion.

*Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).*

*You can learn more at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).*

# Gathering

*Land Acknowledgement: Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapaum, and Yakama peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

*A note from the author, ELCA Pastor Jess Harren: In the Lutheran tradition, we often start worship with either Confession and Forgiveness or Thanksgiving for Baptism. We think that any time we can acknowledge our messiness and imperfections in church is good. It is such a relief to start worship knowing I'm in a room full of imperfect people who are also sinners and have also made mistakes. Publicly sharing that together is a great way to start our time with God. It is great to understand how messy we are, how the world hurts us, and that we need God in our lives.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life.  
Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned.  
**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.  
**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.  
**You, O God, give us new life.**

The Spirit lives and moves through us, so we're able to bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.  
**You, O God, give us new life.**

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.  
**You, O God, give us new life.**

As we begin worship, O God, we thank you for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us to Christ by the Spirit's power, and clothes us with your mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ!

To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

April 7 - ELW # 392 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, v. 1, 2, 4  
April 14 - ELW #383 Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!  
April. 21 - ELW #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, v. 1-3  
April 28 - ELW #576 We All are One in Mission  
May 05 - ELW # 358 Great God Your Love Has Called Us, v. 1-3, 5  
May 12 - ELW # 366 The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done, v. 1, 3, 5

## GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE - ELW #167 *Now the Feast and Celebration*

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*April 7*

Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. **Amen.**

*April 14*

Holy Lord, your followers gave to your children something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. **Amen.**

April 21

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. **Amen.**

April 28

Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church. **Amen.**

May 5

Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. **Amen.**

May 12

Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. **Amen.**

## Word

All Christian worship is biblical. We currently follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), a relatively new approach to reading scripture, created by professors at Luther Seminary in 2010. The NL seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture. Instead of a 3-year cycle like the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary, where Matthew, Mark, and Luke each get their own year, and John interspersed throughout), the NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. The most dramatic difference is that there is only one reading, and it's not always from the gospels. The NL starts in Genesis and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where it stays through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We end with this refrain:

**All: You are a dearly loved child of God!**

Children: And so are you!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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### READING OF SCRIPTURE (The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.)

A reading from...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

April 07 - ELW #393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, v. 1-3

April 14 - ACS #1086 O God Who Gives Us Life

April 21 - ELW #723 Canticle of the Turning

April 28 - ELW #359 When Charity and Love Prevail

May 05 - ACS # 1044 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

May 12 - ACS #934 Christ is Living

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Sometimes new words open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is adapted and used with permission from Pilgrim Uniting Church in Australia.*

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

**We believe in God, who creates us,  
who sustains us, who is our life and our breath.**

**We follow Jesus Christ, who showed us God.  
He received and shared God's grace.  
He trusted God in everything.  
He let go of life, so all would come to know God's Love.  
He gave his life, so all might be healed.  
And though he was crucified, God gave him life again.  
He rose, and is still among us in a new way.**

**Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
We now live as the Body of Christ in the world.  
We rejoice in the gift of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,  
And the mystery of eternal life.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ,  
we devote ourselves to give generously of all we receive,  
for the sake of the healing of the world,  
and the eternal glory of God.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*These prayers are prepared weekly, so they are not included in this seasonal bulletin. They will be on the screen so that you may help voice them. This time of prayer reflects the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world. Generally, we include these categories:*

- for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;
- for the well-being of creation;
- for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;
- for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;
- for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
- for the congregation, and for special concerns.
- We also give thanks for those faithful departed, whose witness inspires us.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*As we share the peace with each other, remember that we all have different comfort levels of touch. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, a fist bump, or a handshake. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ, not simply a greeting.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

April 28—*Be Thou My Vision*, Arr. By Robert Hunter (Men of Life)

May 12—*What Wondrous Love Is This*, Arr. By Lloyd Larson (Grace Notes Chime Choir)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Meal

### OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website ([www.thelordoflife.org](http://www.thelordoflife.org)), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

### OFFERING SONG: ELW #465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

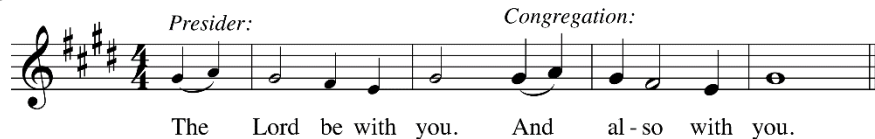
### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

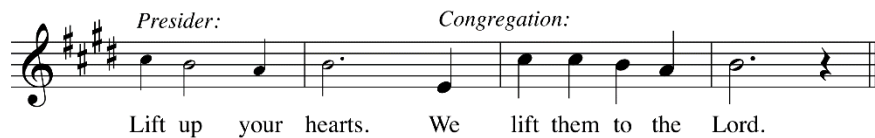
### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



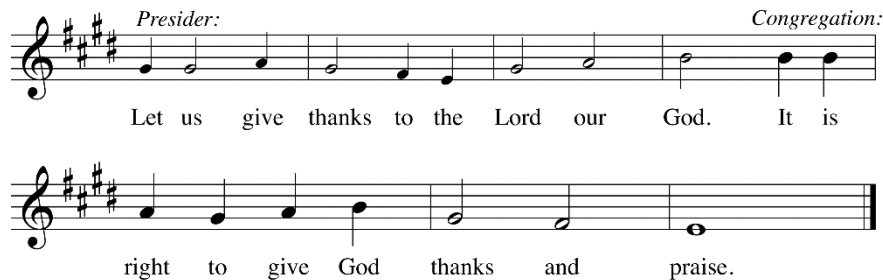
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

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### Proper Preface

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

*Words of Institution*

On the night of his betrayal...

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
 A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.



*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Please use the version or language of your heart.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.*

*Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!*

*The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.*

## LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;  
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:  
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 29When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 30While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 31They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

32Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 33When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 34All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **APRIL 14**

### **Acts 3:1-10**

1One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. 2And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. 3When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. 4Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." 7And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9All the people saw him walking and praising God, 10and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## **APRIL 21**

### **Acts 17:1-9**

1After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, 3explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." 4Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. 6When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, 7and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." 8The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, 9and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

## **APRIL 28**

### **Acts 18:1-4**

1After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, 3and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. 4Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

10Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## MAY 5

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## MAY 12

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>28</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>29</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>30</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>31</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>32</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>33</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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