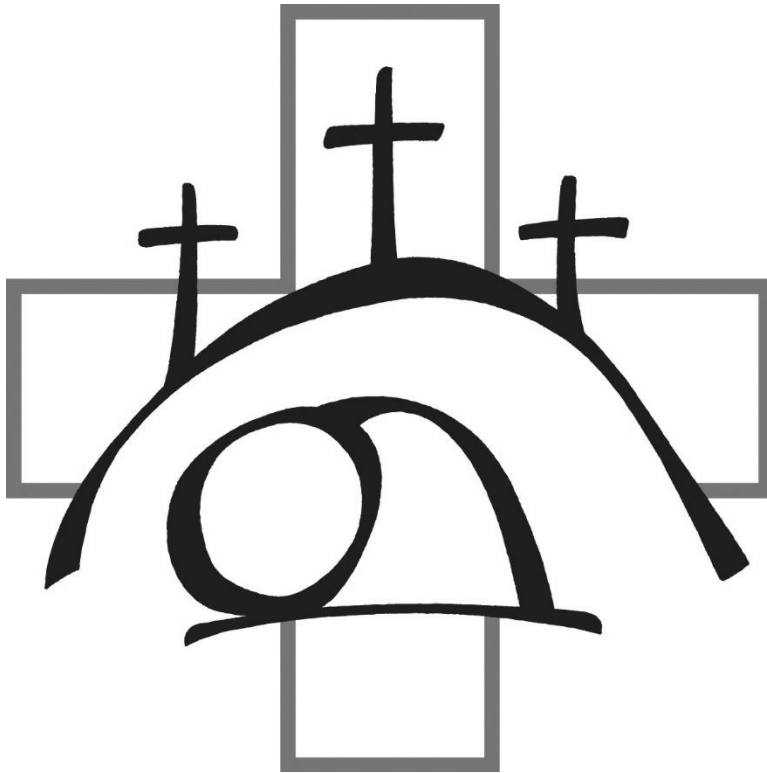


**CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 20, 2025**



**GLORIFY HIM ...**

**GROW IN HIM ...**

**GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

# Easter Sunday ... He Is Risen!

April 20, 2025

## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

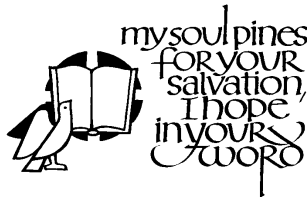
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Bulletin; you will find them on the table with the Bulletins.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue' 'Christian Worship Hymnal' is our 2021 Edition (not yet in the Pews)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** Have you thought about what heaven will be like? What have you come up with? The Bible gives us glimpses of what heaven will be like for us who confess Jesus as Lord. While we don't have all the answers we might like to have, we have enough to know our hope for heaven is a good thing. Heaven is not just a pipe dream, a checking out of reality; it is reality, and thank God it is for without it we would be hard pressed to get through this life. Celebrate, then: Jesus lives. A place in heaven has been secured through Jesus. How do you plan to live your life now with this news firmly in your heart?

## PRELUDE

## Resurrection Suite

*Mark Patterson*

### *Greeting & Invocation*

Minister: This is the day the LORD has made;

**Congregation: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(Ps 118)*

M: Christ Jesus has risen,

**C: He has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

*(Musical introduction)*

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives

*Christian Worship # 152*

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**

**He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.**

**He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

*(1 Cor. 15)*

**Women: Where, O death, is your victory?**

**Men: Where, O death, is your sting?**

*(no intro)*

**He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above.**

**He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye.**

**He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

M: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(no intro)*        **He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

M: We worship in the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Let us worship Him.**

*(no intro)*        **He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

M: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

**C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.**

M: If we confess our sins,

**C: He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: This is how God showed His love among us:

**Men: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.**

M: This is love:

**Women: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

M: Jesus said to her (*Martha*), “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

**C: and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.**

M: Do you believe this?”

**C: Yes!**

M: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**C: Amen. Let us live for Him.**

**CHOIR**

**Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed**

*New Christian Worship # 447*

*Choir will sing the first two verses and introduce the Refrain, the Congregation is asked to join in after verse 2. Hymn 447 found on page 12 & 13*

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 53 (Responsive)**

P: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

**C: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**

P: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

**C: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

P: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

**C: Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

**C: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way:

**C: And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

P: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,

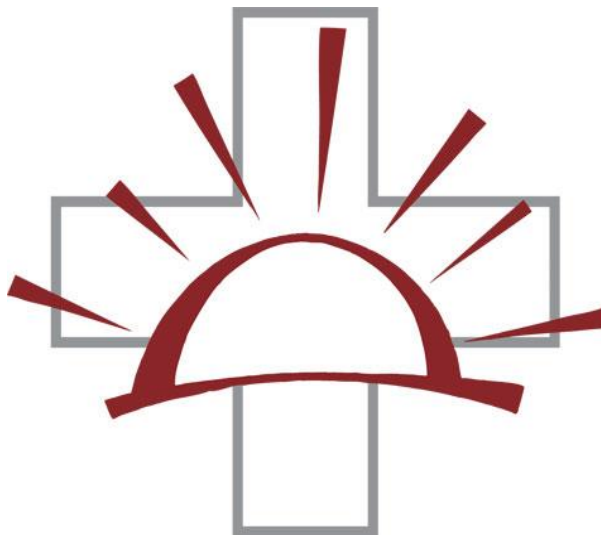
**C: He will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.**

P: After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light (of Life) and be satisfied;

**C: By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.**

P: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

**C: For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**



## CHOIR

### **Early Easter Morning**

*By Jennifer Kerr Breedlove  
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Early Easter morning, there before the tomb,  
came the weeping women, looking there for Jesus.  
But the tomb was open, and on the cold stone floor  
lay the empty burial shroud, but no sign of the Lord,  
but no sign there of Jesus!

Sing a song of gladness, Christ is risen from the dead,  
Alleluia! Jubilate Deo, Alleluia!

Suddenly before them a shining man appeared:  
“Do not be afraid,” he said, “Jesus is not here!”  
“Why now seek the living here among the dead?  
For the Lord is risen, risen as he said, so go and follow Jesus!”  
Sing a song of gladness, Christ is risen from the dead,  
Alleluia! Jubilate Deo, Alleluia!

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:29-39

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand  
<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.””

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.**

## HYMN

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

*Christian Worship Blue #442 vs1-2*

*Continued on pg 9*

**1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!  
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!**

**2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!  
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done. (Ps 105)*

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.**

## HYMN

*(Musical introduction)*

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Christian Worship Blue #442 vs 3-4*

**3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!**



**While, in strange and awefull strife, Alleluia!  
Met together death and life. Alleluia!**

**4. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!  
Now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!  
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!  
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on Romans 4:23-25**

**“The Empty Tomb”**

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**In Christ Alone**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 752*

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**OUR THANK OFFERING** *(Not collected during the Service)*

*Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the basket on the table, mail your thank offering to the church, or give online through our website under the “Resources” tab. The QR Code to the giving link is at the end of the bulletin.*

*“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have” 2 Corinthians 8:12.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*And we also pray ...*

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: We pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people,

**C: so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

**Women: Live in harmony with one another.**

**Men: Serve the Lord with gladness.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God! Let us live with Him. Alleluia!**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **How Great Thou Art**

*Christian Worship Blue # 612*

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; (*Refrain*)**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (*Refrain*)**

**3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; (*Refrain*)**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" (*Refrain*)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*James Mansfield*

# 447 Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



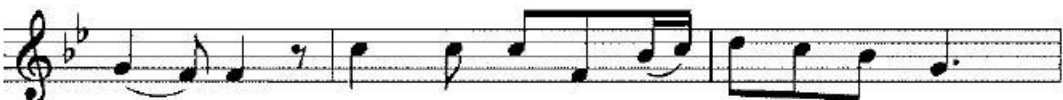
sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris en!  
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 4



*Refrain*  
 Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5

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4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
they preached the truth and pow'r of grace  
and pouring out their lives they gained  
life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave  
now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save.  
He frees our hearts to live his grace;  
go, tell of his goodness. (Refrain)

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## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brad Wright

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Percussion: Don Black          Violon/Cello: Vincent Beiderbecke

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### **For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...**

1<sup>st</sup>: What do these words have to do with Easter? How does God carry out justice? Which words from this section give you comfort and hope? Read Isaiah 40.

2<sup>nd</sup>: How does the Gospel save 'you'? What proof has been given to confirm the resurrection of Jesus, and why is this significant and sufficient? How do you plan to hold firmly to this Gospel? Read 2 Corinthians 4.

3<sup>rd</sup>: How (Why) do we act at times like Jesus is still dead? What words of the Angels jump out for you? How did the followers of Jesus respond to the news about Jesus no longer being dead? Read 1 Peter 1.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Easter Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Study
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club in the Luther Room
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	LWMS Rally in Clovis
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
	<i>April 20</i>	Teresa & Richard Milam
David Lewis	<i>April 21</i>	
Michael Gunter	<i>April 22</i>	
Wesley LeMay	<i>April 23</i>	Michael & Carol Petz
Penny Beaushaw	<i>April 24</i>	
Vincent Beiderbecke		
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Children's Sunday School Study, 9:15-10:30, meet in the Chapel

Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:20 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Room

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

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