

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (DIVINE SERVICE 4)

APRIL 14, 2024
8:00 AND 11:00

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING

O merciful God, You released Your most precious possession Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the jaws of death and the devil. You required that He should descend into the deep and again ascend on high to conquer the captivity which has held us all in slavery. Through this we are Your dear children, His brothers and inheritors of all His eternal, heavenly blessings. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that He may preserve us to the end in faith. Amen.
—Martin Luther

"IT IS I MYSELF" (Luke 24:39) After Luke tells us about the events on Easter morning, he continues with the events that occurred on the evening of Easter Day. Jesus had appeared to Peter. When the two apostles came back from Emmaus, they were met with great news: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" (Luke 24:34). When Paul reminds us of the importance of the resurrection, he also says that Jesus "appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve" (1 Corinthians 15:5). But we don't know what happened when Jesus appeared to Peter, who had denied knowing him.

The disciples, on the evening after the resurrection, were gathered behind locked doors. They weren't going to risk persecution and imprisonment. Then Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst. Again, their first reaction was alarm and fear. Despite the fact that they had recently rejoiced over their Master being alive, the reality of it all was too much for them. They reacted the way we would if a relative we had just buried in the grave suddenly stood among us. They thought they were seeing a ghost, but He was just as real as before.

The Master was really alive. He was the same Jesus He'd always been, and yet He was completely transformed. He was no longer bound by time and space. He could come and go through locked doors as He pleased.

But that wasn't what He spoke to them about. It wasn't enough that they knew He lived. It was more important that they learn and understand that He had died for them. That's why Luke says, "He opened their minds to understand the Scripture" (Luke 24:25). The Scriptures - our Old Testament - had already described and explained what they had witnessed:

The Messiah would suffer and die, and on the third day rise again from the dead. The Scriptures also described what would follow: Repentance for the forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus would be preached to all people.

We can also read the Old Testament as a testimony about Jesus. There you can see and understand what all of Israel's history pointed toward and the central core of everything God said through His prophets. We notice that after the resurrection, the disciples began to read the Scriptures with new understanding. As John says, "When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture" (John 2:22) and "His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and been done to Him" (John 12:16).

PRELUDE

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

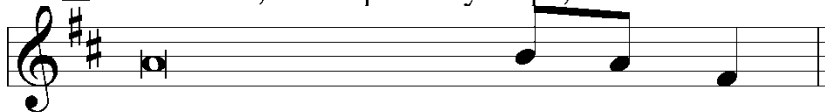
Cong.: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Revelation 19:1; Matthew 28:6)

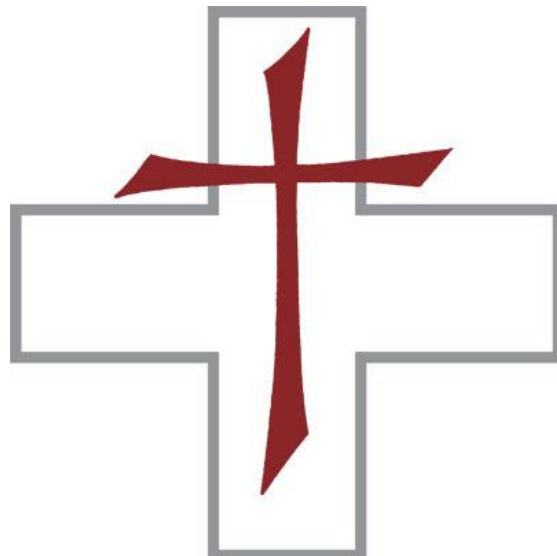
✠ PREPARATION ✠



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown” [LSB hymn 430]



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13b)

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

(Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; *antiphon*: Liturgical Text)

Pastor: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Cong.: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Pastor: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Cong.: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Pastor: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, you invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

First Reading (page 911 in the pew Bibles)

Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 1022 in the pew Bibles)

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel (page 885 in the pew Bibles)

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Pastor: This the Gospel of Our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

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**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.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” [LSB hymn 483]



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. “And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

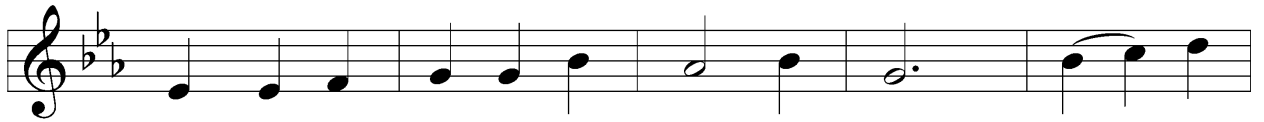
SERMON

“God Our Perfect Parent”

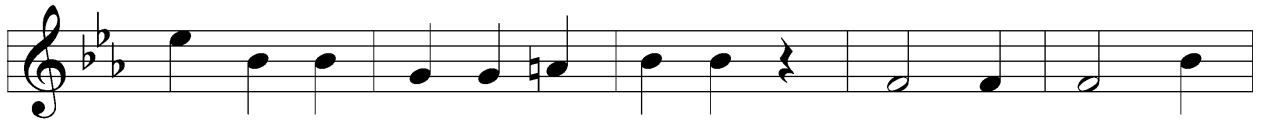
(Pastor Tom Miller)

OFFERTORY

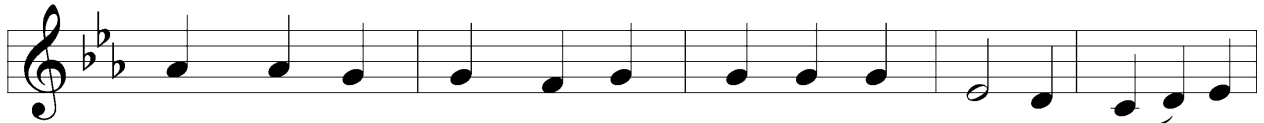
(Psalm 51:10-12)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially our president, and our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on all those in need of Your healing and deliverance, *especially*.... Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.

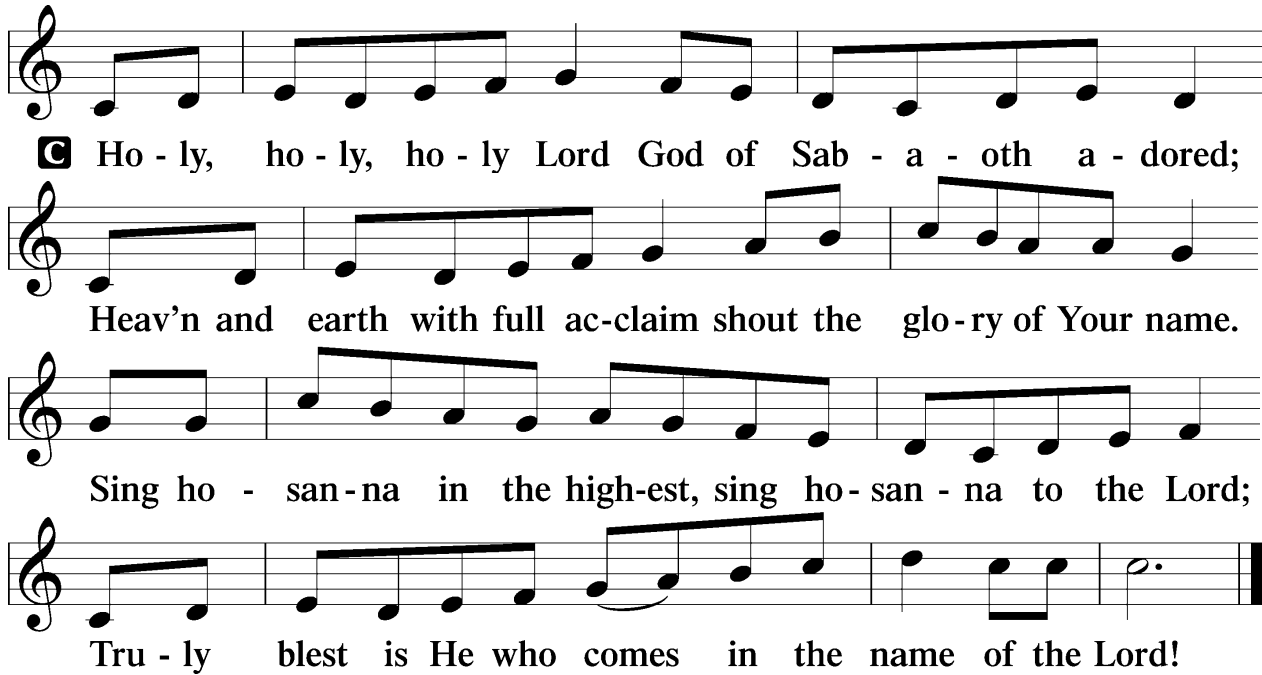
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Mathew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong.: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, as often as I shall come to Your holy table to refresh my spirit, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me, so that Your body, so full of divine power, and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant, the occasion for judgment or punishment, but a memorial of the death You underwent for me, a strengthening of my faith, a proof of the taking away of my sins, a bond of closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” [LSB hymn 636]



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

“This Joyful Eastertide” [LSB hymn 482]



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” [LSB hymn 619]

Please use your hymnal to sing this song

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” [LSB hymn 487]



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phunt glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phunt, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phunt glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Cong.: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Revelation 19:1; Matthew 28:6)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	<i>8:00 Service</i>	<i>11:00 Service</i>
Acolytes:	Will Barnes	Matthew Witkamp
Ushers:	Klinton Keller Ron Smith	Mark Stenzel Paul Evans
Elders/Readers:	Dan Rugg Bob Vogtmann	Rick Ritchie Roman Jurenka
Pianist:	Beth Hansen	
Altar Guild:	Cherie Silcox, Judy Loughlin, Vicki Taylor	

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Continued healing for Elaine Ohgi as she recovers at home after her surgery. Marsha Anderson is recovering from a pelvic fracture.

GUIDANCE Thomas Keller had two seizures in March. The doctors are doing many tests.

ASSURANCE/ENCOURAGEMENT David Miller has a job interview on Wednesday.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Wendy Tomich 4/17; Riley Koehler 4/18; David Volkert 4/18; James Burns 4/18

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Adam & Bonnie Volkert 4/20

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Jennifer Koehler 4/15; Riley Koehler 4/15; Paul Evans 4/17; Kailey Goodwin 4/18

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NEWS AND NOTES

APRIL 14, 2024

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

14 Sunday	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i> Divine Service 8:00 & 11:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation Classes 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters” 9:30 AM (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)
15 Monday	Church Office Closed Al Anon 10:00 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Celestial Ringers 7:00 PM
16 Tuesday	Preschool Chapel 10:45 AM Al Anon 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM
17 Wednesday	
18 Thursday	
19 Friday	Preschool Chapel 10:45 AM
20 Saturday	Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio Prayer group 9:00 AM Sewing Group 9:30 AM-5:00 PM Faith, Hope, and Board Games 5:30 – 10:00 PM
21 Sunday	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Service of the Word 8:00 & 11:00 AM Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Glenn Fluegge Preschool Sunday 8:00 AM Sunday School/Confirmation Classes 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters” 9:30 AM (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)

For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330

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Preschool Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“The Screwtape Letters” (9:30 AM with Karen Miller in the Sanctuary)

FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

“1 Corinthians” (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 109

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to
"use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".*



Offerings for March: \$47,471.00

Expenses for March: \$23,861.00

March Offering Goal: \$30,843.00

April Offering Goal: \$37,772.00

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP 1 John 3:2 "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM on www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/ as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the Bible story is "**Esau Forgives Jacob**". This exciting account teaches us how Jacob struggled against man and God for his birthright. The children will learn that Jesus struggled against sin and death to win our heavenly birthright. Talk to your children about sin and how it breaks families and relationships. Discuss, "*How has sin severed our relationship with God? How did Jesus restore our relationship with God eternally? How does Jesus help us as God's children to restore our broken human relationships?*"

OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S (You don't have to be old) If you would like to join in on the fellowship and food (everyone pays for their own meal) we meet at Denny's at 18477 Beach Blvd. HB (cross street is Ellis), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Call the church office if you would like more information.



LADIES SPRING TEA is May 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 on sale now. Join us for entertainment and great food. Tea sandwiches, desserts and scones will be served by men. Any men that would like to volunteer, please call Carol Waidner in the church office at (714) 846-6330.

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School "**Celebrate the Savior-Jesus Gives us Joy**" will be June 24th -28th. Online registration starts May 1st!

GAME NIGHT Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is intended for all members of the Congregation who like games, and we encourage you to come and invite your friends. This is a fun outreach opportunity, and we have a few regular attendees who are not members of our Congregation. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.

APRIL HYMN OF THE MONTH

COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN - LSB 487 This hymn, written by John of Damascus (ca. 675-749), has been sung in the Church since the middle of the eighth century.

As the text progresses, the truth of Jesus' resurrection crescendo until the Church of all time joins in praising the immortal King for her deliverance. The first stanza, based on the song of Moses in Exodus 15:1-18, connects Easter with Israel's deliverance from Pharaoh. Stanzas 2 recalls the true bondage of humanity: the winter of the sin and death. The spring of souls has now replaced this long, dark winter, for the Sun of Righteousness has "burst His prison," beaming forth the undying light of His resurrection. Eternal light brings eternal worship.

Stanza 3 evokes the joy brought by the "feast of feasts" that makes glad the hearts of the faithful, for nothing can ever again dampen their strains of praise to God. The fourth stanza relates the story of the first Easter evening, when the resurrected Jesus appeared in a locked upper room, bringing peace, breathing the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, and granting them authority to forgive and retain sins (John 20:19-23). Because only God can grant true peace, Jesus' triumph over the gates of death, the tomb, the soldiers, and the sealed stone are all irrefutable witnesses to His deity and authority.

The final stanza shows that God has triumphed much more gloriously than when He threw horse and rider into the sea. Jesus. "who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal," continues to deliver the new Israel until He returns to claim His own. This is the Israel that God has brought into joy from sadness, and so the Church continues to sing her resounding alleluias to the King immortal.

LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website www.redeemer-lutheran.net to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings. Archived sermons and Bible studies are located under the Resources tab.

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DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024:	
Sunday, April 14:	Exodus 32:15-35; Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49
Monday, April 15:	Exodus 33:1-23 & Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday, April 16:	Exodus 34:1-28 & Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday, April 17:	Exodus 34:29-35:21 & Luke 7:36-50
Thursday, April 18:	Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31 & Luke 8:1-21
Friday, April 19:	Exodus 39:32-40:16 & Luke 8:22-39
Saturday, April 20:	Exodus 40:17-38 & Luke 8:40-56
Sunday, April 21:	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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Our mission is to receive God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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