

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP
Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
SOLA SCRIPTURA

PRELUDE

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19)*

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. *(Psalm 25:4-5)*

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1:6-7)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. *(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)*

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. *(1 John 1:6-7)* He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. *(Acts 10:42-43)*

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW #379 (Attached)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

C: May the Lord your God be with you, also. *(Joshua 1:17)*

VERSES OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! *(Luke 2:14)*

C: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. *(Revelation 7:12)*

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! *(John 1:29)*

C: For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *(Hebrews 12:2)*

P: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. *(Revelation 15:4)*

C: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. *(Psalm 47:2)*

P: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. *(Acts 10:38)*

C: And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2:11)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ...

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² **How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ **Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

⁶ **Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.**

⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

P: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

C: **And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.** *(John 6:68-69)*

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all

nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise To You, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
THE SERMON

Pr. Bob Coughlin

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 4:7*)

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” ELW #389 (Attached)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God of our salvation; we cry out day and night before you.

C: Let our prayer come before you; incline your ear to our cry. (*Psalms 88:1-2*)

P: Let us pray ...

Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philemon 1:3*)

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692 (Attached)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. *(1 Chronicles 29:10-11)*

P: Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering?

C: For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you. *(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

P: May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

C: Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel. *(Luke 2:29-32)*

BENEDICTION, CLOSING HYMN AND DISMISSAL

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793 (Attached)

P: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: Thanks be to God. *(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Bob Coughlin

Piano: Joe Sutton

Acolyte:

Greeters: Lavinder Family

Reader: Amy Young

Refreshments: Dave & Jeanette Hughes

Council: Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen

Altar Guild: Jinx Sorensen/Kristy Rieger

Prayers for Healing and Hope

For Kris Bell, recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery is scheduled for April 15.
For Kari Haas' nephew and wife who have been in the process of adopting two sisters from Haiti and are now worried for their safety.
Prayers for Helene Greninger as she searches for housing.
Mike Russell underwent heart-related tests at the Mayo Clinic. Surgery pending.
Deb Durham continues to deal with pneumonia and other lung issues.
A friend of Jenn Kolling's Great Aunt Betty, Lynn.....congestive heart failure.
Kyle, son of a long time friend of Linda Miller, battling cancer.
George McClain, father of Mike Mattson's housemate, battling cancer. Continued prayers.
Continued prayers for Diane Oddy as she continues to pursue medical treatment.
Continued prayers for Pr. Andrew's Aunt Becky following a stroke.
Dwain and Olive Lavinder and Darryl Brown, all dealing with cancer.
Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.
Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.
Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.
Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.
Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer, stage 4.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya