Sunday, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

* stand +kneel

GATHERING_

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Arr. Marvin Gaspard

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. C- Amen.

P- Look, here is water! C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P- Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!
C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P- At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C- Amen.**

P- Look, here is water! C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (ELW 366)



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other. P- Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C- And also with you.

***KYRIE**



***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P-Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C- Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?" ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.
⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.
⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given 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. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P- The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **C- Glory to you, O Lord.**

P- ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel concludes:P- The gospel of the Lord.C- Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated. **SERMON**

*HYMN OF THE DAY With High Delight Let Us Unite (ELW 368)



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ALL- *NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels or sits. **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P- Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P- O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.**

P- O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes.

P- Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C- Amen.**

*PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

C- And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

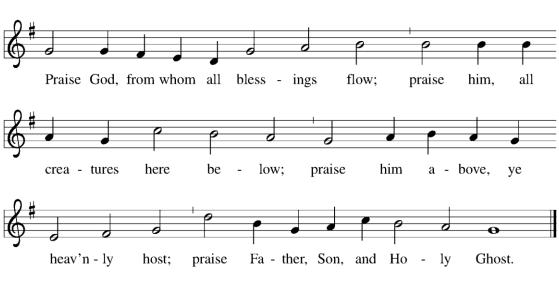
MEAL_

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. You are invited to use your cellphone to text the peace of Christ to someone you missed in church today while the offering is being collected.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. *PRESENTATION OF OFFERING



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

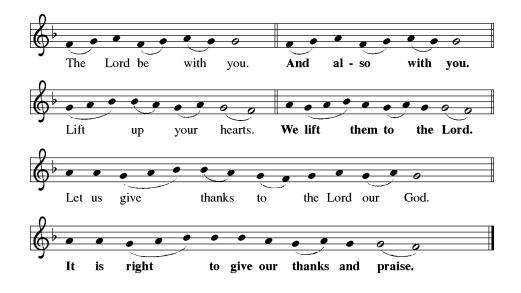
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer. P- Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C- Amen.**

*DIALOGUE

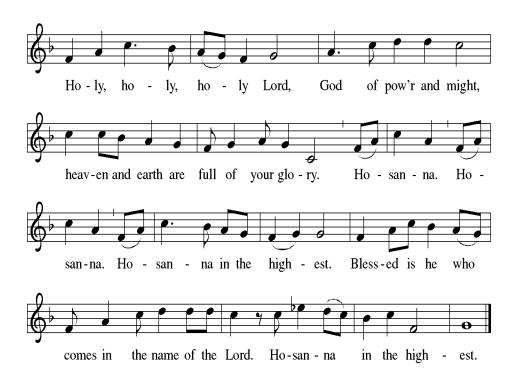
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



*PREFACE

P- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The presiding minister continues.

P- Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C- Amen

ALL- *LORD'S PRAYER

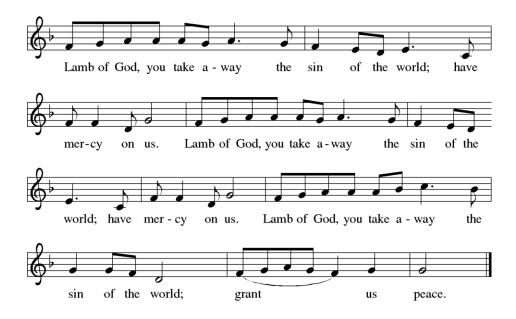
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P- The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

***COMMUNION SONG**



COMMUNION

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction. Please receive the wafer from the pastor and proceed to the communion assistant holding the chalice to receive the wine.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say P- The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

***TABLE BLESSING**

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C- Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion. P- Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C- Amen.**

SENDING_

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen!C- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P- The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. C- Amen.

*SENDING SONG Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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*DISMISSAL

The minister may send the assembly into mission. P- Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **C- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Good Christian All, Rejoice And Sing! arr. Jane Holstein

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Two vases of altar flowers have been placed in memory of Ida and Dutch Sweigert by their family.

Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for April 7, 2024 50 in person, 69 views online and 3 shares as of April 8, 2024.

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. Flower prices are increasing to \$17.50 a

vase starting April 1st. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. The charts are on the bulletin board for 2024. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, March 24th until Sunday, April 14th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will then be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing support with this project.

Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by May 15th. Please include with your name where you are graduating from and your future plans.

Student Loan applications are available in the library for the 2024-2025 academic year. Please return completed, signed applications to a member of the Student Loan Committee or the church office by April 28, 2024. Contact a member of the Student Loan Committee (Trish Krause, Michael Troxell, Cindy Brown, Jessica Rollman and Marlene Troxell,) with any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 14- deadline for Schoolhouse April 28- deadline student loan applications May 15- deadline for graduates names

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$120.58
Local Benevolence	\$293.70
Current	\$1760.73
Capital Building Fund	\$30.00
Plate Offering	\$56.00
Easter	\$560.00
Maundy Thursday	\$10.00
Good Friday	\$15.00
Initial	\$3.00
Lent	\$25.00
Soup Kitchen	\$40.00
Total Received	<u>\$2914.01</u>

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: 10:30 am Worship Service Monday: 10 am Prayer Shawl Thursday: 6 pm Bell Choir Next Sunday: 10:30 am Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16 Tues: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15—6:6; 2 John 1-6 Wed: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18 Thu: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26 Fri: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28—47:6; Acts 4:1-4 Sat: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 10:30 am Kolton Platt Lector: 10:30 am Marlene Troxell Ushers: 10:30 am Donald Mairose Counting Team: Holly Maldonado, Jennie Raudenbush Council Greeter: 10:30 am Debbie Hummel Communion Assistants: 10:30 am Debbie Hummel

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Keep in your prayers: Charles Hawk, Sr., Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch,

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