

He is Risen!

Risen Indeed!



Our Savior
Lutheran Church [LCMC]

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 20 April 2025

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests
{Congregational responses are in Bold/ Italics}

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...Praise the Lord!
The Lord's Name be praised...

Let us pray...

Your Son, Jesus, fulfilled the Prophets' words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where he was lifted high upon the Cross, that the whole world might be drawn to Him; by His suffering and death He defeated the power of death becoming the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored. We thank You and praise You for this great gift. AMEN

HYMN

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the Earth You made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord....

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us. **AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! He came to save sinners, bore our sins on the Cross, made us dead to sin and alive to all that is good; I assure you then, when you confess your sins in Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Alleluia and Amen.

Holy Scripture

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 65.17-25 [NRSV]

For I AM about to create new Heavens and a new Earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I AM creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in My people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24[NRSV]

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

**Let the congregation of Israel repeat:
"His faithful love endures forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my victory.

**Songs of joy and victory are sung
in the camp of the godly.**

The strong arm of the LORD has done glorious things
The arm of the LORD is raised in triumph.

The strong arm of the LORD has done glorious things!

**I will not die, but I will live to tell
what the LORD has done.**

The LORD has punished me severely,
but He has not handed me over to death.

**Open the gates where the righteous enter and I will go
in and thank the LORD.**

Those gates lead to the presence of the LORD
and the godly enter there.

**I thank You for answering my prayer
and saving me!**

The stone rejected by the builders
has now become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing and it is marvelous to see.

This is the day the LORD has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Matthew 28.1-11[NRSV]

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from Heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell

His disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" and they came to Him, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The 2nd Coming...Already Was" Pastor Larry

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that it was impossible for Death to retain in bondage the Author of Life - our Lord Jesus - Who was crucified, died, and was buried; He did indeed descend into Hell - and that He did rise from the Dead for our justification and the destruction of he who was the author of Death. We believe Jesus' Resurrection was confirmed by His enemies, by the co-incidental resurrection of the dead, by the senses and judgment of His Apostles and other Disciples who had conversation with Him, and also eating and drinking with Jesus after His Resurrection. We further believe, that after remaining with, and continuing to teach, His Apostles for 40 days following His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven, according to the Scriptures for the accomplishment of all things, receiving all power in Heaven and Earth. We believe that He sits at the right hand of the Father, having received His Kingdom, and is

yet still present in this world in the Person of the holy Spirt. We believe that Jesus is our only Advocate and Mediator and we need no one else save Him to come to God. We acknowledge Jesus alone as having all the Glory, Honour and Power given by the Father and hope and believe in His imminent return and we anxiously await that day. MARANATHA! AMEN

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is proper and our joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the Universe, Who created the heavens and the Earth and all in them. You made us in Your own image and in countless ways You show us Your mercy, proclaimed first by the Prophets and then the Apostles, as it has been shown forth to us in Jesus Christ fulfilled the ancient words and entered the city of Jerusalem, where He was lifted high upon the Cross, that the whole world might be drawn to Him, so that by His suffering and death, He defeated the power of death and became the source of eternal life. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, life has been restored, so we raise to You - Father, Son and, Holy Spirit -them our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning,

Our song shall rise to Thee!

Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty!

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and forever. AMEN

HYMN "Because He Lives" #192

BENEDICTION

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please give any prayer requests to Pastor Larry.

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