



May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

*=Stand as you are able **Bold Print** = congregation responds
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Prelude **“Chris is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”**

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How can it be, the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their friend and king
Christ, Christ, He is risen

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed
He is risen, He's alive, He's alive!
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive!
Now in heaven glorified
He's alive, He's alive!
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive!
Now in heaven glorified

Ringin' of the Bell

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

(ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***GATHERING SONG “It is Well”**

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Grandeur earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard
And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all
It is well
And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, with me

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all
It is well
And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well, it is well

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
So let go my soul and trust in Him

The waves and wind still know His name
So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
The waves and wind still know His name
And it is well
With my soul
It is well
With my soul
It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
Oh, it is well
With my soul
Oh, it is well
With my soul
It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all
It is well, Lord
And through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The

Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸ I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

***GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They

said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your

own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children will leave to go to Children’s Church

Preschool/Kindergarten – room beside nursery in north fellowship hall

1st & 2nd grade – Upstairs to the left

3rd & 4th grades – Upstairs to the left

5th & 6th grades – Downstairs

REFLECTION SONG: “Oceans”

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You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
So I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh
And You are mine, oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour
(repeat)

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Goodness of God"

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I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah
'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes You have
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me
And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Response: Hear us, O God,
 Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting
that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen
Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

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Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbid to shine
But, God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

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 our thanks and praise.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

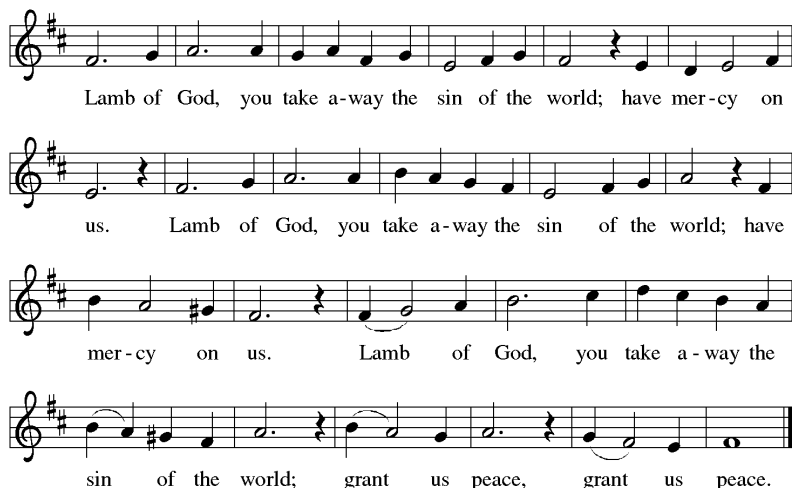
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

—> *If you wish to kneel at the rail after accepting communion to pray, feel free to go up and then exit via the side aisles as normal.*

COMMUNION SONG:

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

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C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F G^{sus} G C/E
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Am G C²/E
 Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F² Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Dm⁷ 1 G^{sus} G
 Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

2 G^{sus} G C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B
 God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

"By Grace We Have Been Saved"

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1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

"Great is the Lord"

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Great is the Lord

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Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is



love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the



Lord! Great is the Lord!

***TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CONCLUSION

Let us pray as we conclude our 2024-2025 children's church class ministry year:

O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

Lead us in your truth, O God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

Lead us in your truth, O God.

Jesus said, Remember, I will be with you always, to the end of time.

Lead us in your truth, O God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon those who have completed another year of learning and growth.

Give them courage, patience, and vision as they go their way;

and strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, for the sake of your whole creation and to the glory of your holy name both now and forever.

Amen.

We close this academic year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Preschool/Kindergarten Teri Klimpel Molly Wuebker	First & Second Grades Katie Madson Emily Saveraid Jean Saveraid
Third & Fourth Grades Alyssa Johnson Melinda Kam Heather Swan	Fifth & Sixth Grades Louise Larson Erika Williams Shannon Wilson
Confirmation Pastor Klimpel Nels Dovre Brent Emerson	First Communion Class Pastor Klimpel
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***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

* SENDING SONG

“The Battle Belongs”

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When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

... So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You

... And if You are for me, who can be against me?
For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

... So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh, God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You

... Almighty fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadow, You win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
(repeat)

... So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
... Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Children are dismissed to go downstairs for:



CHILDREN'S MUSIC WITH NELS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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Those Serving in Today's Service

Pastor: Eric Klimpel

Accompanist: Mindy DeVries

Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre

Lector: student(s)

Acolyte: Taylor Wuebker, Avery Dykstra

Technicians: Brent Emerson, Brayden DeVries, Owen Williams

This Week at Palestine

Sunday, May 4th, 2025 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m. Council Meeting

8:30 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Last day of children's church; Recognition of Teachers; Contemporary Music

Music with Nels

Children's Church Teacher meeting

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (*Pastor*)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Quilters

6:30 p.m. Confirmation (last one!)

Sunday, May 11th, 2025 *Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day!*

9:30 a.m. Worship; Contemporary music; Recognition of Graduates

Cookie Sunday

New Member Orientation

Lectionary texts: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry:

April 27th, 2025:

Attendance: 81

General: \$3,260.00

THANK YOU!!! We celebrate your generosity and thank you in advance for your support.



K.I.C.K kids will be helping the cemetery place individual flags by veteran headstones.



The date and time printed in the May newsletter may be different, so please watch Facebook and emails from KICK.



To MOW!

If you are willing to mow the church and parsonage, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall!

SERVICE HOURS are *happily* given to high schoolers that want the volunteer hours!



VBS SUMMER 2025

We were made to
magnify God!

Join us June 22-26, 2025
from 6-8 pm at Palestine
Lutheran Church.

Open to children entering K-6 grade in Fall 2025. Register at: bit.ly/VBSatPalestine

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ Jesus is truly present in the sacrament to forgive, strengthen and bless us, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Grace upon Grace (based on John 21)

The risen Christ is difficult to recognize at first. According to today's gospel reading from John, even as he approached his disciples on the beach, they "did not know that it was Jesus" (John 21:4). Neither did Mary Magdalene recognize him outside the tomb on Easter morning. She assumed he was the gardener (20:14-15). Apparently, resurrection changes Jesus to the extent that he appears a stranger even to his closest friends.

That is, until he makes himself known to them again. In Mary's case, he simply speaks her name. "Rabbouni! Teacher!" she replies, newly hopeful as she carries the good news to the others (20:16-18). For the disciples in the fishing boat, it is a miraculous catch that brings Jesus' identity to light. "It is the Lord!" the beloved disciple says to Peter, who promptly dives overboard to reach Jesus on the shore (21:7).

As the story draws to a close, Jesus returns to his disciples with signs that he will continue to be with them. He calls them by name, feeds them with abundance, and invites them again into lives of purpose: "Do you love me? . . . Feed my sheep" (21:17). In this way, the end of the Gospel of John recalls the beginning. Jesus, crucified and risen, continues to grant his followers "grace upon grace" (1:16).

Moreover, the end of John signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry alongside disciples through the ages. The risen Jesus is a mystery to us too. We may not readily recognize him in the course of daily life. Yet even as he is hidden from view, he is also revealed. In baptism, he calls us by name. At his table, he feeds us with abundance. At the doorways of our gathering places, he invites us again and again into lives of purpose. Grace upon grace.

Christ is risen indeed. Come, follow him!