

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 13-14, 2024

***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***



***As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" Luke 24:36***

**Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

**Welcome!** Welcome to worship in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

### ..... WORSHIP NOTES .....

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

**For Parents with Small Children...**We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. If you need assistance, we have a nursery for children up to age 4 manned with people who love to share the love of Christ with little kids in the lower grade wing. The nursery is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:05 worship service. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

**Before worship prayer** - Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

### We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom" LSB, hymn #481

Scatter the darkness, break the gloom;  
Sun, reveal an empty tomb  
Shining with joy for all our sorrows,  
Hope and peace for all tomorrows,  
Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread:  
Christ has risen from the dead!

Bearing the standard from on high  
As the Lamb of God to die;  
He who for us, so cruelly treated,  
Lives again—our foes defeated!  
Where is your sting, O death and grave?  
Christ has shown His strength to save!

Banners of triumph, be unfurled!  
Trumpets, sound throughout the world!  
Crying and sighs, give way to singing:  
Life from death, our Lord is bringing!  
Let there begin the jubilee—  
Christ has gained the victory!

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*  
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*  
P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

*(Moment of silent reflection)*

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**  
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*  
C: **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Gloria in Excelsis ~Glory to God in the Highest** *Luke 2:14, John 1:29*

- P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
C: **(Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are**

**the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 3:1-7 *(We Are God's Children!)*

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.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse - Common** *John 6:68*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 24:36-49 *(Witnesses To The Resurrected Jesus!)*

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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"** *LSB, hymn #920, tune 854*

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

**Sermon: "Jesus Brings PEACE"**

*Luke 24:36-49*

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day  
he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**OFFERTORY - Create In Me**

*LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . Heavenly Father, in this Easter season You have provided us with the pure joy of Your Son's resurrection and the joy of repentance and forgiveness. Cheer all those who struggle with depression, loneliness, and shame, so that they be assured of Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we live in a world where many people do not believe in the resurrection of Your Son. Inspire us to share the joys of Your Son's resurrection with those who doubt and disbelieve, so that they come to repentant joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and musicians so that Your Word of forgiveness and life touch those who do not believe and strengthen the faith of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. O Lord, we pray that You be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Strengthen them with Your healing hand and restore them to health. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Stand among them and speak Your Word of peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . )*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen**

**Closing Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

*LSB, hymn #474*

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

### **See You In Worship Next Week!**

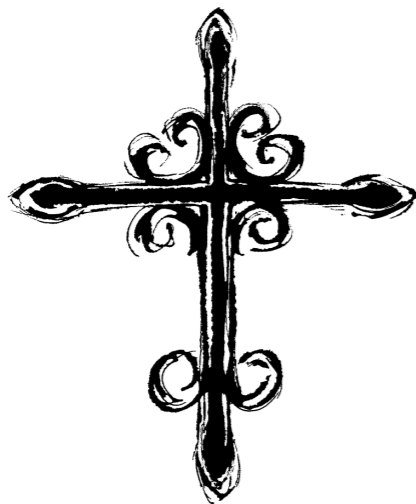
#### ***After worship prayer***

*Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.*

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

**Altar Flowers** The altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our parents, Larry & Irene Winge and Bill & Ruth Latham, by John & Joyce Latham.



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