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Sunday 10:00 AM; Monday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

"Repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed in His name to all" (Luke 24:47). We should proclaim repentance and forgiveness even unto those who promote or take part in sins against the sanctity of life. If God blots out our guilt for killing the Author of life (Acts 3:15, 19), will He not do so for those who have had a hand in abortions?

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (LSB 467, stzs 1-2, 4)



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPNSORY

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our God made this world and everything in it "good".

C: He made it for His glory and our enjoyment.

P: But through Eve, sin entered the world and corrupted it.

C: The earth's beauty is but a shadow of what it once was.

P: Nevertheless, God did not abandon His creation or us, His creatures.

C: He determined to restore His fallen creation!

P: And so God became human, lived and died for our forgiveness,

C: and was raised as a human being for our resurrection.

P: Because we too have sinned,

C: let us go before our God to confess our sins and ask for His pardon.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (stzs 6-7)



6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;
7 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to bliss un - told,



My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.
Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is found in script of gold:



He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown pre - pared;



He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

INTROIT: Psalm 16:11b, 31:1-5

P: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C: **I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

C: **O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

C: **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE - Refrain

Cantor

*... let us
pray to the Lord:*

O - Lord, O - Lord, have mer - cy

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C: Refrain

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Refrain

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Refrain

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Refrain

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Refrain

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



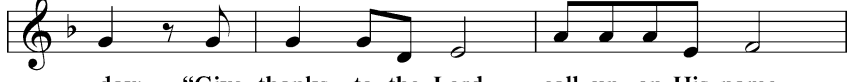
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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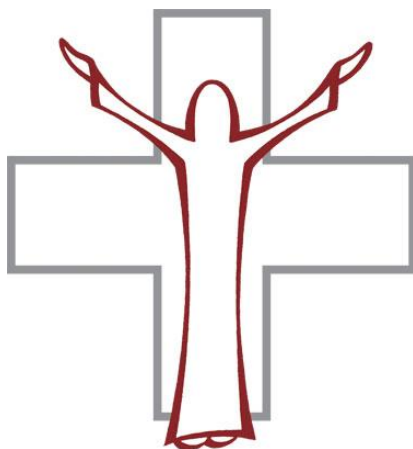
These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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: Praise to You, O Christ.

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)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: See, What a Morning (Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)



1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
2. See Mar-y weep - ing, "Where is He laid?" As in
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the
Hears a voicespeak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
Hon - our and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an-nounce: "Christ is ris - en!"
Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a-gain!
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
And we are raised with Him; Death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered.



ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for He
will sound 'til He ap - pears, for He
And we shall reign with Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.

SERMON: "Fishy Business" Luke 24:41-43

Pastor Dressler

HYMN OF RESPONSE: For the Beauty of the Earth (LSB 561)



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty
 2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For your - self, best gift di - vine To the world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove;
 free - ly giv'n; A - gent of God's grand de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Refrain:
 Christ, our Lord, to You we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

OFFERING (prayer requests)

OFFERING VERSE - "You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound." Psalm 4:7

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
 C: hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



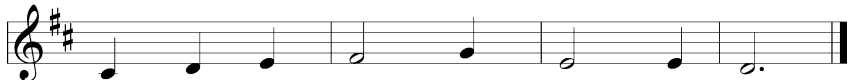
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

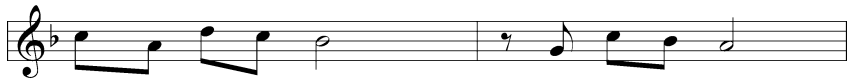
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DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

What Is This Bread? (LSB 629)



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead;	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is	peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is	King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is	free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is	real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is	good.

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I Am the Bread of Life (With One Voice 702)



"I am the Bread of life. You who
 "The bread that I will give is my
 "Un less you eat of the
 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who has



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world."



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Low in the Grave He Lay (TFBF 94)



1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;



wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.
vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.
he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.



Refrain:

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might - y tri - umpho'er his



foes; he a - rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he

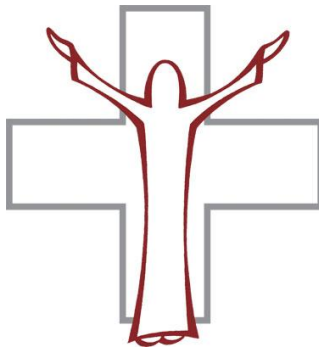


lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a -



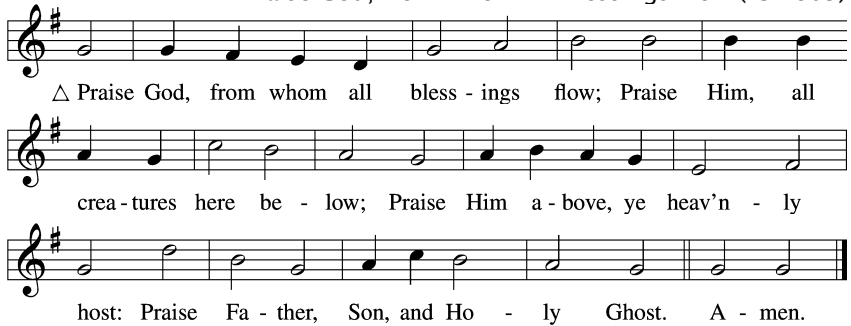
rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

(Please stand)



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

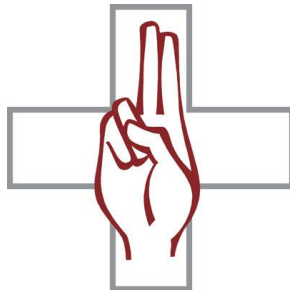
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.



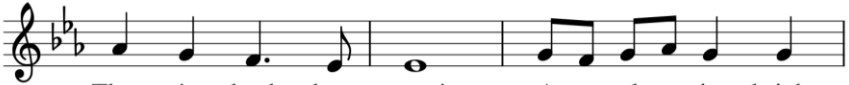
CLOSING HYMN: Thine Is the Glory (LBW 145)



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring
2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the
3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of



Son; End - less is the vic - t'ry
tomb! Lov - ing - ly he greets thee,
life; Life is nought with - out thee;



Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright
Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with
Aid us in our strife; Make us more than



rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,
glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,
con - qu'rors, Through thy death - less love;



Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
For the Lord now liv - eth;
Bring us safe through Jor - dan

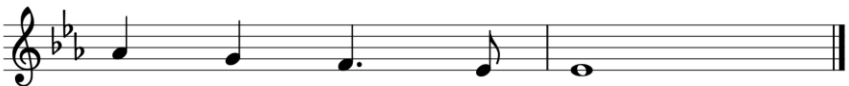
Refrain



Where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry,
Death hath lost its sting!
To thy home a - bove.



Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; Endless is the vic - t'ry



Thou o'er death hast won!

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – “The vision is rather of the artist, as physical and embodied, set in the midst of a God-given world vibrant with a dynamic beauty of its own, not simply ‘there’ like a brute fact to be escaped or violently abused but there as a gift from a God of overflowing beauty, a gift for us to interact with vigorously, shape and reshape, form and transform, and in this way fashion something as consistent and dazzlingly novel as the Goldberg Variations, art that can anticipate the beauty previewed and promised in Jesus Christ.” — Jeremy Begbie

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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What Is This BREAD?! – Great hymn! Also a great question being asked around Salem. As you’ve noticed, Salem has recently moved to using homemade communion bread. Why? Here are the reasons point-by-point:

1) This new bread is much closer to what Jesus and the disciples would have used. Not only that, but in the history of the Christian church, the “standard” wafers are “odd”. They are a relatively recent invention.

2) It allows members of the congregation to use their God-given talents (baking) in service of His people.

3) It tastes good. *Seriously!* When God made the world, He pronounced it “Very Good!” When Jesus became a flesh-and-blood human being, He pronounced it “Very Good!” again! The Incarnation is God’s stamp of approval on physical stuff. He wants us to enjoy this creation. Why not use enjoyable bread?

4) Lastly, in communion, we receive not *only* the body and blood of Jesus, but *also* bread and wine. The bread we use for this occasion *should* be *very good!* We honor the occasion by our care for the building, the clothing we wear, and even the *bread* we use. Which brings me to the next item . . .

What Is This WINE?! – Not a hymn. Also, *not* a question anyone around Salem is asking because apparently no one noticed. For Maundy Thursday and Easter, we used a Missouri wine instead of our standard. Our intention is to use this new wine on feast days (such as Easter, Pentecost, etc.). Here are the reasons why:

1) This wine is of a better quality than the type we typically use. As with the bread, we should use *good* “stuff” because God wants us to enjoy His creation.

2) Also, we use good wine to honor what God gives us through the wine (Jesus’ blood).

3) It’s a way for us to serve our nearer-neighbors by supporting the more local economy.

If you have any questions, feel free ask! If you’d like to bake, feel free to volunteer!

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of April 18 through April 25

*****SHINE! District Servant Event this week*****

TODAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

MONDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study 4:15PM
Council 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: Newsletter Deadline 9:00AM

THURSDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

FRIDAY: Gospel of John Bible Study 10:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of April 11, 2021
Sunday School 4 students, 3 teachers/helpers
Adult Bible Class 23
Friday morning Bible Class 10

Worship Service Attendance
April 11 - [77]; April 12 - [13] =90

Online views
April 11 - [52]

Tithes and Offerings
March 28: \$9,473.00

Monthly Actual v Budget
March: \$34,372.00 v \$32,400.00 (surplus \$1,972.00)

April 1-4 (Holy Week and Easter): \$25,097.18
April 11: \$7,598.00

Weekly Offerings Budget: \$8,100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are placed by Jan and Susan Goris in thanksgiving for family blessings.

2. GO AND BE RECONCILED BIBLE STUDY— Our fieldwork student, Eric Larson, will be leading a two-week Bible study about reconciliation during the adult Bible study hour (8:45-9:45 am) on April 25 and May 2. The Bible study will focus on how Christ's reconciling work toward us affects how we practice forgiveness and restoration in our relationships.

To access by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (798 4070 1280#). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 798 4070 1280 in meeting ID box. The passcode is 5180. If you've not used Zoom on your computer before, it will ask if you want to download and install it. You do, and it's okay to allow it to make changes to your computer. NOTE: You can do this part ahead of time, so you're all ready to go before Sunday morning. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

3. UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS: Recently most of us received another COVID stimulus payment. I'm sure there are many ways you could put it to good use. I encourage you to consider tithing a portion of that money to the ongoing Gospel ministry of Salem. If you think about it, it's an eternal investment! Not a bad use of funds!

4. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

5. THIS WEEK ON KFUO AM850, renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUO Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. We rely on support from our faithful listeners like you in order to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the globe. Give now at kfuo.org/sharathon!

6. SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL needs substitute teachers! If you think this might be a good fit for you or someone you know, please get in touch with Susan Scherer in the school office. She can be reached at 314-741-8220 or through email at sscherer@salemjbmo.org.

7. SHINE! The Missouri District is hosting a state-wide servant event for the very first time, and Salem will be participating! Unlike a traditional servant event with a set time and place, this is during a range of days (April 16-25), and can happen anywhere! We have identified these options: volunteer at the Lutheran Resale Shop; pick up trash along a road in the area; volunteer at a food pantry or food giveaway event hosted by another organization. Come be a part of the service! Stay tuned for more details.

8. HUMANITRI TRIVIA - Friday, May 7, 2021 – Support families facing homelessness in the St. Louis community by joining Humanitri for an exciting night of virtual trivia! The evening will be hosted by Trivia Riot and will include 6 rounds of trivia, lottery tree raffles, 50/50 raffle and a Covid Relief raffle. Host your “bubble” of 8 locally or invite your friends and family from around the globe to join your virtual team. A Zoom link will be e-mailed to teams prior to the event. Zoom opens at 6:30, with trivia starting at 7:00. Tickets are \$25/each or \$200/group of 8. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <http://www.humanitri.org/events>.

9. EASTER LILIES - Thank you to all who placed Easter lilies this year. You helped to make our chancel so beautiful for our celebration of Christ’s resurrection! The remaining lilies have now been moved to the steps of the main entryway. Please help yourself. They make wonderful additions to any garden!

COVID VACCINE UPDATE: All Missouri residents ages 16 and older are now eligible to be vaccinated. The Department of Public Health has launched a new vaccine appointment site: stlcorona.com/vaccineappt. Anyone 16+ can visit that site and schedule an appointment.

In addition to the new website, FEMA is operating a daily mass vaccination site at The Dome starting. This opportunity is for St. Louis County & St. Louis City residents. Registration and appointments are not required, but are strongly encouraged. You can register with Missouri’s COVID Navigator at covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator. Once registered, you will be invited by the Department of Health and Senior Services to schedule an appointment. The Dome vaccination hours are 8AM-6PM, 7 days a week. Your 2nd dose will be scheduled at the same location, after receiving your 1st dose. **Enter at Entrance C at the corner of Cole St & Broadway. FREE PARKING is also available at those cross streets.**

If you have any questions or challenges with registering or scheduling an appointment at The Dome, contact the Navigator hotline at 877-435-8411. If you need help with either website, please don’t hesitate to call Elin in the Church Office (314-741-6781), and she will help you.

Source: Saint Louis County Department of Public Health

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of April 18, 2021

- OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Nylah Scales; Rich and Riyah Shelton; Heiress and Mays Simpson
- OUR MEMBERS: Lawrence Meyer; Lois Meyer; Lynn & Janet Meyer
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Kenneth Graff, Darol & Carol Heinemann, Emma Helmkamp
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Norman Loeb, Cheri Mansfield, Jan and Rodger Altevogt, Gena (Stellhorn) Neece, Linda Garrison (daughter of Teddy Smith), Jon Smith (son of Teddy Smith), Dee Meyerhoff, Paul McWilliams, Kate Allen (mother of Richard Brower), Bill Lichtenberg, Todd Fuller, Cliff Fuller, Jennifer (niece of Cindy and Dale Schulz), Alicia Waller, Marilyn Patterson, Leo Russavage, Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Karen Becker, Christina Brower, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ozark, MO; St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan, Kansas; and Emmaus Lutheran Church in Alhambra, California.
- ANNIVERSARIES: Jeremiah and Rebekah Walton (4/20) Ron and Sharon Brinker (4/23)
- BIRTHDAYS: Laura Clippinger (4/19), John-Lorenzo Walton (4/19), Keith Steinrauf (4/20), Michele Jenkins (4/21), Zachary Keene (4/21), Aricha Mahil (4/22), Brittany Drzewucki (4/22), Camryn Cogshell (4/23), LeRon Buford (4/24)
- EMPATHY, PATIENCE, MERCY, and an END to racism and violence in our nation

DEVOTION: *Portals of Prayer*

LEARN BY HEART: Romans 10:9

DAILY READINGS:

- Sun: Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49
- Mon: Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17
- Tues: Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35
- Wed: Exodus 34:29—35:21; Luke 7:36-50
- Thurs: Exodus 38:21—39:8, 22-23, 27-31; Luke 8:1-21
- Fri: Exodus 39:32—40:16; Luke 8:22-39
- Sat: Exodus 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56