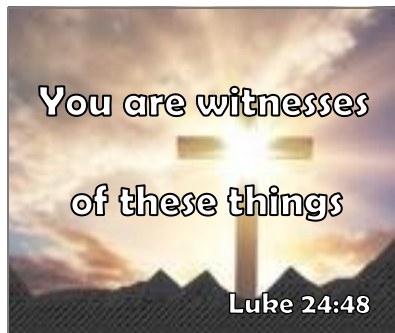


Sunday, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LITANY

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

C: Breathe your peace on your church and clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

P: Almighty God, your love is unconditional, and we are raised up as your people, who will always be made new through your forgiveness, grace and mercy, in the name of the risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG WORDS #383
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! TUNE-Joyful, Joyful

1 **Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

2 **Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

3 **Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

KYRIE *Spoken*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast* Stg 4 p.140

All sing together (including cantor line)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

Health & forgiveness through the risen Jesus

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." WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 4 *We read responsively*

L: Answer 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.

C: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

L: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

L: Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

L: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

The revealing of the children of God

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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stg 10, p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Savior o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Eating with the risen Christ

^{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 OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *PASTOR BARB STREED*

HYMN vss. 1,2,5 No. 579
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

- 1 **Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:**

Refrain **With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

- 2 **Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:** *Refrain*

- 5 **Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:** *Refrain*

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 P: God of grace
C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

C: **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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN No. 522
As we gather at your table

- 1 **As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**
- 2 **Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**
- 3 **Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

C: Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG vss. 1,2,& 5 No. 489
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**
- 5 **Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Sun 4/14	9 AM	WORSHIP w/PR. BARB STREED
	10 AM	Town Hall Mtg w/PR. BARB S/School, & Coffee
Tue 4/16	7 PM	KAIC
WED 4/17	6 PM MEAL	JUSTMOVE EVENT @ Vang Luth
	7 PM PROG	FOR YOUTH & ADULTS-All welcome
	7 PM	COUNCIL
THU 4/18	5:30 PM	SONS OF NORWAY
	7 PM	AA
Sun 4/21	9 AM	WORSHIP
	10 AM	Coffee & NxtStep Video
	10 AM	SSchool Ditch CleanUp & Pizza Lunch. Adult Help needed.

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