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3rd Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024 ~ 9:45 a.m.

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

Rising Generation

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Refrain
We are God's cho - sen ho-ly na - tion, we be - long to Him a-lone

and may this ri - sing gen-er-a - tion wor-ship Christ u-pon His

throne, wor-ship Christ u - pon His throne.

1. We be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, and in Christ, His pre-cious Son.

2. We be-lieve He sends His Spir - it on us now with gifts of power

We be - lieve He died to save us,

Hear the Spir - it cal - ling out to us

came to call us as His own.

where He leads us we will go.

Refrain

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: This is the day of the Lord's victory.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Song – Let there be praise

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Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Sing to the Lord, give God the glory.

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Forevermore let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

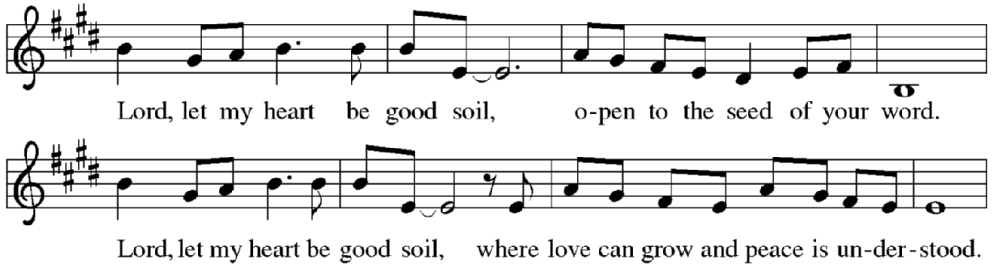
Prayer of the Day

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God offers them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

A: The First Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Acts.

[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."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

God loves us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 1 John.

See 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”³⁹ Look 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.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and 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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – Lamb of God

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Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God,
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

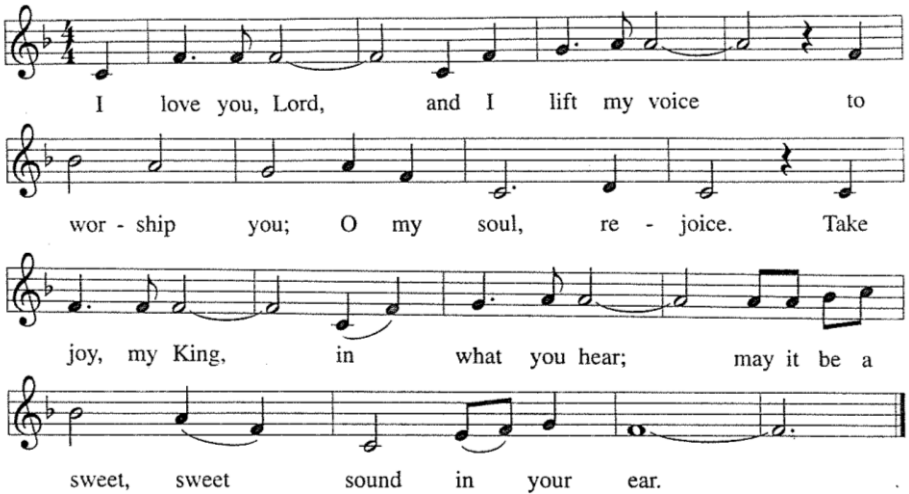
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor-ship you; O my soul, re-joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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.

C: Amen

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
 wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
 joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
 sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
 gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
 come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
 ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Living God,

C: in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us, to use and to share. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

Words of Institution

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.

We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

C: Happy are those who are called to His Supper.

One bread, one body

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Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

Our Lord Jesus is the host at this supper. It is for all who wish to experience the forgiveness Jesus offers. Therefore, Jesus invites all of us to receive Him in this meal.

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Bread of Life, Make Me Whole

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Plymouth, MN

♩. = 55

G C D C G C D

Bread of Life, make me whole.

5 G C D C G C D

Lamb of God, heal my soul.

9 G C D C G C D

Liv - ing Word a - live in me.

13 G C D C G C D

Shed Your blood to set me free.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn titled 'Bread of Life, Make Me Whole'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 55. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Bread of Life, make me whole. Lamb of God, heal my soul. Living Word alive in me. Shed Your blood to set me free.' Chord progressions are indicated above the vocal line: G C D C G C D for the first system, G C D C G C D for the second, G C D C G C D for the third, and G C D C G C D for the fourth. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

17 Am7 C D Am7 C D

We praise Your name. We praise Your name.

21 Am7 C D

We praise Your name.

23 Am7 C D D D.C.

We praise Your name.

Ending

26 G C D C G C D

Bread of Life, make me whole.

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Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, gracious Father,
we're so blest to be your children, gracious Father;
And we lift our heads before you as a token of our love,
Gracious Father, gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus,
We're so glad that you've redeemed us, precious Jesus;
And we lift our hands before you as a token of our love,
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Come and fill our hearts anew . . . Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before you as a token of our love.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, . . . hallelujah;
And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You're Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436

I will wor - ship with all of my heart.

I will praise You with all of my strength.

I will seek You all of my days.

I will fol - low all of Your ways.

I will give You all my wor - ship I will give You

all my praise. You a - lone I long to wor - ship,

You a - lone are wor - thy. of my praise.

Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen

SENDING

Blessing

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: Amen**

Closing Song – Go, My Children, with My Blessing CCLI 1763436



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Apr 21-9:45-Sunday School

6:00-Confirmation Event

Mon-Apr 22-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Apr 23-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-Apr 25-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-56; 9:45-82; 11:00-35; SCS-7

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented
to the Glory of the Risen Lord.

Confirmation Theme Event: "We believe in the Holy Spirit...", the Third Article of the Creed, **Sunday, April 21**, 6-7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Pastor Amy.

Senior High Youth Pizza Lunch and Outdoor Service Event! Sunday, April 28 after worship at the 9:45 service 'til noon. Don't miss the good food, good friends and an outdoor service activity – please dress appropriately or bring a change of clothing! Please sign up on the posted sign-up sheet.

Now's the time to sign up for one of the In-Tents Lutheran Summer Church Camps, *Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12* for current 7th through 12th graders OR *Monday, July 15 – Wednesday, July 17* for current 4th through 6th graders. The camp is at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Hooversville, PA. Registration forms and more information are available now from Pastor Amy or in the Sunday School area.

Easter Season Devotions are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

It's time to officially sign-up for the Summer 2024 Youth and Adult MISSION TRIP: "WE ARE HIS HANDS!" at the North American Lutheran Church National Disaster Response Warehouse and Retreat Center in Caldwell, Ohio. The trip is Sunday afternoon, June 16 through Wednesday evening, June 19. See the article in the April *Chatter* for more information. Sign up on the posted sheet at church AND fill out a registration form available in the narthex or from Pastor Amy. Contact her with any questions.

Mission of the Month: YMCA programs lay the groundwork for healthy futures. They are committed to providing their programs and services to anyone who would like to use them. Gifts to the Strong Kids Campaign are used to provide assistance to those in our community experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write "Strong Kids" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for April are JELLY and/or SALTINE CRACKERS.