

**April 7, 2024**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

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| 1 Alleluia!<br>Jesus is risen!<br>Trumpets resounding in glorious light!<br>Splendor, the Lamb,<br>Heaven forever!<br>Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain                | 2 Walking the way,<br>Christ in the center<br>Telling the story to open our eyes;<br>Breaking our bread,<br>Giving us glory:<br>Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain |
| 4 Weeping, be gone;<br>Sorrow, be silent:<br>Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.<br>Cherubim sing:<br>"O grave, be open!"<br>Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain | 5 City of God,<br>Easter forever,<br>Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,<br>River of life,<br>Saints and archangels,<br>Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain                  |

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 in Lutheran Service Book)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Kyrie**.....(pg. 152 in Lutheran Service Book)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Amen.**

**Hymn Of Praise**.....(pg. 155 in Lutheran Service Book)

**This is the Feast of Victory**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Let us Pray: Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by the help of your grace, live in awareness of your risen Son's presence and bring forth the fruits of faith in our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**Old Testament**

**Psalms 40:5, 9-10**

O Lord, my God, You have done great things: marvelous works and your thoughts toward us. There is no one who compares to you! I will try to recite your actions, even though there are too many to number.

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Epistle**

**Acts 4:33**

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and God's grace was powerfully at work in them all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Verse**.....(pg. 156 in Lutheran Service Book)

♪ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Object Lesson

### The Hymn of the Day

#### 476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

(sung to #477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven)

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| 1 | Who are you who walk in sorrow<br>Down Emmaus' barren road,<br>Hearts distraught and hope defeated,<br>Bent beneath grief's crushing load?<br>Nameless mourners, we will join you,<br>We who also mourn our dead;<br>We have stood by graves unyielding,<br>Eaten death's bare, bitter bread. | 2 | Who is this who joins our journey,<br>Walking with us stride by stride?<br>Unknown Stranger, can You fathom<br>Depths of grief for one who died?<br>Then the wonder! When we told You<br>How our dreams to dust have turned,<br>Then You opened wide the Scriptures<br>Till our hearts within us burned. |
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3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened  
In the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor  
Living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey,  
Still surprise us with Your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus;  
On our hearts Your image trace!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship  
As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people  
Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body,  
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*[If you need information to send a card or to call someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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**The Offertory**.....(*sung to #955 in the Lutheran Service Book*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**The Preface**.....(*pg. 160 in Lutheran Service Book*)

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

### **Jesus' Instruction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**The Agnus Dei**.....(*pg. 163 in Lutheran Service Book*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

#### **The Distribution Hymns**

### 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

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| 1 With the Lord begin your task;<br>Jesus will direct it.<br>For His aid and counsel ask;<br>Jesus will perfect it.<br>Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,<br>And when day is ended,<br>In His name then close your eyes;<br>Be to Him commended.               | 3 With your Savior at your side,<br>Foes need not alarm you;<br>In His promises confide,<br>And no ill can harm you.<br>All your trust and hope repose<br>In the mighty Master,<br>Who in wisdom truly knows<br>How to stem disaster.                       |
| 2 Let each day begin with prayer,<br>Praise, and adoration.<br>On the Lord cast ev'ry care;<br>He is your salvation.<br>Morning, evening, and at night<br>Jesus will be near you,<br>Save you from the tempter's might,<br>With His presence cheer you. | 4 If your task be thus begun<br>With the Savior's blessing,<br>Safely then your course will run,<br>Toward the promise pressing.<br>Good will follow ev'rywhere<br>While you here must wander;<br>You at last the joy will share<br>In the mansions yonder. |
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun  
Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Your praise forever.

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### 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

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| 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,<br>Jesus loves to answer prayer;<br>He Himself has bid thee pray,<br>Therefore will not turn away.   | 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,<br>Take possession of my heart;<br>There Thy blood-bought right maintain<br>And without a rival reign. |
| 2 Thou art coming to a King,<br>Large petitions with thee bring;<br>For His grace and pow'r are such<br>None can ever ask too much.    | 5 While I am a pilgrim here,<br>Let Thy love my spirit cheer;<br>As my guide, my guard, my friend,<br>Lead me to my journey's end.    |
| 3 With my burden I begin:<br>Lord, remove this load of sin;<br>Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,<br>Set my conscience free from guilt. | 6 Show me what is mine to do;<br>Ev'ry hour my strength renew.<br>Let me live a life of faith;<br>Let me die Thy people's death.      |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**The Post Communion Canticle**.....(pg. 164 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

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.

♪ **Amen.**

**The Final Hymn**

**475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**

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| <p>1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!<br/>Now is the triumph of our King!<br/>To all the world glad news we bring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Praise we in songs of victory<br/>That love, that life which cannot die,<br/>And sing with hearts uplifted high:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;<br/>Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;<br/>Let all the world rejoice and say:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,<br/>And sing today with one accord<br/>The life laid down, the life restored:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>  |

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**Server Schedule**

	<b>4/7</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>4/21</b>
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Mike	Greg	Edwin
Reader	Karen	Wanda	Pat
PowerPoint	Dan	Gordon	Wanda
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Greg	Edwin	Amy
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Bill	Dan	Erik
Reader	Cole	Rosemary	Kathy
PowerPoint	Vicki	Vicki	Cole
Audio/Visuals	Hayden/Donovan	Mike/Emily	Hayden/Donovan
Counters	John Di/Wayne	Mick/James	Adria/Michelle

Altar flowers this morning are donated by Rowena Borchardt in memory of her husband Dick, and with gratitude for the blessing of family and friends.

**Birthdays this Week**

- 04/07 Matt Falkinburg
- 04/11 James Flerchinger
- 04/11 Michelle Steffen

**Anniversaries this Week**

- 04/12 Jon and Wanda Spacht