

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Peace be with you...
John 20:19-23



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 30

1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. 3O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. 4Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5For 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. 6As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." 7By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. 8To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: 9"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? 10Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!" 11You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

HYMN: WS #730

"Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful"

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, Who searches the heart: Do you truly acknowledge, confess and sorrow over your sins, that by not doing what is good, and by doing what is evil you have grieved and offended your God and Savior by thought, word, and deed, and therefore deserve His eternal condemnation? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes.

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, that He has redeemed all mankind from sin and its temporal and eternal punishment, and that all who believe on His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes

P Do you sincerely desire that for Christ's sake your heavenly Father would put away your sins; and do you intend to strive daily to live in holiness of heart and life, as the Holy Spirit gives you strength? If so, answer: Yes.

C Yes

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of the Word, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! (I Peter 1:3)

HYMN: WS #742 v.1

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

INTROIT

Psalm 145:4–7, 9

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

C One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

P On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Lord Jesus Christ, You came to Your disciples and took away their fear with Your Word of peace. Come to us also and remove our fears with Your comforting assurance that our sins are forgiven, and that you will not leave us alone in the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

G Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 5:12, 17-32 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." 21 And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23

saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25 So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

SCRIPTURE READING – Revelation 1:4-18 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden

band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we 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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C 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.

HYMN: WS #759

"These Are the Facts"

SERMON – John 20:19-23 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were [a]ssembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

EASTER – THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING:

I. _____ for our own hearts!

II. The church's purpose to proclaim "the _____."

III. The _____ to forgive and retain sins.

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☐ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

"Lord, You Love..."

- ☐ ♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

The Order of Holy Communion



P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C **♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!



Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in - One; For
light as to lead the be - gin - ning, Un -
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

HYMN: TLH #773

"Rise, Shine, You People"

✠ Announcements ✠

May 8: Pastor Fossum will be conducting the Orlando service at 8:00 a.m. and the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. He will be returning for the last Sunday in May and the first Sunday in June..

May 15: May 15 will be Promotion Sunday where the school children will be singing during the service and will be promoted to the next grade level.

May 17: Tuesday, May 17 will be the End of the Year Program for the school. The children will be performing some plays. Come and see the talented actors we have at our school. Bring a snack or drink to share. Thank you for supporting our school.

- ✠ **May 1:** Bible Class 9:15am
- ✠ **May 1:** Communion service WH 10:15 am
- ✠ **May 1:** Voters' Meeting
- ✠ **May 8:** Orlando Service 8am WH 10:15am
- ✠ **May 15:** Orlando Service 8am WH 10am Promotion Sunday

Call News: Teacher Graduate, Kendra Rodebaugh, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. + Seminary Graduate, Zachary Sippert, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has accepted the call to teach pre-school part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Pastor Michael Wilke, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran has received the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.

Call Returned: The Holy Spirit has led Pastor Wilke to return the call we extended to him. We pray that the Lord blesses his ministry in Saginaw, MI, as we seek the Lord's guidance in calling another pastor at our voters' meeting today.

Last Week: WH – 23 Orlando – 8 **Total Offering** = \$369.25

General = \$319.25 | **Prop. Imp.** = \$50.00 | **ILC Sch.** = \$50.00

Cleaner (5/7): Naumann | **Acolyte (5/8):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 2-7, '22

Mon Acts 9:1-8 Breathing out seems an understatement for Saul's rant against Jesus people—for he convinced the synod president to authorize persecution of locals who were deserting their synagogues (1-2). Jesus had other plans (3-4). Note: Sometimes a person who has made the awful mistake of dissing Jesus must be knocked down from his high horse before he is able to face the awesome reality of Jesus. [Could be someone we know.]

Tues John 21:1-14 How could it be that the disciples did not recognize Jesus? Perhaps they were distracted with the mundane affair of earning a living—or the Easter angel's message was doing its work to get them back to Lake Galilee—just as Jesus intended (1-4). Here's proof positive that He was not only alive but also fully functional (4-11)--a miracle which produced the spin-off miracle—that they finally recognized Him (11-14). Some good steps.

Wed Revelation 5:11-14 God lets us stand with John and from the sidelines listen-in as the heavenly choir raises the roof with a new (not in the Jewish psalter) chorale which honors Jesus for His self-

sacrifice, making heaven a haven for all humanity (11-13). The four lively creatures represent the four evangelists, and the twenty-four elders represent Old and New Testament Church—that is, all those who worship Jesus, alive forevermore (14).

Thurs Acts 9:9-19 Seeing Jesus in a whole new light was so upsetting that Saul couldn't eat or drink for three days, for he was discovering that Jesus was the fulfillment of all Messianic prophecies. He was also busy praying for forgiveness and the opportunity to serve Jesus in any way he could. Across town, God was setting the stage for Christians to welcome Saul as a brother in Christ. [In times of persecution Christians are wary of newcomers.]

Fri John 21:7-11 What seems like a sidelight was nuclear for Peter, for since he headed the fishing enterprise, John expected Peter to make the call of whether to head for shore (and to Jesus), or to stay where they were (7). Peter didn't puzzle over it but headed for shore as fast as he could—because Jesus was back! What happened next between Lord and servant?

Sat Revelation 5:12 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain . . . Why? Since God alone can cancel humanity's debts, God did it via the Lamb of God's blood. 6:1 Blessing and honor and glory and power be to . . . the Lamb, forever and ever! Jesus, the Lamb of God, deserves these accolades. 7:17 the Lamb ... will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters as the Good Shepherd. 14:4 These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes , for we trust Him to lead us not into temptation but to deliver us from every evil in this world and the next. Hallelujah to Jesus! Amen and Amen!