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**United Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021 with Worship at 10:15 a.m.**

~ Gathering ~

Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here
and we welcome all to live, learn, and share the love of Jesus Christ!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand
as you are able.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

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 the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. 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. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ELW Hymn #369



1	Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	For the sheep the	Lamb has bled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Christ, the vic - tim	un - de - filed,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	Chris - tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten	on your way;	Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the	sin - ner's stead.	Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners	rec - on - ciled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful	hom - age pay;	Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with	love re - plete,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing	death and life,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal	vic - tim's feet.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and	awe - some strife.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! [sing 2X]

from Earthsongs

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: 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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

Worship Team

~ Word ~

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

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."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day:
The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

First Reading:
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 is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

PSALM

Psalms 4

¹Answer 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.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"**

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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.

P : Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:
God has loved 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.

*Please stand
as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from Unfailing Light

Alleluia Refrain: Congregation - Verse: Leader - Alleluia Refrain: Congregation



GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here Is Bread

ELW Hymn #483

Hymn of the Day:

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

APOSTLES' CREED*

ELW Page #126

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.**

Creed:

We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed.

These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung before and after prayers *Hear Our Prayer* from ELW Hymn #178

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,
 hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

P: ...Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

GREETING OF PEACE

~Meal~

OFFERING

The offering will be received at the doors.

OFFERING SONG

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW Hymn #364

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line on the final staff.

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

The Words of Institution

Jesus' words (from the Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-28) used with the bread and wine, makes this sacrament a 'means of grace' or way that God brings His love and forgiveness to us.

STEP ONE:

Open bottom seal. Take and eat.



STEP TWO:

Open top seal. Take and drink.



Each worshipper will be given a small chalice as they enter the sanctuary. Each chalice holds both a serving of bread and wine. Worshippers will not come forward for communion, but take the bread and wine from their place in the pews. Chalices with grape juice and gluten free bread will be available.

The Lamb of God

This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

from ELW Page #206

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

from ELW page #207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

from ELW page #208

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

~ Sending ~

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW Hymn #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Leaders

Pr. Karla Coen-Tuff
Pr. Peter Coen-Tuff

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Special Thanks

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Radio Broadcast

Aired live at 10:15am on
1310AM KNOX Radio.

The Week Ahead at United Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH

- 9:00am - Sunday School
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook LIVE)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH

- 10:00am - Staff Meeting (LG)
- 6:30pm - Outreach and Wellness Ministry Meeting (FH)
- 7:00pm - Spiritual Formation Ministry Meeting (FH)
- 8:00pm - ULC Council Meeting (LG)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST

- 6:15pm - Worship (SA/Facebook LIVE)
- 7:00pm - 9th Grade Confirmation (CR), 6th-8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends (LG)
- 7:00pm - 10th Grade Confirmation Practice and Faith Statements (SA)
- 8:00pm - High School Youth (YR)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND

- 7:00pm - Community Connection/Paint Your Heart Out (FH)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD - OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:00am - Sunday School
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion/Rite of Confirmation (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)
- 11:30am - Budget Forum (FH)

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

10th Grade Confirmands will share their Faith Statements with their family and faith mentors on Wednesday, April 21st. Sunday, April 25th we will celebrate the Confirmation of our 10th Graders during the 10:15am worship. We hope you will join us as we celebrate this milestone.

A Budget Forum will be held next Sunday, April 25th in the fellowship hall following worship. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, May 2nd in the Sanctuary following worship.

Alleluia Offering for the Season of Easter: This Easter season, as a way of giving thanks and praise to God, we are receiving a special Alleluia Offering. An Alleluia Offering is an offering given in addition to our usual Sunday offering as a way of reflecting our joy in the new life given to us in Jesus' resurrection. Give an additional offering this Easter season! Perhaps you will give again your usual Sunday or monthly offering or some other amount that is reflective of you and your family. Whatever you choose will be an Alleluia of thanks! There will be special envelopes for your Alleluia Offering at the church during this Easter season, or just send in your check designated to Alleluia Offering.



United Lutheran invites you to...

PAINT YOUR HEART OUT

Thursday, April 22, 2021
from 7-8:30pm
United Lutheran Fellowship Hall
\$15/participant

PAINT YOUR HEART OUT

Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 7-8:30pm
ULC Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$15/participant. If that is a hardship, contribute what you can. Space is limited to 20 people. All supplies provided.

Sign-up by contacting the church office or by going to our website at unitedgfg.org.