

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

\sim Gathering \sim

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM* *Please stand as you are able.

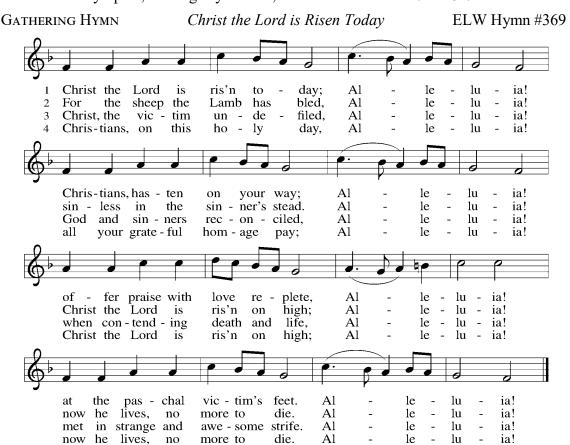
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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.



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!

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

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.

 \sim Word \sim

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, ¹⁵ and 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.

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 Psalm 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

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.

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING

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.

Everyone 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. Little 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Molly Haagenson

1 John 3:1-7

*Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

from Unfailing Light

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



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

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospel:

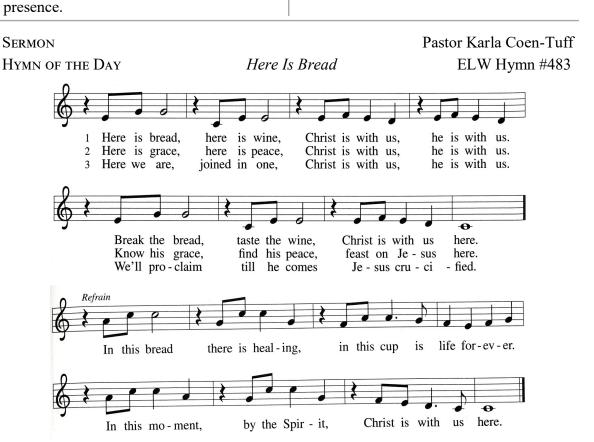
In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

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

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.

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



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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung before and after prayers

Hear Our Prayer

from ELW Hymn #178

ELW Hymn #364

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.

GREETING OF PEACE

~ Meal ~

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

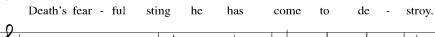
OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

The offering will be received at the doors.

Christ has a ris en, al le _ lu ia. Re - joice him. and praise al le lu ia. For deem tomb. our re er burst from the from death, dis pel ling its gloom. ven







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

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".

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

from ELW Page #206

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

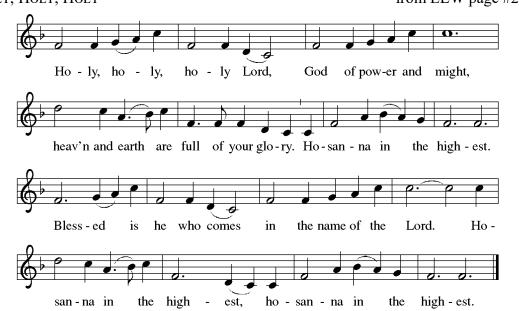
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

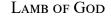
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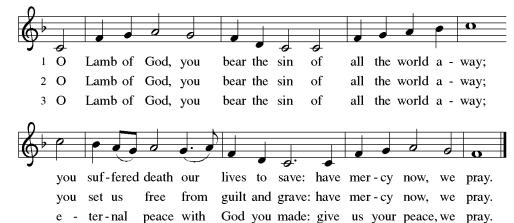
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



from ELW page #208



Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the

will.

assembly as we go out into the world doing God's

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.

\sim Sending \sim

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!

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW Hymn #379



Postlude

Worship Service Leaders

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

Director of Youth and Family Ministry Molly Haagenson

Worship Accompanist Gretchen Kindseth

Musicians/Worship Team

Michael Marcotte Silje Kindseth Devlan Taylor

United in Serving Leader Steve & Kim Keller

Lector

Kim Strom

Ushers

Pat Grinde Bob Quamme Barbara Quamme Steve Keller Kim Keller

Special Thanks Katie Stauss

Ross Hammer Debbie Dubuque Darren Lee Jayson Helseth

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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NT YOUR HEART

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 unitedgf.org.

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.