

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors. **VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in** with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



SURVEY QUESTION:

If you have not attended the Women's Bible Study yet, what would entice you to attend?

- A. What day works best _____ B. What time works best _____
C. What subject _____ D. other comments _____

TAKING COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. *Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU: If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

GIVING Your: tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Jubilate
April 21, 2024
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Jubilate: This is the third Sunday after Easter; The Bible reference is Psalm 66: 1-3 The origin is from Church Worship in Middle Ages. The Introit is: Sing joyfully to God all the earth.

Prelude

Welcome, Connection Card, and Announcements

Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b)

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
(1John 1:8-9)

Kneel if you are able.
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

C 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.

P Now that you have confessed your sins, I proclaim God's grace to you. In the place of our Lord Jesus Christ and by his command to me, a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23].

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9

D Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

C Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."

D Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

C Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

D who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

**All Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

(Mark 10:47)

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D In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

D 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



This Is the Feast

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

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are His. **Refrain**
3. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
5. For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

D The Lord be with you.



D Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; ³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

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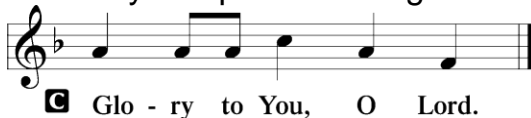


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16-22

D The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one

another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
 Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

“The Steadfast Love”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
 His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning,
 new every morning.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord!
 Great is Thy faithfulness.

(repeat)

Prayer of the Church

D Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
 people according to their needs.

D Heavenly Father, knit Your people young and old into one Church.
 Enrich our wisdom and strengthen our steps toward Your heavenly
 kingdom, where we will know as we are known and fully receive
 Your saving power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Lord of all, You have appointed the authorities of this world for our good. Direct their hearts and minds to rule according to Your will. Give us faith in Your heavenly authority, which will not permit the righteous to be moved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Father in heaven, You promise strength in place of weakness and endurance to those who wait on You. Heal the ills of all Your servants, [especially _____,] and bring us past all sorrow to Your heavenly glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Give joy in the midst of sorrow here at the Sacrament of the Altar. Grant us repentance, a firm faith and a united confession, that we may have honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament. With consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in You, enable us to stand undaunted until the day of visitation. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

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☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1Corinthians 11:26)

C Amen.

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Agnus Dei

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn “Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living” LSB 479

- 1 Christ is risen, Christ is living,
 Dry your tears, be unafraid!
 Death and darkness could not hold Him,
 Nor the tomb in which He lay.
 Do not look among the dead for
 One who lives forevermore;
 Tell the world that Christ is risen,
 Make it known He goes before.

- 2 If the Lord had never risen,
 We’d have nothing to believe.
 But His promise can be trusted:
 “You will live, because I live.”
 As we share the death of Adam,
 So in Christ we live again;
 Death has lost its sting and terror,
 Christ the Lord has come to reign.

3 Death has lost its old dominion,
 Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living,
 Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God, who causes
 Hope to spring up from the ground;
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
 Life eternal, life profound.

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Distribution Hymn “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart
 With gift of finest wheat.
 Come give to us, O saving Lord,
 The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
 They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam’ly, Lord,
 We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

2 With joyful lips we sing to You
 Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
 To share this heav’nly food. **Refrain**

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
 The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
 Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. **Refrain**

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Please stand if you are able.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.



Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.



Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross"

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Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
 Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
 The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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