

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
*Welcomes You!*



"Did not our **hearts**  
**burn within us** ...  
while **he opened** to us  
the **Scriptures**?"

**Luke 24:32, ESV**

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**@ 7PM**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**@ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127**

**Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM**

**Thursday Evening Service at 7PM**

**Christian Day School: PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# THIRD SUNDAY

## *of Easter*

### As We Gather

For God, speaking is creating. When we say that God's word is sacred, we mean that God's word is full of God's presence. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus became present through his word, and it was that presence that transformed sadness to joy and mourning to dancing. This is what happens in every Eucharist. The word that is read and spoken wants to lead us into God's presence and transform our hearts and minds. Often we think about the word as an exhortation to go out and change our lives. But the full power of the word lies, not in how we apply it to our lives after we have heard it, but in its transforming power that does its divine work as we listen.

(Henri J. M. Nouwen, With Burning Hearts – A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life, )

### “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ..... Hymn 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain      Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day:      Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright      With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a-mong His own      Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry      To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el      In - to joy from sad - ness,  
And from three days' sleep in death      As a sun has ris - en;  
With the roy - al feast of feasts      Comes its joy to ren - der;  
His deep peace, which ev - er - more      Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars      Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke      Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
All the win - ter of our sins,      Long and dark, is fly - ing  
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts      Which with true af - fec - tion  
Nei - ther could the gates of death      Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain      Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot      Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From His light, to whom is giv'n      Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain      Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal      Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el      In - to joy from sad - ness!

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

## Invocation

*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; [18:20]*

**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.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*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** 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit



**P** Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

**C** **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,\***  
**running down on the collar | of his robes!**

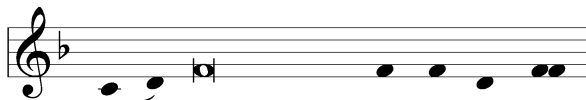
**P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\*  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

*Ps. 133; antiphon: Ps. 133:1*

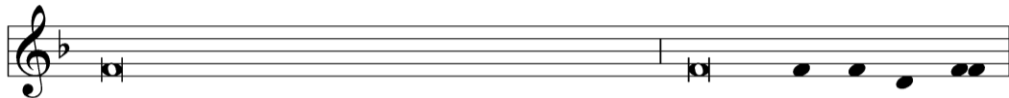
## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



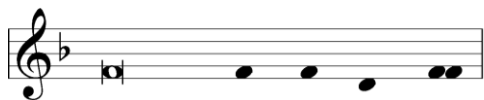
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



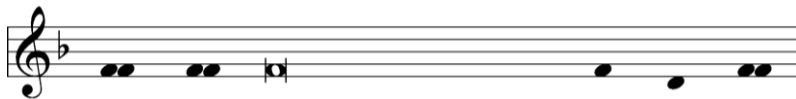
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.




**C** A - men.

## "This is the Feast"

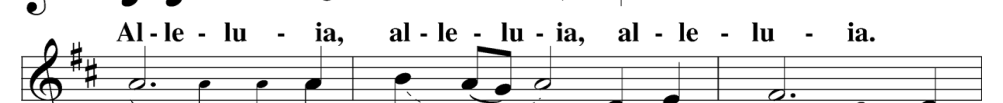
*Refrain*



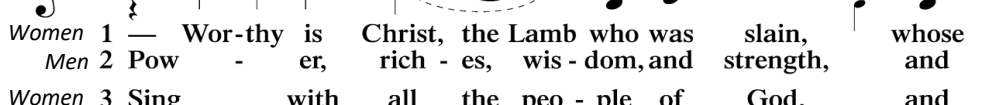
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Women 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
Men 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
Women 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
Men 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.  
Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,  
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Reading from the Book of Concord

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans.*

*Luther's Small Catechism,*

*The Apostles' Creed, Explanation of the Second Article*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### First Lesson

**Acts 2:14a, 36–41**

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

## Epistle Lesson

## 1 Peter 1:17–25

<sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**C** Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

*Rom. 6:9; Luke 24:32*

*Stand*

## Alleluia



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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**“With High Delight Let Us Unite”** ..... Hymn 483

1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord

ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed

Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His

free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set

ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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**Sermon**  
**“His Presence Remains”**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

*Stand*

## 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.**

*(You may be seated if necessary.)*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

### Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.  
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory

“What Shall I Render”

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 24 measures. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'What' (m1), 'shall' (m2), 'I' (m3), 'ren-' (m4), 'der' (m5), 'to' (m6), 'the' (m7), 'Lord' (m8), 'for' (m9), 'all' (m10), 'His' (m11), 'ben-' (m12), 'e-' (m13), 'fits' (m14), 'to' (m15), 'me?' (m16), 'I' (m17), 'will' (m18), 'of -' (m19), 'fer' (m20), 'the' (m21), 'sac-' (m22), 'ri-' (m23), 'fice' (m24), 'of' (m25), 'thanks-' (m26), 'giv -' (m27), 'ing' (m28), 'and' (m29), 'will' (m30), 'call' (m31), 'on' (m32), 'the' (m33), 'name' (m34), 'of' (m35), 'the' (m36), 'Lord.' (m37), 'I' (m38), 'will' (m39), 'take' (m40), 'the' (m41), 'cup' (m42), 'of' (m43), 'sal-' (m44), 'va -' (m45), 'tion' (m46), 'and' (m47), 'will' (m48), 'call' (m49), 'on' (m50), 'the' (m51), 'name' (m52), 'of' (m53), 'the' (m54), 'Lord.' (m55), 'I' (m56), 'will' (m57), 'pay' (m58), 'my' (m59), 'vows' (m60), 'to' (m61), 'the' (m62), 'Lord' (m63), 'now' (m64), 'in' (m65), 'the' (m66), 'pres-' (m67), 'ence' (m68), 'of' (m69), 'all' (m70), 'His' (m71), 'peo-' (m72), 'ple,' (m73), 'in' (m74), 'the' (m75), 'courts' (m76), 'of' (m77), 'the' (m78), 'Lord's' (m79), 'house,' (m80), 'in' (m81), 'the' (m82), 'midst' (m83), 'of' (m84), 'you,' (m85), 'O' (m86), 'Je -' (m87), 'ru -' (m88), 'sa-' (m89), 'lem.' (m90).

## Service of the Sacrament

*(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 18.)*

Stand

### Preface

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

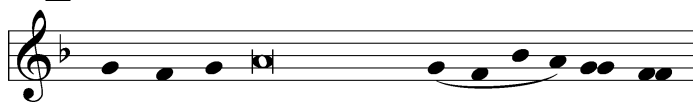
The musical score for the Preface is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 12 measures. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'The' (m1), 'Lord' (m2), 'be' (m3), 'with' (m4), 'you.' (m5), 'And' (m6), 'al -' (m7), 'so' (m8), 'with' (m9), 'you.' (m10).



**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 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 saying:

## Sanctus



**C** 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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.

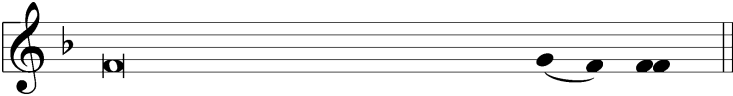
## Lord's Prayer

- 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

- 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."

Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



**C** 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.

Sit

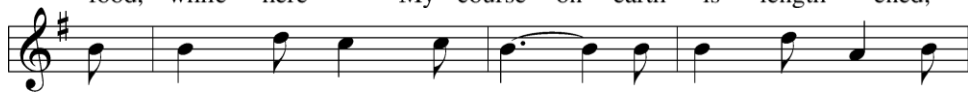
# "O Living Bread from Heaven"..... Hymn 642



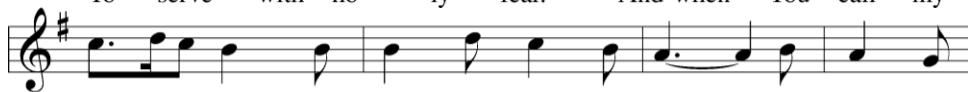
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



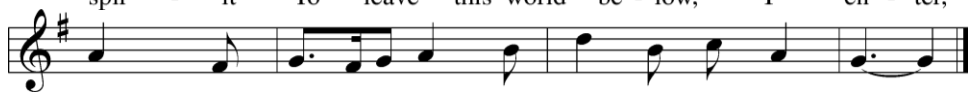
feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

## Thank the Lord



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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.

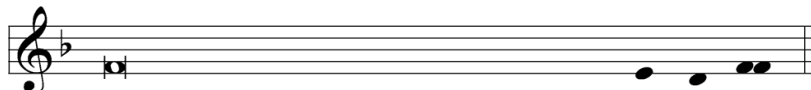
## Post-Communion Collect

**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.

**C** Amen

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

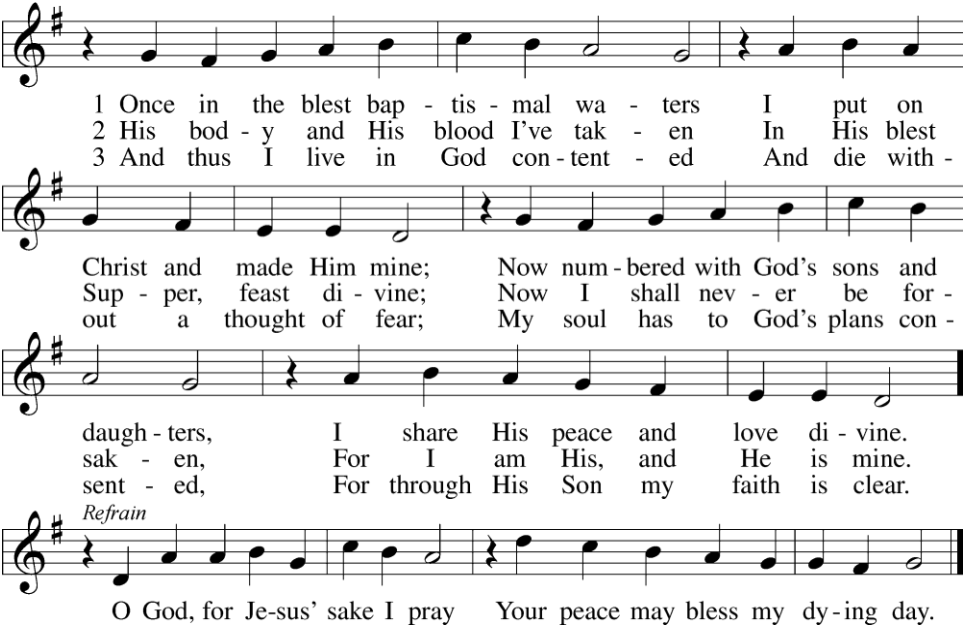
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters” .....Hymn 598



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -  
Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -  
daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.  
*Refrain*  
O God, for Je-sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST .....	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST .....	Mark Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday) .....	Mary Spaulding
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) .....	Rich Wandel
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM) .....	Mike Jackemeyer, Neil Webb
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (10:45AM) .....	Glenn Scowcroft
ALTAR GUILD .....	Terry Steffens, Celeste Grau
USHERS (8AM) .....	Steve Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Chuck Dinges
USHERS (10:45AM) .....	Tom Drews – Co-Captain, Tim Drews – Co-Captain, Bob Wolfanger

**1 Peter 1:18-19** – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

**THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY** is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.



Don't forget your

*Easter Lily!*

# Prayers

## Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Scheffler	Barbara Maul	Don Jeschke	Joseph Klupp
Alli Wallace	Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Ken Vieregge
Allee Bauer	Bob Dixon	Ferry Rantz	Lee Yeske
Amanda Clark	Carol Bonczkowski	Jamison Kabelman	Miro Virsik
Amee Mantei	Connie Schwanger	Jan Kalinas	Nancy Duke
Andrea Nystuen	Dave Knuth	Jenny & Charlotte Hunt	Nathan Gerken
Ava Sandmann	Don "Mick" Yeske	Joan Shembarger	Susan Jackemeyer

## Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

<b>Ann Rausch</b> - <i>mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch</i>	<b>Liam Pugh</b> - <i>grandson of Paula Benner</i>
<b>Brian Bailey</b> - <i>friend of Doris Beezley</i>	<b>Lissa Dehring</b> - <i>niece of Joyce Totzke</i>
<b>Cate Reed</b> - <i>granddaughter of Doris Beezley</i>	<b>Lynn Beezley</b> - <i>daughter-in-law of Doris Beezley</i>
<b>Chris Watson</b> - <i>son of Tom Watson</i>	<b>Mia Ranka</b> - <i>friend of Brittany Cochran</i>
<b>Gary Wright</b> - <i>the brother of Carol Matheny</i>	<b>Nancy Gerald</b> - <i>daughter of Jerry &amp; Wilma Malinasky</i>
<b>Jenna Veine</b> - <i>granddaughter of Mary Spaulding</i>	<b>Rev. Rodney Morrison, Jr.</b> - <i>former vicar of Christ Lutheran</i>
<b>Joe Lhotka</b> - <i>Judy Jackemeyer's grandson</i>	<b>Richard Stelter</b> - <i>cousin to Doris Beezley</i>
<b>Karol Syring</b> - <i>daughter of Ken Vieregge</i>	<b>Robert White</b> - <i>father of David White</i>
<b>Kay Sovine</b> - <i>sister of Chris Alles</i>	<b>Ron Szweda</b> - <i>brother of Kathryn Robinson</i>
<b>Ken Gotsch</b> - <i>brother of Laurel Lentz</i>	<b>Sandy Spaulding</b> - <i>daughter-in-law of Mary Spaulding</i>
<b>Kyle Brentana</b> - <i>family friend of Denise McClintock</i>	<b>Sherry Orchard</b> - <i>sister-in-law of Susan Collins</i>
<b>Khyle Bonczkowski</b> - <i>nephew of Ron &amp; Carol Bonczkowski</i>	<b>Tom Loucks</b> - <i>father of Taylor Loucks</i>
<b>Les Lamarre</b> - <i>friend &amp; neighbor of Mary Spaulding</i>	<b>Veronica Wilkinson</b> - <i>mother of Cindy White</i>

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake**, **Luc Whitman** – grandson of Don & Pat Hutter, **James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff.

## Missionaries

The Cima Family in Cambodia and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in Peru.

## PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Dennis & Joan Kern	Kirt & Christine Klug
Michael & Jessica Kinney	Joseph & Irene Klupp
Sibyl Kish	David & Karen Knuth

# Church News!

**THE GLORY OF EASTER REMAINS!** Our risen Lord promises to be with us always. He welcomes all of us who come to worship. Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! If you are visiting, please take time to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to our pastor before you leave. Visitors, please take one of our visitor's bags located on the *welcome* desk.

**FLOWER CHART** – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2023 chart in the commons**. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,  
**in honor of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer's 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.**

*Given by Mike & Susan Jackemeyer.*

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are on **WSJM 106.1 FM on Sunday mornings from 9AM – 10AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting [www.wsjmsports.com](http://www.wsjmsports.com) and clicking on *listen live*.

### **THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.**

*We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:*



J.P. and Aimee, along with their children (Celeste, 16; Bella, 13; and Isaac, 6), have served in southeast Asia for more than 15 years, currently in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. J.P. serves the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC), a growing collection of Lutheran congregations. J.P. travels throughout Cambodia to equip and empower the leaders of the CLC with informal mentorship and formal theological education, that they might boldly announce and

demonstrate the Gospel to the people of Cambodia. Aimee serves as the Mercy Manager for the Asia region. She supports the other personnel serving in this region and works with local church partners to coordinate mercy work. The rest of J.P. and Aimee's time is spent learning Khmer language and whizzing around on motorbikes with their children. J.P. and Aimee are humbled to play a small part in the big mission that God is accomplishing. The scope of His mission is wonderfully global even as its force is as local as a person's heart. Jesus came for all of us and He came for each of us ... even you.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS** - Bible class led by Pastor Quardokus held on **Thursday mornings at 10:00AM**.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - The Midweek Bible study this year will be the Gospel of John as it soars with rich theological insight, enigmatic sayings, and signs and controversies of Jesus as the messiah. Classes are held on **Tuesdays at 7:00PM** and **Wednesdays at 9:30AM**.

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** – Our Grief Workshop is held **Mondays**, from now through June 5<sup>th</sup> from **1PM-3PM** at Christ Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Johnson (269-449-6137 | bjohnson10b@comcast.net) or Becky Russell (269-429-8770 | lbjrusell@gmail.com).

**LUTHERANISM 101** – Would you like to learn more about what Lutherans teach and believe? How Lutherans are similar to other Christians, and yet different? For those who are interested, this would be the class for joining our church. Come to our new Lutheranism 101 class: **Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30, now through May 31st**. All are welcome!

**MOVIE NIGHT** - Join us next **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** for the last two episodes of *Season 1* of **The Chosen** [Episode 7: Ears to Hear & Episode 8: Sustenance]. *Barnstormers Pizza* will provide after the viewing.



**FREE CONCERT** – Organist Nicholas Quardokus will perform at the *Monday Musical Club* program on **Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM** at the *First Congregational Church*, 2100 Niles Avenue in St. Joseph. The program is free and open to the public.

**JOB OPENING** – Trinity Lutheran, St Joseph is seeking a fulltime Early Childhood Center. The education, training and experience are as follows: *Michigan Teaching Certificate* (or individual must be certifiable via the Michigan Department of Education); *Certified Director* according to the *State of Michigan Day Care Licensing* authority; any additional experience in *Early Childhood Education* (preferably in a *leadership role*); *synodically trained* or work to *become synodically trained* by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; knowledge of *Child Care licensing* rules for the State of Michigan; training in *literacy development* and reading instruction (preferred). For a more information, please contact Trinity Lutheran at 269-983-5000.



The Board of Properties is seeking a couple of volunteers to help with cutting the grass. Please contact Ron Vandermeer (269-876-9029) if interested. Thank you!



**CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT**

**Weekly Services**

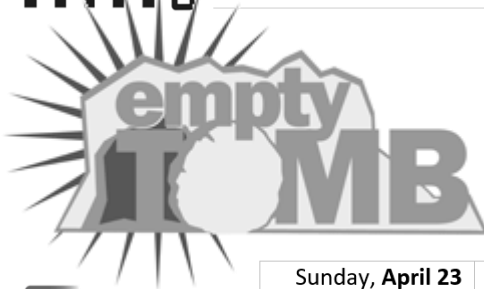
**Attendance**

Thursday 04/13/23	7PM	15
Sunday 04/16/23	8AM	89
<b>Online Attendees:</b>	10:45AM	73

**Total 177**

<i>Tuesday Bible Class</i>	04/11/23	13
<i>Wednesday Bible Class</i>	04/12/23	28

<i>Week of 04/16 total budgeted receipts</i>	<b>\$9,820.00</b>
<i>Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements</i>	\$18,795.00
<i>YTD Contributions</i>	\$750,400.96
<i>YTD Budget</i>	\$789,390.00



*He is*  
**RISEN**



Sunday, April 23	8:00AM <i>9:30am</i> 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>BIBLE CLASS</b> Communion Worship Service
Monday, April 24	<b>1PM-3PM</b>	<b>Grief Workshop</b>
Tuesday, April 25	<i>7pm</i>	<b>BIBLE CLASS</b>
Wed., April 26	<i>9:30am</i> 7PM	<b>BIBLE CLASS</b> Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, April 27	<i>10am</i> 7PM <i>6:30pm</i>	<b>BIBLE CLASS</b> Communion Worship Service <b>CHOIR</b>
Friday, April 28		
Saturday, April 29	3PM 	<b>THE CHOSEN</b>
Sunday, April 30	8:00AM <i>9:30am</i> 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>BIBLE CLASS</b> Communion Worship Service



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