

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" CW #439

THE PARTICIPANTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers that adorn the altar today were given by Nancy Camrud in thanksgiving to the Lord for her daughter Christine Schlittenhart's successful bone marrow transplant and rapid recovery.

The second joint meeting between Hope and First Lutheran will be held this Saturday, April 24, at First Lutheran from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

This morning's worship service will include a children's message for Miguel and Martha Mata, and any other children who might be visiting this morning. Since children are so very precious to our Lord, and since we do not currently conduct a Sunday school for children, we felt it important to do something that impresses on them that they too are a part of our worship life. It also conveys the message that we are a family-oriented church. This will take just a few short minutes during which the children present will come to the front. The children's message will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month.



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Third Sunday of Easter
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- To practice **social distancing**, you may sit where sheets of paper are positioned in each row.
- **First-time visitors**—please fill out the yellow card in the seat in front of you and return this card to the offering plate or the pastor.
- You can follow the **order of service** printed out in the **bulletin**.
- **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal in front of you.
- A printed copy of today's **sermon** is located on the table in the narthex.
- Please reserve the back pews for parents with **small children**. If you have a fussy child, feel free to use the parents' room in the back of the sanctuary.

Easter Acclamation (Revelation 14)

M: This is the day the Lord has made;
C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God almighty.
C: **Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**

M: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
C: **For you alone are holy.**

M: All nations will come and worship before you.
C: **For your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Opening Hymn: "He's Risen, He's Risen" CW #143

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the empty tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: **Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: **He has become my salvation.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

M: This is the gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn Of The Day: "This Is the Threefold Truth" CW #406

SERMON:.....1 Corinthians 15:1-34

The Resurrection as a Historical Fact

Offering

Prayer of the Church and the 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**

Gospel Lesson: The Lord appears to two confused disciples..... Luke 24:13-34

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

This Joyful Eastertide:CW #160:1

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
Has sprung to life this mor - row.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day
pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But
now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Prayer Of The Day:

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Peter boldly preaches the resurrection.....Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

Children’s Message

Second Lesson: We live here as strangers who are focused on going home.
1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Verse Of The Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!