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3rd Sunday of Easter

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O almighty God, use us as instruments of Your holy Word, and let the light of Jesus our risen Savior shine to all the ends of the earth. Ever keep Christ and Him crucified the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. In His name we pray, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 736 (tan supplement): *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

The Invocation *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

I Know that My Redeemer Lives Gloria in Excelsis

1. I know that my Re - deem-er lives! What com-fort
2. He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name; He lives, my

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this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives who
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest as -

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once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sur - ance gives: I know that my Redeem-er lives!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system begins with a measure rest of 6 measures. The third system begins with a measure rest of 1 measure. The score concludes with a double bar line.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to your disciples and took away their fear with your Word of peace. Come to us also and remove our fears with your assurance that our sins are forgiven, and we too will rise from death. We come to you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name--by faith in his name--has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 4 Selected Verses*

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C **You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

P O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

C **How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

P But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

C **The LORD hears when I call to him.**

P Be angry, and do not sin;

C **Ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

P In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

C **For you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

The Epistle Reading: *1 John 3:1-7*

See 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. ² Beloved, 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. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

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!

The Apostle's Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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 341 (red hymnal): *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

The Sermon: Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Only Jesus Provides True Open-mindedness

I. By proclaiming His peace (36)

II. By calming our doubts and fears (37-43)

III. By giving understanding of the Scriptures (44-49)

The Offertory

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 208:1-4,8 (red hymnal): *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

G 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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 732:1,4 (tan supplement): *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Announcements

“If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you’ve found it with us. If you’d like to become a member, we offer a FREE “Information Course” in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible’s teachings. Just ask!

BLESSING BAGS: The concept is pretty simple: we are collecting donations of a variety of non-perishable items that might be useful to a person living on the street (i.e. bottled water, toiletries, nuts, granola, pretzels, dried fruit, etc.). The donation box is located in the fellowship room. These items will be bagged along with a small, Gospel-driven devotion booklet and made available for our members to hand out to persons who might appreciate it. Lord willing, this can be a nice way for our congregation to practically and spiritually help people in need. *Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors Him.*

CLC CALL NEWS: Professor Paul Schaller, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, has announced his retirement from the fulltime public ministry effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. <> Valerie Hammett has accepted the lower grade part time teacher call issued to her by Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. <> Amy Mielke has accepted Messiah's full time 3-4 grade teacher call. <> Jane Murch and Valerie Hammett have returned their music teacher calls. Messiah's voters have now called Lisa Noeldner to this position. <> Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Hts MN, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Mathew Lutheran, Dallas TX, to be its next pastor. He now holds two calls in addition to his present call, having also been called by Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI <> Teacher Andrew Roehl, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> Professor Steven Sippert has accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. <> The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Michaela Winters, to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI.

ARISE AND SHINE (20's & 30's RETREAT) is coming up June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and can make the time, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES AT MT. ZION

Today	11am	Easter Caroling at Sunrise Senior Center in Troy
Sun. 4/22	9am	Bible Class (II Corinthians Part 4)
	10am	Worship Service
Sat. 4/21	3pm	Church Outing: Bowling
Tue. 5/8	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

SERVING TODAY

April Usher: Nathan Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Jim and Adam Lucas

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance April 8: Worship 16, Bible Class 12

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1692.31	Missions Offerings YTD:	\$80
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2452.00	Other Offerings:	\$0
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$11,846.15		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$15,865.06		

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