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REALity

We Have a Meaningful Message to Share

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14/15, 2024

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

Nursery: We encourage families to worship together. If an adult needs to step out of the chapel briefly with a child, the nursery is provided just outside the chapel near the restrooms.

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CURRENT SERIES: RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "...in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Two important words: "in fact." Paul is stressing that the resurrection really happened. Easter is history. Jesus' resurrection is the event that defines reality for us all. If Christ had remained dead, he would be a fraud and failure. But Christ has in fact been raised! So, the reality: Jesus is who he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. Also his words and promises for us are sure, anchored to the reality of his resurrection. So the reality of the resurrection changes our future and the way we look at life now.

TODAY: WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

People often grasp at something to say to another person who is experiencing something uncomfortable. Platitudes like *What doesn't kill you makes you stronger*, *Life is a mystery*, or *Good things come to those who wait*, while well-intentioned, often come off as trite. They can actually make a situation worse.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. And this meaningful message is for every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

STAND

OPENING HYMN

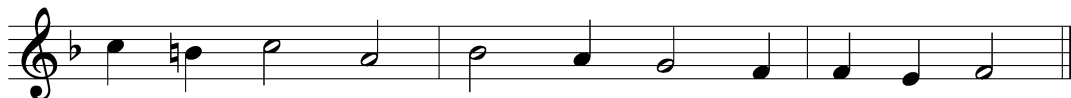
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our hearts in
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; our souls to
 3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
 ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.
 crease our light that we may know your name a - right
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

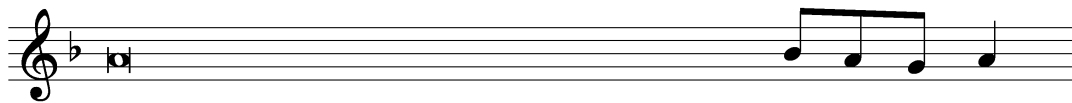
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

The congregation sings the responses in bold print.



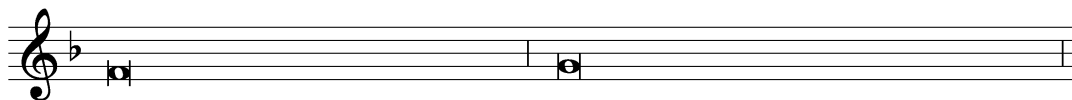
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



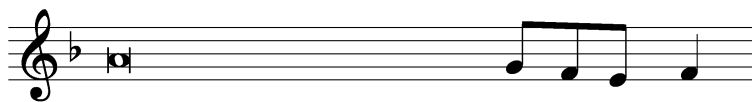
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



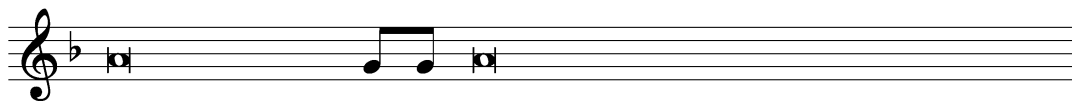
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



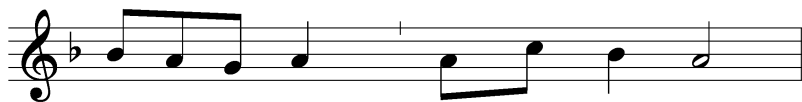
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

In place of "Glory be to God" the congregation sings:

Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed, throned
2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing, who



and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed, death's dread do -
on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, sends forth his



min - ion fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, we are his wit - ness - es.
ser - vants, still in faith con - fess - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Refrain



Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
 praise him in his mighty / heavens.
 Praise him for his acts of / power;
 praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
 praise him with the / harp and lyre,
 praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
 praise him with the / strings and pipe,
 praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
 praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.
 Praise / the LORD.

*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. Refrain*

The first reading appointed for today will be read as part of today's sermon.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:5—2:2

John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and which we share: God is light.

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation is a short song of praise in anticipation of the Gospel. Before we hear the words and works of Jesus, we stand and sing, "Alleluia," the ancient word meaning "Praise the Lord!"

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 24:46,47

The assembly sings the responses in the refrain. The minister sings the verse.

Refrain

The musical notation for the Alleluia refrain consists of two lines of music on a single staff. The first line begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. It is divided into three measures. The first measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The second measure is labeled 'Assembly' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The third measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The second line also begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. It is divided into three measures. The first measure is labeled 'Assembly' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The second measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The third measure is labeled 'Assembly' and contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each measure.

*Verse: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.*

Refrain

*The risen Jesus gives us peace. He also gives us a mission:
to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again¹

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
 5 He who slum - bered in the grave is ex - alt - ed
 6 Now he bids us tell a - broad how the lost may



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
 on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
 now to save; now through Chris - ten - dom it rings
 be re - stored, how the pen - i - tent for - giv'n,



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 that the Lamb is King of kings. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 how we too may en - ter heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah!

¹ This tune, based on a Gregorian chant melody for Easter, can be traced back to about 1100 A.D.

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

OFFERING SONG

Yes, He Lives

*On a hill for sinners, His body broken
A King forsaken as He hung on that cross
The veil in pieces, the temple shaken
They mourned the Saviour but it wasn't for long*

*Oh, He lives, He's risen from the grave
Victorious our Saviour reigns, oh, yes, He reigns
He rose, the stone is rolled away
Forever our Redeemer lives, oh, yes, He lives*

*There in the silence, it wasn't over
Oh, our Redeemer was getting ready to rise
And on that morning they came to find Him
But that tomb was empty 'cause He is alive
But that tomb was empty 'cause He is alive*

*Jesus Christ crucified
Through His death there is life
By the blood of the Lamb
We have been forgiven*

*Our debt has been paid
There is grace upon grace
Only one name that saves
And His name is Jesus*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord our God, you are light!

In you there is no darkness at all.

Forgive our sins. Lead us to walk in your light.

Strengthen our fellowship with one another.

With your holy Word visit those who doubt or do not know you. Enlighten them with your gospel, drive out all doubt and fear,

and give them your blessed peace through our witness.

By your Word and will you created all things. By your power you sustain your creation.

Every year you renew the face of the earth and pour out your many blessings.

Lead us to be good stewards of the world you have given us and to manage its resources wisely.

Just as we have heard your message, give us the words and the love to share your message with others. Open our minds to your truth and open our lips to speak it.

Bless all efforts to share your Word, near and far.

Have mercy on those who are startled, frightened, and troubled by the many changes of life, especially those who are suffering or sick.

Give them the assurance of your love through your Word.

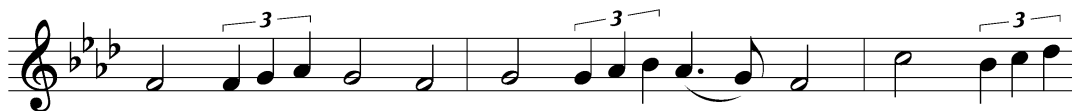
Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

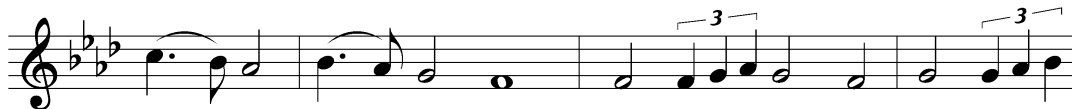
Silent prayer.

O Lord our God, you are light!

In you there is no darkness at all. Amen.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth
 5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy



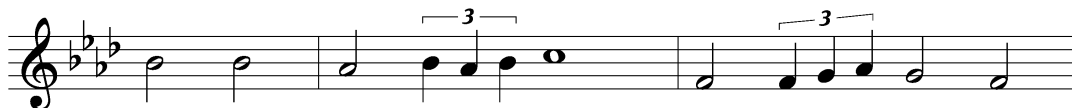
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er
 mer - cy to pro - claim, throats to shout the hope that



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.
 fills us, mouths to speak thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which thou dost send fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

STAND

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story



I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
O won - der - ful re - demp - tion! The price for sin is paid,
The Sav - ior of all peo - ple has brought his peace to you;



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
sal - va - tion is ac - com - plished, my heart is un - a - fraid,
now go and tell the sto - ry, for oth - ers need it too.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
for God has raised Christ Je - sus to show the work was done;
To ev - 'ry land and na - tion ring out the gos - pel call;



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
his glo - rious res - ur - rec - tion de - clared the vic - t'ry won!
pro - claim that Christ is ris - en and grants his peace to all.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

BE SEATED

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