April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Prepare for Worship

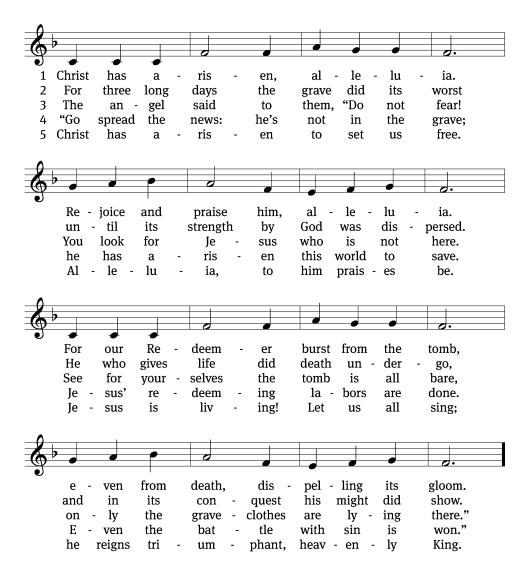
Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.

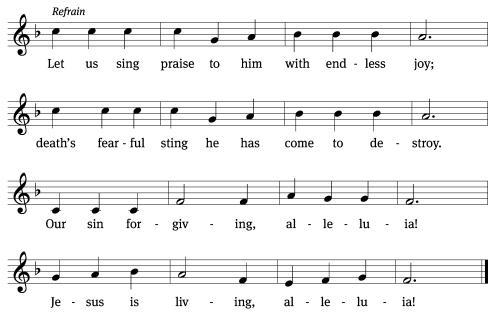
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Hand Bell Choir

Christ is Alive (10:30 am)

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia





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Stand

Invocation

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

Confession CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



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The Word

Salutation

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.**

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 3:11-20 (EHV)

While 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

150B Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

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Second Reading

1 John 1:5—2:2 (EHV)

This 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.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:46,47

Refrain - Congregation

Verse - Soloist



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

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Gospel

Luke 24:36-49 (EHV)

As 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, which 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."

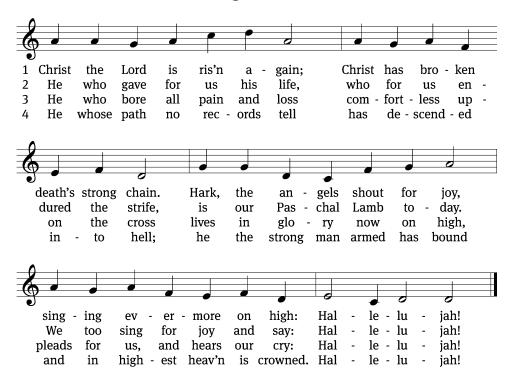
⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You 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

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



- 5 He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!
- 6 Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!

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Sermon We Have a Meaningful Message to Share 1 John 1:5-2:2

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this season for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Be seated

Good News for Kids

Offering

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

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Preface 165

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

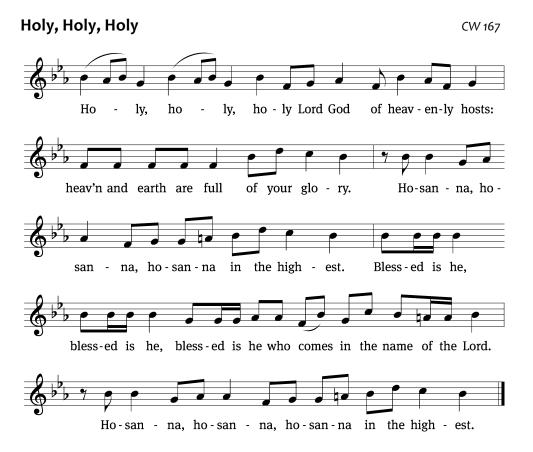


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

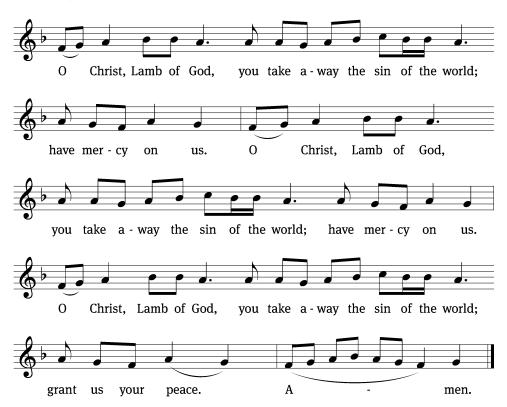
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God

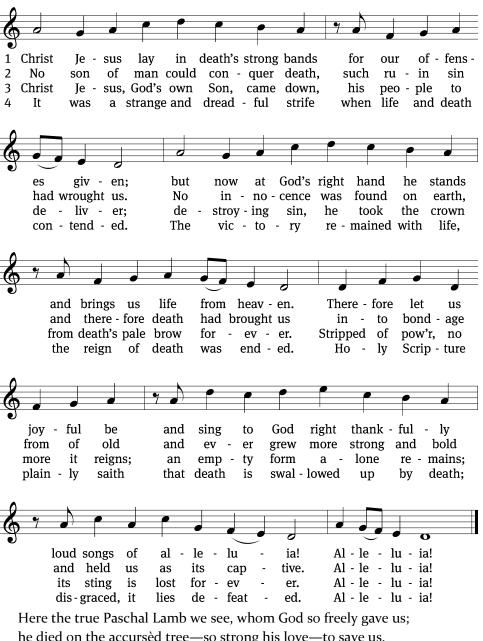
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Be seated

Distribution

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he died on the accursed tree—so strong his love—to save us.

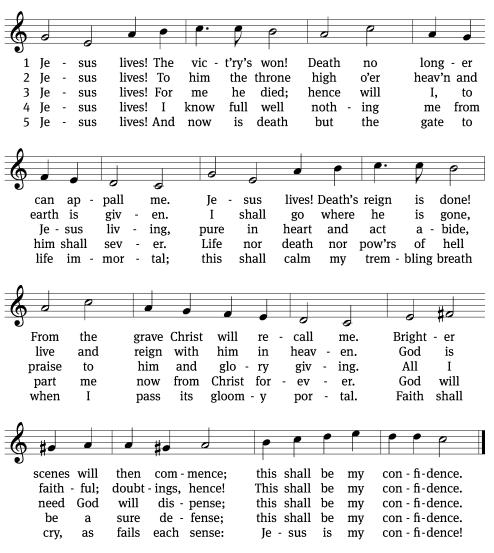
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it;

death passes o'er, and Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

- 6 So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invites us; Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts; the night of sin is ended. Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the bread of heaven; the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink indeed; faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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444 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



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Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

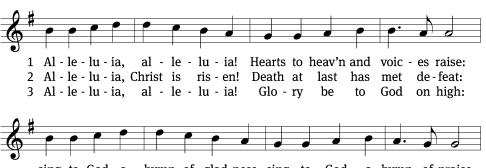
Blessing

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.**

Hand Bell Choir

Christ is Alive (8:00 am)

460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise; see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat; al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—once he died, and once was bur-ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more, al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, whom we wor-ship and a - dore. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins Gary Finch, Pat Oswald, Larry Borchert, Greg Lewis, Makenzie Phippen, and Tom Rea - health

Online Giving

Thank you for your generous and cheerful offerings to the Lord.

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New Member

Jeff Overson was received into membership last Sunday. He transferred from Beautiful Savior in West Des Moines. Welcome to Lincoln Heights!

Celebrating Merle's Birthday Saturday, April 20th, 2-4pm Church Fellowship Hall The Lord has blessed Merle Carter with 97 years of life on earth so far.

Stop by to praise the Lord for his gifts to Merle and wish Merle God's continued blessings.

Open Forum April 21 at 9:15 am

All congregation members are encouraged to attend the open forum meeting. The council updates the congregation on the work of the congregation and the finances. We discuss our mission and ministry as the people of God gathered at Lincoln Heights and the council seeks input from all congregation members.

Giving Reports

First quarter giving reports are in the mailboxes. The switch was made from Shepherd's Staff to Church 360 so the reports look a little different. Contact Paula by email for any questions.

Usher Volunteers Needed

Ushers ensure that the service runs smoothly so worshipers can focus on the Word of God. If you would like to usher, contact Chad Virden at 515-720-5152. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Sign up to Mow

The grass will be growing soon. Sign up to mow and keep our property looking nice. Contact John Hoey at 815-900-0940.

April 2024 Forward in Christ

This month's issue is available on the shelf outside the sanctuary doors or online if you prefer at forwardinchrist.net.

Articles of interest include:

It Happened in a Garden by Jason Strong, page 10

Go to the garden that held Jesus' tomb and be reminded that the beauty in death is that it's not the end.

My Christian Life by Paul Brug on page 18.

Cancer can never win. Christ is Risen! See how a pastor who lost his earthly fight with cancer won the gift of eternal life.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Acts* 20:28-32, 1 John 4:1-6, John 10:11-18

Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS April 14 - 21, 2024

Sunday	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 pm	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Bible Class Worship with Communion Kunama Worship
Monday	5:15 pm	Church Council
Wednesday	5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Catechism and Bible History Evening Prayer Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Women's Fellowship Group GLNA Meeting
Saturday	2:00 pm	Merle's Birthday Party
Sunday	8:00 am 8:45am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 pm	Worship Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Open Forum Worship Kunama Worship

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