

## Bulletin Deadline

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# GIFT of GRACE

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH



"It's time to be prophetic," you said.  
"No more mincing words . . ."



**The Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020**

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# The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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## Announcements

### Sunday, 4/26 The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am Choir Practice-*Not Gathering at this time*  
9:00am Divine Service-*Not Gathering at this time*  
10:45am Adult Class-*Not Gathering at this time*

### Sunday, 5/3 The Fourth of Easter

8:00am Choir Practice  
9:00am Divine Service  
10:45am Adult Class

### Tuesday, 5/5

1:00pm Prayer Gathering

### Wednesday, 5/6

6:30pm Confirmation Class and Adult Class

### Friday, 5/8

6:30am Men’s Breakfast Bible Study

## Welcome to Guests and Visitors!

We are so glad you joined us for worship this morning! If you are not familiar with Lutheran Worship it may help to know that page numbers in the bulletin’s order of worship are found at the bottom of the page in the hymnal, while hymn numbers are found at the top.

## Concerning Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Anyone else wishing to receive a blessing may also come forward during this time. Simply cross your arms over your chest (heart) as the Pastor and Servers come near you and the Pastor will pronounce a blessing over you.

## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

Take full advantage of the prayer resource we send you each week. Do it with someone else as much as possible. Give the daily Psalms and readings a good workout.

### Today's Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister ..... Mike Meunier  
 Reader ..... Connie Meunier  
 Crucifer ..... Jed Roll  
 Acolyte ..... Asher Roll  
 Ushers ..... Tom Kruse  
 Counters ..... Jane Kruse/Nikki Hanson  
 Communion Assistant ..... Leslie Duesenberg  
 Accompanist ..... Tom Rislow  
 Fellowship ..... tba

### May 3, 2020 Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister ..... Naomi Rislow  
 Reader ..... Hannah Scholze  
 Crucifer ..... Alex Uy  
 Acolyte ..... Stella Roll  
 Ushers ..... Jon Uy  
 Counters ..... Tom Rislow/Jarrod Roll  
 Communion Assistant ..... Heather Roll  
 Accompanist ..... Leslie Duesenberg  
 Fellowship ..... tba

### April Attendance And Giving

	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Gen Giving</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>	<u>Building</u>
Apr 03.....0	\$2,305.00	\$2,046.00	\$259.00	\$210.00	
Apr 10.....0	\$3,140.00	\$2,046.00	\$1,094.00	\$600.00	
Apr 17.....0	\$2,515.00	\$2,046.00	\$469.00	\$85.00	
Apr 24.....0					
Running Total.....	\$7,960.00	\$6,138.00	\$1,822.00	\$895.00	
YTD Total.....	<b>\$30,480.55</b>	<b>\$32,736.00</b>	<b>(\$2,255.45)</b>	<b>\$11,600.81</b>	
				<b>\$97,508.26</b>	

He is Lord; He is Lord;  
 He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
 Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.

### First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*The hearers were cut to the heart at Peter's Holy Spirit inspired preaching, and in response to what they should do, Peter instructs them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

The First Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts...

<sup>14a</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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-12 (page 272)

### Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-25

*Now through his Word, God calls us to life and sets us apart to his glory and for the service of our neighbor.*

The Second Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter...

<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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

*Jesus joins two disciples discussing what happened in Jerusalem. He interprets his death and resurrection through the OT before revealing himself in the breaking of the bread.*

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, you ransom and purify your Church with your own precious blood. Grant that the Church should constantly glorify you, live in glad obedience to you, and preach your Gospel to all. We ask this especially for the Protestant Evangelical Churches. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of those who are persecuted on account of you, and rescue them from suffering and sorrow. By their humble trust in you, cause the hearts of their tormentors to be cut to the quick, that they may turn to you and be saved. We especially pray for Didi Panzo and the recovery of his sight. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation with your presence. Cause our hearts to burn within us as we hear your Word. Come to us in the breaking of the bread at your holy Table. And make us eager and tireless in telling our family, friends and neighbors about your love for them, which has triumphed over sin and death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and protect us at this time of worldwide crisis, that we not give in to despair and loss of hope. For those seriously ill with the corona virus we ask for healing. For the most vulnerable we ask for their protection. And for the front-line workers, especially with medical personnel, we ask that you watch over them and help them with their prevention and healing efforts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the suspicions, cruelty, and self-centeredness which afflict this “crooked generation” – the people and leaders of every nation. Teach us reverent obedience to your Father, who judges impartially according to our deeds. Give us strength to help however we can; and make all of us slow to condemn and swift to show mercy. We especially pray for our President, Donald Trump and our Governor, Tony Evers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We plead on behalf of all who suffer in body, mind, heart or spirit. We especially pray for Birger Eklov, Cynthia Granger, Carol Halderson, Janet Sisul, Doris Stanke, Marge Wangen, Phil Webber, and those we now name before you... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Moment of silence for individual petitions and intercessions*

With gratitude and affection, we remember your servants whose death is precious in your sight. Stay with us who still walk the long Emmaus roads of this earthly life, for we, too, are your servants, whom you have redeemed. Lead us, dear Jesus, into your Father’s house. There, with everyone whom you have delivered from death, we will lift your Cup of salvation; eat your Bread of Life; behold you face to face; and adore you in the power of the Spirit forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, Merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**