

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the entry hall's offertory plate when you leave today. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: Come, Risen Lord

- Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**.

C Amen.



FESTIVAL CANTICLE



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM: PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (Read responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

²for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called. ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation

and call on the name | of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,

is the death | of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving and call upon the name | of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

We stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord! (spoken boldly)

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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 took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ! (spoken boldly)

We sit CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Risen Lord

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Text: George W. Briggs, 1875-1959, alt. RDH 2023.

Tune: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900.

Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

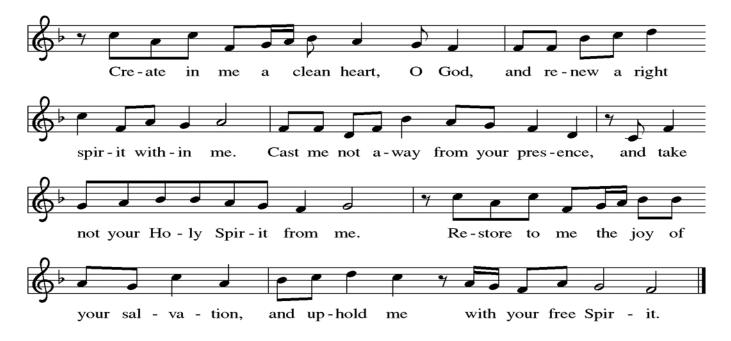
After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God, **C your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

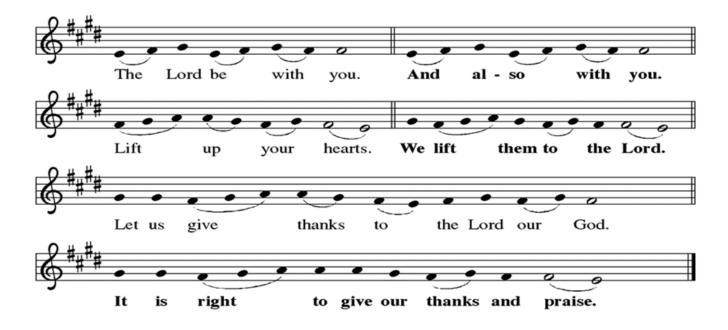
OFFERTORY SONG



PRAYER

- P Let us pray:
- C Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

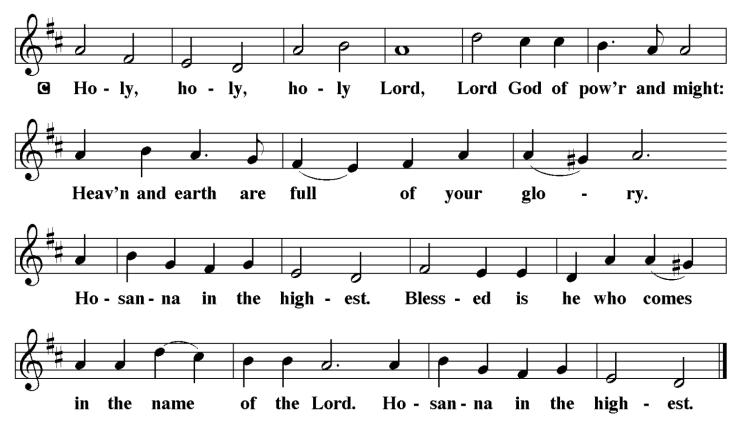
MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



HOLY COMMUNION

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

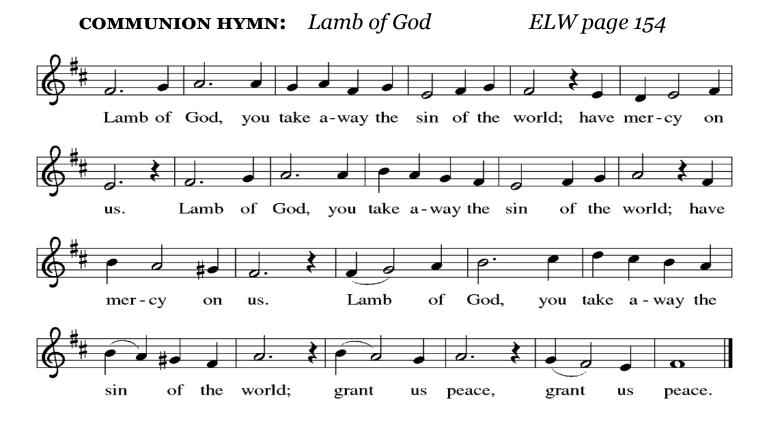
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.



We stand

- L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER

- L Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- L The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Abide, O Dearest Jesus - Hieronymous Florentius Quehl

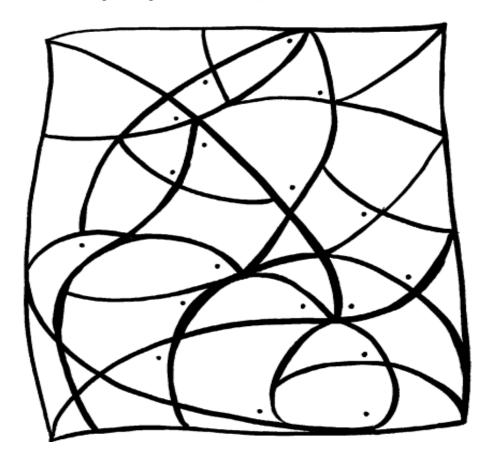




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Welcome to worship.

Today is the third Sunday of Easter. Today you will discover many ways to "see" Jesus.

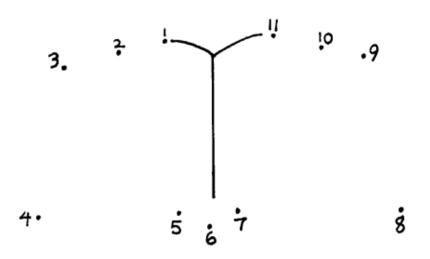


Color the dotted spaces to find a communion symbol. At communion we hear, "Do this to remember me." We say, "Come, Lord Jesus. Amen."

Seeing Jesus

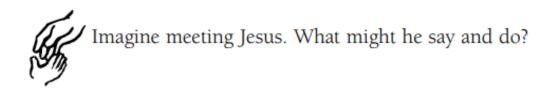
Luke 24:13-35

The disciples were walking on the road to the village of Emmaus (ee-MAY-us) when they met Jesus. They were still sad. They even told Jesus his own story because they did not recognize him. Finally when Jesus blessed the bread and offered it to them, the disciples really saw Jesus! They left quickly to tell others their good news.



We can't see Jesus like the disciples did.

Connect the dots to find one way we "see" Jesus. Listen for the words "The word of the Lord" as this is used today in worship. Then say, "Thanks be to God."



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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: Joyfully proclaim the Word of God
LEARN: Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God
WITNESS: Boldly share the Word of God
SERVE: Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God
SUPPORT: Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God

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