

April 26, 2020 - Third Sunday of Easter

Festival Hymn: # 384 - "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

Verse 1

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!

Verse 2

O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

Verse 3

O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

Verse 4

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Prayer of Day: 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.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Call and response)

L: ¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,"

C: ²for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

L: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

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

L: ¹²How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

C: ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

L: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

C: ¹⁵Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

L: ¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

L: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

C: ¹⁹in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Epistle 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.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 (*Please stand as you are able*) 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,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ 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 took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and 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.²⁴ Some 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.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But 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.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They 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?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn of the Day: #449 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

Verse 1

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!**

Verse 2

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!**

Verse 3

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!**

Verse 4

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!**

The Prayers:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit, especially: Nancy, George, Tom, Dean, Marlene, Lloyd, Brian, Robert, Karl, Finley and Billie and Mark . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the faith forming ministries of this church. For those preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and membership. For those who participate in Sunday school and adult education; guide and inspire learners of every age and ability. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #451 *"We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus"*

Verse 1

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

Verse 2

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

Verse 3

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.**

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April 26, 2020 - Announcements

Worship: Join Pastor Kris on Facebook at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you miss the live feed on Facebook or do not have Facebook you can watch it on our YouTube channel at a later time. A link is on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts and hymn lyrics can be downloaded on St. Luke's website.

Sunday School: The Sunday school children can join Michelle live on our Facebook page at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings for a Bible story and short visual. A link is on St. Luke's website. Children's bulletins can be downloaded on St. Luke's website.

Confirmation Class: Emails have been sent out with all the information on what you are to do from home. The May 3rd Confirmation service is postponed until further notice, as well as confirmation pictures. 8th grade Faith Statements will be posted to St. Luke's website for everyone to read since we are not able to have these read during worship. Email Pastor Kris or the office with any questions or if you are not receiving emails.

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings for a short lesson & devotion. A link or invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

Call Process: The call committee has been formed and they are in the process of calling pastoral candidates to interview. We'll keep you updated as they proceed with the call process.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations! The Zumbrota food shelf has sent their gracious thank you's!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

Thank you's:

St. Luke Christian Care Team, Thank you to all those "Easter Bunnies" who spent time making and dropping off an Easter basket at our home. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness! ~*Jan and Dave Benidt*

St. Luke Church Care Team Committee and Easter Bunny Helpers, Thank you very much for the Easter Basket. It was so nice to be remembered and thoughtful. How lucky we are to be members of such a caring church. Thanks also for the caring phone calls. They are much appreciated. It made our quiet Easter more enjoyable.

~*God bless all of you, Roger and Kay Kurtti*

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Brian Deneen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek and Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.