

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Easter

April 18, 2021

THE GREETING

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
The keeper of the covenant,
The source of steadfast love,
Our rock and our redeemer
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Fountain of living water,
Pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you love.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~The Day of Resurrection~~ELW #361

The day of resurrection!
Earth tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
with the hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
The round world keep high triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes
of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light,
And list'ing to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise
that glad refrain.

All praise to God the Father,
All praise to Christ the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

A reading from Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites,² why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant² Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus² has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ ‘And now, friends,² I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah² would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 4 responsively

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed,² do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!’

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

A reading from 1 John 3:1-7

³¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

OR
During Lent:

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel according *Luke 24:36b-48*

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you

anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah^s is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses^s of these things.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!~~ELW #383

Christ is ris-en! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is ris-en! Hush in wonder;
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding see,
A spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.
eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac-ri-fice.

Christ is ris-en! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is ris-en! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, ev’ry one!

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APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (numbered 186). It consists of four staves of music in a single system, with lyrics written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves complete the hymn with a double bar line at the end.

WORDS OF INSITUATION

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

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

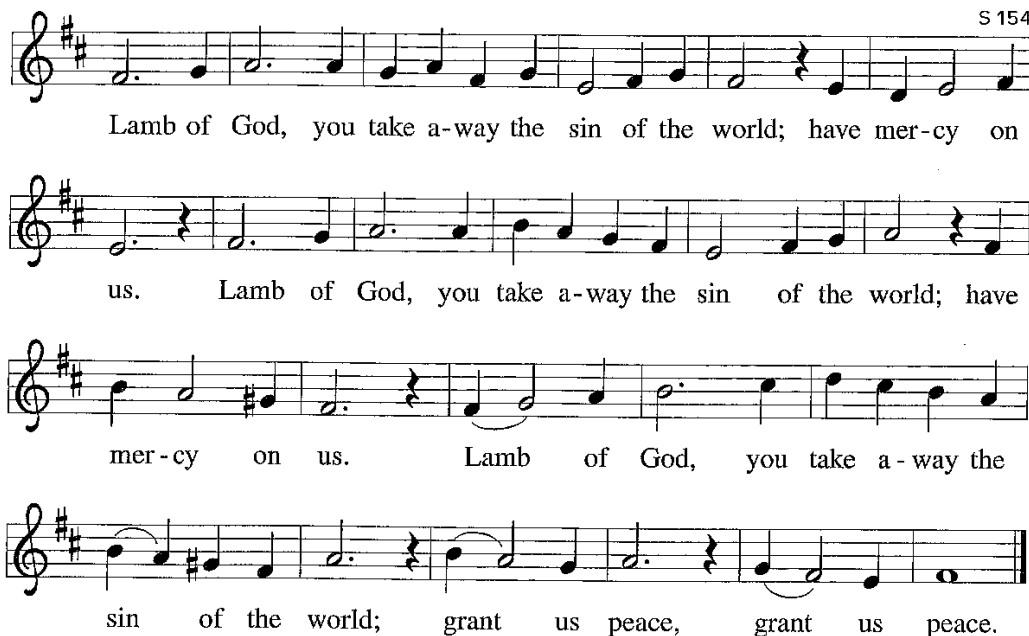
**God of steadfast love,
At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us
new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion, and may begin with:

S 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!~~ELW #389

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is a-live! No longer bound
to dis-tant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
Where color scorn, or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Je-sus, freed for all.

Christ is a-live, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet April 21 at 5:30; please confirmation students get your sermon notes into the pastor.

Next week, we will begin to send around a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer. We have gone through a long year with a few volunteers and now we need to add more volunteers to help with the work of the church. You will notice I have added back in some of those spaces that we need help in. Thank you so very much! We will see you next week. God bless!

For those who signed up to take the CPR class, this will happen on April 24 at the church from 9-11.

Also keep in prayer Fay Coats and Trudy Doolittle as they attend our synod assembly via Zoom on April 24.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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