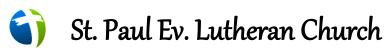


The Third Sunday of Easter April 23, A+D 2023



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# The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

#### 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

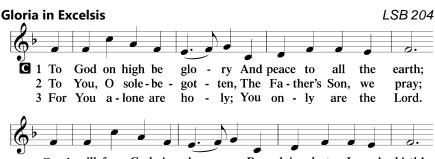
# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

- **P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- when brothers dwell in unity!
- P It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
- running down on the collar of his robes!
- P It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
- For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- when brothers dwell in unity!





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

## **First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A The First Reading for The Third Sunday of Easter is from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>14</sup>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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** 1 Peter 1:17–25

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.

<sup>17</sup>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.

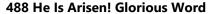
<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

"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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### Stand





Text: Birgitte Katerine Boye, 1742-1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, alt.

Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text and tune: Public domain

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  $\mathbf{P}$ 

#### Glory to You, O Lord. C

<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?" 19And 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." 25And 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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the

dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35

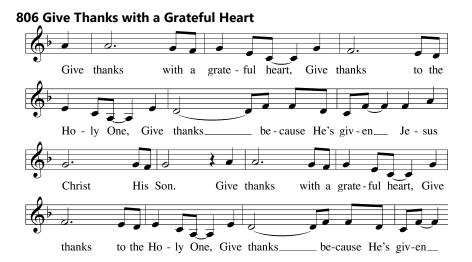
Sermon Title: Jesus Is Insistent About God's Word

#### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

## **Musical Offering**

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# **Prayer of the Church**

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- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

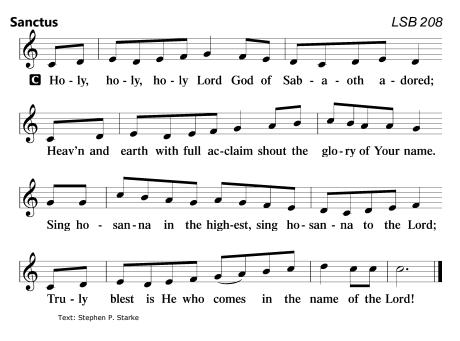
# Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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.

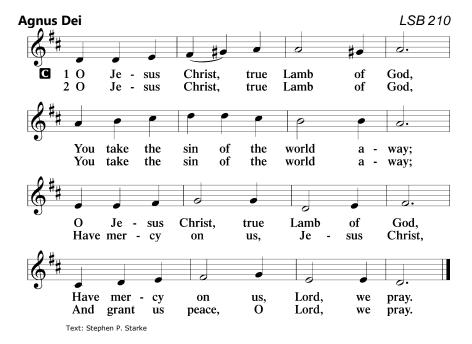
#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +I+ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

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



Sit

# Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

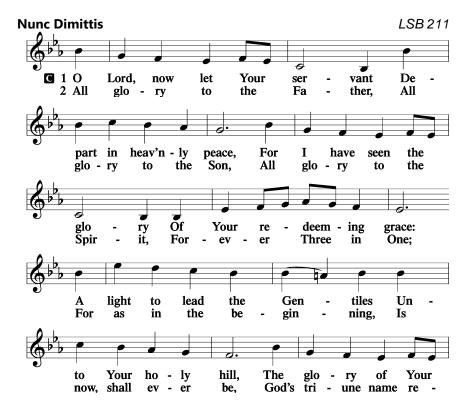
#### 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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#### The Communion Dismissal

#### The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- Amen.

#### 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Silent Prayer

**Announcements** 

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# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

# April 23, 2023

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

# ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Cherlyn Plaia
Betsy Plecas
Matthew Plecas
Nicholas Plecas, Family Mikayla, Cheyenne
Arianna Porter

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Christopher Budde, 4/26

## **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Brian Wiltjer, 4/25

## **SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Hospitalized this past week – Russ Budde at Franciscan Munster, IN.

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

# **NEWS UPDATE**

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Merz a memorial gift has been made to the General Fund by Janet Sanders.

**Thank – You All**, for the recent Free Will donations for LCC Disaster Relief, \$200 was collected and sent.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday May 17, to review *Safe Haven* by Nicholus Sparks. We usually meet at 10am on the third Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

**St. John's Loving Hands Committee** will hold its annual "SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON" on May 17th, Wednesday, at 11:30-1:00 pm in the church basement. Tickets are \$10.00. Working people will be given priority so they can get in and out on time. For tickets call: Susan @ 219 365-8441, Eileen @ 708 370-0947. Tickets can be held at the door for pick-up

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Study 1 John 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Judges and begin studying 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and support KFUO Radio this week during Sharathon! Give online at kfuo.org/sharathon so we can continue to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus in your home and around the globe.

Luke Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord's Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God's Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, 'This is what Jesus says, I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God's family!" Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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CLEOPAS	OPENED	VILLAGE	EMMAUS

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 16th Attendance 27, 19 Communed, 6 Online

Basket	\$105.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Envelopes	875.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
		Church Maint	10.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	980.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$50.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
Short	\$-253.00		



# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee &...

10:30 am Sunday School

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday

Pastor

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee &... 10:30 am Sunday School

**SERVANT SCHEDULE** 

Sun, Apr 23, 8:45 AM Sun, Apr 30, 8:45 AM

Pastor Fluechtling
Agron Schoolburger
Louis Salla

Usher Aaron Schassburger Louis Sella

Lay Reader Norma Allen Nathaniel Macnamara

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