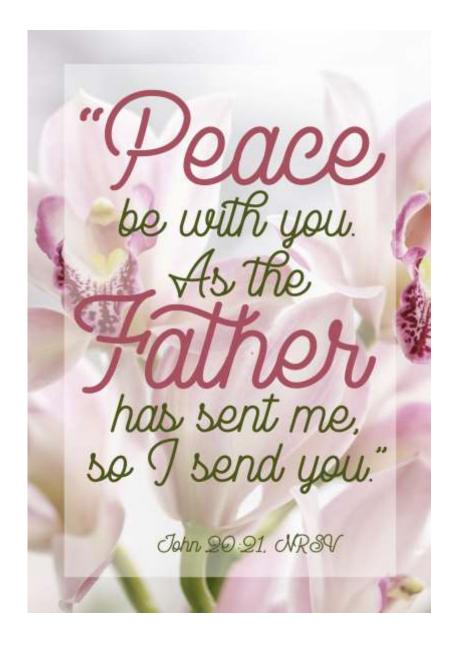
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 7, 2024



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OUR MISSION

"The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith; help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life; and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus'** name."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS - WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We're happy that you've joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.

We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better, trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

We like to know you worshiped with us today. Please sign the Friendship Pad located on the aisle side of the pew and pass it along to others in the pew.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 (v. 1-3)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 148

- P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
- P: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
- C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.
- C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps.
- C: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- C: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!
- P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

All: 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: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35 (Pew Bible pg. 912)

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible pg. 1021)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life---the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest---to us that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the

truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



LSB 190



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible pg. 906)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

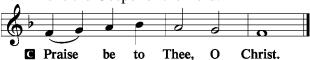
Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve,

but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

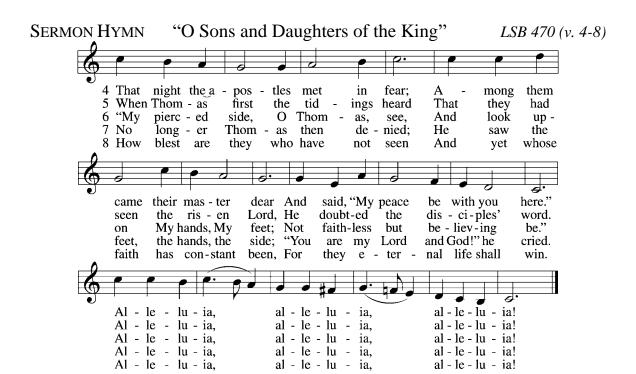


NICENE CREED LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

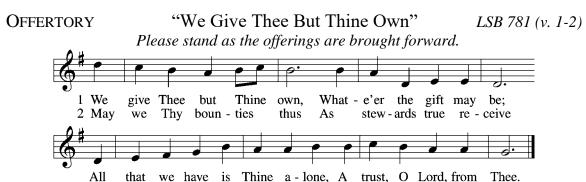


SERMON

"Three Gifts from Our Risen Lord" John 20:19-31

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

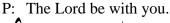
Tithes and offerings are collected in the offering box in the Narthex and brought forward during Offertory. If you have a tithe or offering to share, you may still place it in the offering box following worship.



glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 194





P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

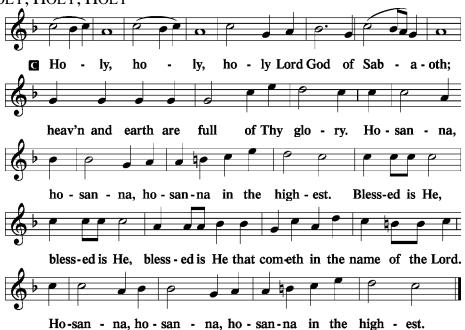


**Meet means fitting, proper

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LSB 195



LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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

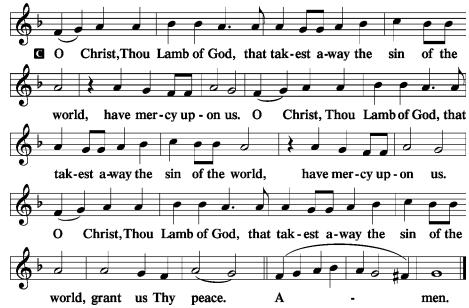
LSB 197

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



LAMB OF GOD LSB 198



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms at the communion rail), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand after the last table of communicants has been dismissed.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Choir Chimes

"Be Thou My Vision" Arranged by Larry Sue

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB 606

"I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"

LSB 468

SONG OF SIMEON LSB 199



THANKSGIVING LSB 200

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P: 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 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.



BENEDICTION LSB 201

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.

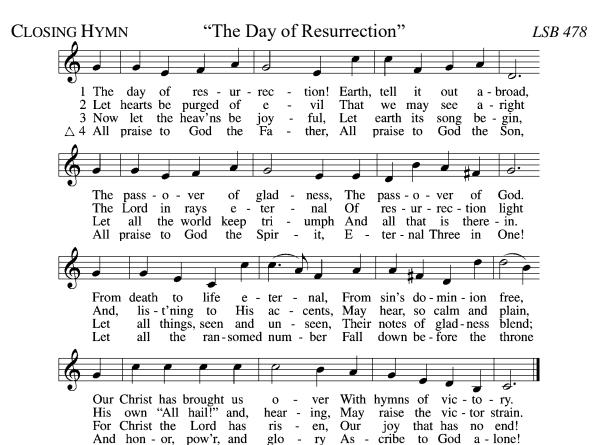


P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.





Serving Us Today

Guest Pastor - Rev. Robert Frank Organist - Nancy Fuemmeler

Elder Jeff Kuenneth (309-533-5844)

Reader John Walther

Ushers Bob McCuen (Lead) and Doris Davenport

Altar Guild Doris Davenport

Choir Chimes Rae Anne Robertson, director

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Cally Robertson and Carson Grey in celebration of Rae Anne Robertson's and Ron Lund's birthdays on April 12th.

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