



Lutheran Church & Christian School



3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

“Stay with us Lord, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” How like our Lord, even in the midst of the Resurrection events, to take a moment, and oblige a couple of disciples who come to enjoy being in the Lord’s presence. Of course, the Emmaus two, at first, don’t know it is Jesus. But again, it is so like our Savior not to keep us in the dark, but to reveal Himself at the most opportune times, and in ways filled with grace, mercy and peace. Let us rejoice to be in His presence this day. As you come to worship, He is glad to oblige and serve you. He is here. Watch, see and take great joy in how He would reveal Himself in His Word and in the breaking of the bread.

PRELUDE

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING (*Words & Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townsend © 2007 Thankyou Music*)

1. Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise;
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice, let ev’ry tongue rejoice;
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice.*

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)
3. Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through ev’ry age: Our God is all in all. (*Chorus & Repeat*)

THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

EASTER GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: “The Word that goes forth from My mouth shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD’S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: That same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. With downcast faces, they discussed among themselves, and with a “stranger,” how they had hoped that Jesus would have been the One to redeem His people. “How slow of heart you are to believe,” He said.

Congregation: Father, forgive us for the times when we, too, are slow of heart to believe all that You have promised; for the times we doubt Your Word; for the times we are so gripped by fear, pain, or our own need that we fail to fear, love and trust You. Forgive us for our neglect for the precious gifts You offer, and the assurances You grant; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: “This promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call”: Your sins are forgiven you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive this promise. Rejoice in His presence! “Through Him You believe ... so your faith and your hope are in God.”

Congregation: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM OF RESPONSE *Psalm 133*

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Congregation: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down the collar or his robes!**

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

Congregation: **For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” *LSB 477*

For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint or hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: O Lord, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of the bread. Through the gift of faith open our eyes to behold Him anew, in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Acts 2:14, 36-41 (The message of the resurrection believed.)*

NOTE: *During the Easter season, the Old Testament readings are replaced with readings from the book of Acts, to recount the ongoing effects of the resurrection in the life of the world.*

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ 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?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:17-25 (*Called to be holy.*)

¹⁷ And 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, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ 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.

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

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING OF THE EASTER GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35 (*Jesus meets the Emmaus disciples.*)

Pastor: The Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ And 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up 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 happened.

²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. ³² 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?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

REFLECTION ON THE CATECHISM 2nd Article of the Creed

Pastor: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. What does this mean?

Congregation: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

SERMON

Notes:

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a world of darkness where many are plagued by shame, abuse, neglect, and hatred. Shine Your light into the dark corners of our hearts that we always walk in fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world of death where threats of war, terrorism, disease, and disasters constantly abound. But You are the God of life. In the midst of all this death, bring the hope and comfort of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, there are many who do not know the joy of Your light and life and many who refuse to believe the power of Your resurrection unless they can see or experience something profound. Lead them to confess alongside the Emmaus disciples, "The Lord is risen, indeed!" Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

At this time we share God's peace with those around us.

OFFERING

For those desiring to leave an offering, an offering plate is located placed in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our mutual ministry. May the Lord multiply your gifts to His gracious purposes.

CHRIST IS RISEN (Words & Music by Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes © 2009 Thankyou Music | spiritandsong.com | SHOUT! Music Publishing)

*Chorus: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death,
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again.
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.*

Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will,
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold You down.
In strength, You reign; forever let Your Church proclaim:

Chorus

*Bridge: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O Church, come stand in the light, the glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O Church, come stand in the light. Our God is not dead; He's alive, He's alive.*

Chorus & Repeat

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: He is risen, indeed!

Pastor: "When He was at table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."

Congregation: Where two or three are gathered in Your name, O Lord, there You are in the midst of them.

Pastor: We rejoice to share in breaking of this bread, O Lord, and in Your promise of forgiveness and life in Your name, even as we unite our hearts and voices with Your whole Church to sing:



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Please see PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

LSB 962

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Come, Risen Lord"

[TUNE: LSB 878]

1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
Nay, let us be Thy guests; the feast is Thine.
Thyself at Thine own board make manifest
In Thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
2. We meet, as in that Upper Room they met.
Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand.
"This is My body" so Thou givest yet;
Faith still receives the cup as from Thy hand.
3. One body we, one body who partake,
One Church united in communion blest,
One name we bear, one bread of life we break,
With all Thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
4. One with each other, Lord, for one in Thee,
Who are one Savior and one living head.
Then open thou our yes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the bread.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Pastor: “And they asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened to the Scriptures?’”

Congregation: **O risen Lord, send us on our way rejoicing. “It is true!” The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: O risen Lord, at Your table we have touched Your body which was crucified for us. It is enough for faith that peace may come. By the strength of this food make us bold to go and do as You inspire. You are Lord forevermore.

Congregation: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Abide , O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919:1-2, 4, 6*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” *LSB 794, St. 1*

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way. Amen! ♪

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,
Congregation: **We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

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Trinity Calendar for April 23—April 30, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Monday		<i>School Vacation, School and offices closed all week</i>
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: <i>"Gospel of John"</i>
	5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study: <i>"Fruits of the Spirit"</i>
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The God's Have Returned"</i>
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship

Birthdays:

- 24 April—Emily Allen
- 24 April—Emily Huston
- 24 April—Paul Worsham
- 25 April—Scott Schneider
- 26 April—Kathy Huston
- 27 April—Joe Clifford
- 27 April—Will Higgins
- 27 April—Soren LaQuerre
- 28 April—Jacob Carroll
- 30 April—Heather Geer

Anniversaries:

- 25 April—Woody & Val Woodward
- 28 April—Maurice & Debi Weidler
- 2 May—Bob & Melanie Whitney
- 5 May—Ted & Wanda Chabott

ATTENDANCE 4-16: 90

Families of the week: *The Stoeckmann, Taylor/Grohoski and Thisner families*



The flowers this morning are given by Linda Vermilyea
for all the blessings from God.



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*A Life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with
our community offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.*

We are happy to announce that we have acquired the entire building (short one office on the first floor) at *100 Washington Street, Keene, NH*, for our programs at the Pregnancy Resource Center. Please join us for our open house on **Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 5p to 7p** to show our expanded location and to share our vision for the future. We look forward to seeing you there.

The annual *Baby Bottle Blessing* is coming up on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023**. There will be bottles available on that morning for you to take, pray over and make your donation to the PRC. This campaign ends, **Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2023**.



We have expended our
Capital Improvement Funds.
We are in need of
replenishing the bucket. We
need the funds to complete

the new Network project. And in light of the continued violence against schools and businesses in the past few months especially, we also **NEED** to make improvements to our Safety and Security Systems. This is a critical need. If you feel led to contribute to the upgrading and continuation of these projects, please place your contributions in one of the small manila envelopes on the Narthex Table labeled "Capital Improvements" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Larry Miller or Miriam Harkey. Thank you for all your prayers, concern and care. You are much appreciated and a vital part to the ongoing Ministry here at Trinity. Thank you so much.



The LWML Convention is in Milwaukee in June. Eileen will be attending and taking all the items that we have made to distribute to the different Ministries. The next 2 LWML work days, May 13 & June 10, 9:00 am, will be in the

Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. Also, remember to bring in your mites.
Thank you.

