Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

The Third Sunday of Easter Drive-In Service April 26, 2020

Thank you for coming to worship with us today! When you came into the parking lot, the ushers should have directed you as to where to park. This is so that we get larger vehicles in the back and smaller vehicles in the front.

Tune your radio to 106.1 FM.

When the service is completed, please wait to be directed as to when to pull out so that we can exit safely. Please drop your offering in the plate held by the ushers as you exit the parking lot.

This service does not include Holy Communion, however, for those who wish to receive the Lord's Supper today, the front doors to the church will be propped open. You may wait in the parking area or you may remain in your vehicle until called. Some may need to move their vehicle in order for others to exit the parking lot. We will have about 10 people at a time come into the church narthex and form a line. Families may stand together, but please keep distance between others.

The pastor will speak the Words of Institution for each group and then one pastor will place the Body of Christ into your hand and the other pastor will hand you an individual cup. The group will be dismissed with the usual words and then please exit the narthex for the next group to enter.

Hymn of Invocation: "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

 With high delight Let us unite
 In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
 Good news to save ev'ry nation.

2 True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing. "And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

Invocation

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Exhortation

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness of our Sin (Declaration of Grace)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy! (Kyrie)

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day (Salutation and Collect)

- \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

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.



First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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?" 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. 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." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading from a New Testament Letter (Epistle):

1 Peter 1:17-25

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

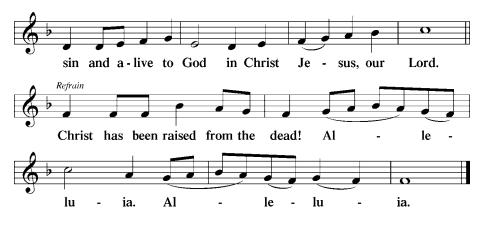
Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 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.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Canticle (Service of Prayer and Preaching)





Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 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. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 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. 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." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 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. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were

opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 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?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 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.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

C 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.

Hymn of the Day: "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

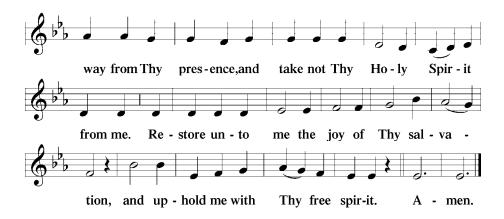
- Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road, Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load? Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead; We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by stride? Unknown Stranger, can You fathom Depths of grief for one who died? Then the wonder! When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned, Then You opened wide the Scriptures Till our hearts within us burned.

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- Who are You? Our hearts are opened In the breaking of the bread— Christ the victim, now the victor Living, risen from the dead!
 Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace!
 Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
- Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?
 Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
 At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;
 At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
- 5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race. Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

Sermon





Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Greeting (Salutation)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Our Blessing (Benedicamus)

- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Blessing (Benediction)

- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shin upon you
 - And be gracious unto you.

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825

- Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

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