

Our Savior Lutheran Church Worship Service April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116: 5-10)

A:5Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: ⁶The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

A:7Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C:8For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. A:9I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

C:¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

GATHERING HYMN – ELW #376 Thine is the Glory – Virtual Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXUsKFecJs

Thanksgiving of Baptism

L: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him in new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Silence for reflection)

We give you thanks O God,

All: for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

L: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, +God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.
- C: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
- A: one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- ¹I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
- ¹²What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
- ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
- ¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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 took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNj52He7-jE&feature=youtu.be

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Cameroon-based One Heart Gospel Acapella Group https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bhn6keszrY8

THE APOSTLES' 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 INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the faith forming ministries of this church. For those preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and membership. For those who participate in Sunday school and adult education; guide and inspire learners of every age and ability. Lord, in your mercy,

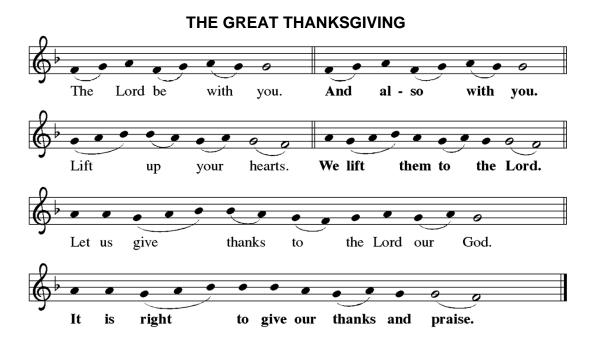
hear our prayer.

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

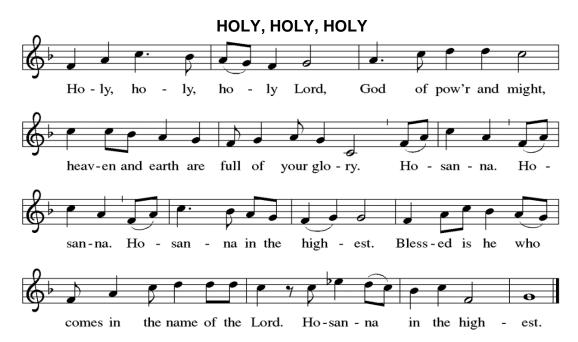
With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



"Proper Preface"

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE MEAL - CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HERE IS BREAD ELW #483

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8



COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFQ 5V 4yec

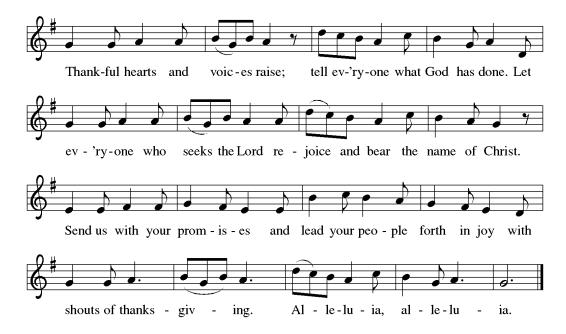
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW #207 "THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE"



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God. You have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us.

C: Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;

A: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you in new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW #379 Now the Green Blade Rises – Choir of Ripon Cathedral, UK https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bwVElxKp-0

DISMISSAL

A: Christ is risen, just as He said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!