

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday in Easter

Welcome

Greeting ~ The joy and peace of God be with you all.

Call to Worship

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

Song – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen¹

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in Sight! [*Refrain*]

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. [*Refrain*]

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! [*Refrain*]

Prayer of the Day

The Readings

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

The Word of the Lord

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Jesus. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see Christ as he is. And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as he is pure. The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when Jesus had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in Christ's name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon

Song: Lord, You Give the Great Commission²

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: [*Refrain*]

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: [*Refrain*]

The Apostles' Creed

Let us Confess our faith in the words of 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 the People: We pray: *Lord in your mercy...* and respond: *Hear our prayer.*
Holy Communion³ (only during zoom)

The Lord be with you. *And also with you*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right to give praise to you, Jesus Christ, God in human form.

You summon forth new life, from the silence of the grave,
and abundant hope, where none was to be found.

Born into obscurity,

flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone he came.

Baptised into solidarity with all who yearn for a better world,

flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone he came.

Identifying the uniqueness in all who were ordinary,
transforming dead tradition into living faith,

flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone he came.

And then denied by those who followed him, crucified by those who feared him,
dead, buried, consigned to hell until heaven required his resurrection
and he arose to redeem all that we had ruined;

flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, him we hallow, whose name is Jesus.

Holy and gracious God present with us now, send in kindness your holy spirit
to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

As we share this food, may that same spirit nourish, cherish and change us
until through the mystery of your grace, we know ourselves to be

flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone and resolve to know and follow Christ forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

L: Now Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us;

C: 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, and 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.

Benediction

Song – Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing⁴

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with us. *C: Thanks be to God.*

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