

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #543 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

GREETING

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

L: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Act 3:11-21

Pew Bible pg. 1142

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

L: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

C: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up on your bed.

L: Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

L: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

C: I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

Pew Bible pg. 1279

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-49

(Before reading) L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(After reading) L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Neal White

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #143 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, **C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

LBW #133 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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The risen Jesus invites us into peace as we touch his scarred body. May we, the body of Christ, share his peace with one another by touching each other's lives with love.

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dorothy Buntен Carla Adkins (friend/Joyce Williamson)
Family of Robert Flessner Family of Rena Shebesta
Family of Courtney Schoolcraft

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey
Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser
Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Bob & Sue Selby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Michael Markarian	Joyce Williamson		

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	LouAnn Baugher
Mildred Flessner	Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis		

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sondra Sipes, Midge Seim

Liam Kaiser, Ella Schluter

Sue Coffin, Lois Madden

Leah Graves, Olivia Graves

Sean O'Donnell

Justin Kaiser

Midge Seim

Stan Wolken, Leon & Cheryl Freese

WELCOME TO WORSHIP in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY With a jam-packed life, what's missing is space - space for God to speak, room for you to hear. It's time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Join the women's Bible study group for a five-week study, starting today, and discover Sabbath margin - the boundary God enables us to put around things we enjoy. Praying that you can attend - blessings to you all.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed this Friday, April 19th, in the afternoon.

CARD SHOWER Please help us celebrate with a card shower Joyce Higgins' 89th Birthday on April 16th. Cards may be sent to: Joyce Higgins, 533 Garden St., Rantoul, IL 61866.

GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT will be held on Thursday, May 30th, and Friday, May 31st, at the Sacré Coeur Retreat Center in Magnolia, IL. This retreat is for all GRMD congregants and pastors. Please plan to arrive Thursday after lunch. Departure will be after lunch on Friday. Pastor Brad Hales is going to be the keynote speaker. Pastor Brad is the church planting and senior ministry director for the NALC. He is infectious with his love for God and the Church. The cost to attend is \$175 per person which covers your room and three meals. Please contact Nikki in the church office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Registration is due by Monday, May 6th.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is in need of cotton sheets. These are used for liners in the quilts. So while you are doing your spring cleaning and have extra sheets, please think of the quilters. Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS UPDATE The prayer concerns list has been updated to include only the names of those that have contacted the church office. If your name or a loved one's name has been removed and you would still like it to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office and we will gladly add them back to the list. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 124

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 2nd Quarter are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 15

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Elders Meet

7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, April 19 OFFICE CLOSED-PM

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 – April 20, 2024

Prayer: O God, our Father, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Numbers 21:1-35	Psalm 119:121-128	Mark 15:6-15
Monday	Numbers 22:1-41	Psalm 119:129-136	Mark 15:16-32
Tuesday	Numbers 23:1-30	Psalm 119:137-144	Mark 15:33-39
Wednesday	Numbers 24:1-25	Psalm 119:145-152	Mark 15:40-41
Thursday	Numbers 25:1-18	Psalm 119:153-160	Mark 15:42-47
Friday	Numbers 26:1-34	Psalm 119:161-168	Mark 16:1-8
Saturday	Numbers 26:35-65	Psalm 119:169-176	Mark 16:9-20

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen