

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

“Christ Our Life”

April 14, 2024 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(including portions of Psalm 4)*

A: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

A: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C: **You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

A: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C: **The Lord hears when I call to Him.**

A: Offer right sacrifices,

C: **And put your trust in the Lord.**

A: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

C: **Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!”**

A: You have put more joy in my heart

C: **Than (people) have when their grain and wine abound.**

A: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

C: **For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

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C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(concluding with Psalm 118:15-17)*

P: Let us enter into God’s holy presence with sincere hearts and confess our sin to Him, and then let us receive His grace with true faith in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *(We pause for a time of silent reflection and confession).* Almighty God. . .

C: **Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For all this we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us and is now risen from the dead, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Having heard your sincere confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God’s grace to you, and in His place and at His command I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who calls you is faithful, and He will surely do it.

C: **Amen.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11–21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE**

A: Christ has risen from the dead, and God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

C: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*** HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 24:36-49

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*** 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE: *"Christ, Our Life: Our Peace and Joy"*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "Hear our prayer").

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

*** BLESSING** *(including Hebrews 13:20-21)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will

C: And may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

*** CLOSING SONG**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY (4/14)

Preaching and Assisting (A): Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Dan Maske

Praise Team Director: Jane Connon

Lay Minister: Rich Conklin, Dave Johnson

Ushers: Jesse Hogue

Greeters: Kim & Mark Ruesch

Lector: Mark Ruesch

Children's Message: Pastor Naumann

NEXT WEEK (4/21)

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Rev. Daniel Maske

Jane Connon

Rich Conklin, Ryan Bigelow

Jesse Hogue

Dar Swift, Sue Keltsch

Lynda Rea

Brenda Heintz

Acts 3:11-21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."