

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

“Christ Our Life”

April 7, 2024 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(with Holy Communion)

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(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (including portions of Psalm 105)

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: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

C: Make known His deeds among the peoples!

A: Tell of all His wondrous works!

C: Glory in His holy name;

A: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

C: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

A: Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

C: His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

A: He remembers His covenant forever,

C: The word that He commanded for a thousand generations.

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.

* **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. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

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:** John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*** NICENE CREED**

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE: *"Christ, Our Life: Our Lord and God"*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

*** WASHING OF HANDS** *(Psalm 26:6 - "I wash my hands in innocence, and go about Your altar, O LORD")*

During this time, please take note of our communion statement that is displayed on the screens.

*** SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right for us to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty and everlasting Father, for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. He is the victor over sin, death, and Satan. By His dying He destroyed death; by His rest in the tomb He has sanctified the graves of those who fall asleep in Him; and by His rising again from the dead He has brought us life and immortality. Therefore, with all the eye witnesses of His resurrection, and with the angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we rejoice and magnify Your glorious name, forever praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly armies. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

C: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray. . .

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.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

* THANKSGIVING

A: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: And His love lasts forever!

A: Let us pray. God and Lord of Life, for our eternal redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into death on a cross and by His glorious resurrection from the dead have delivered us from the power of death. Grant that we who have tasted of His risen body and blood, and are alive in Him, might die daily to our sinful nature and evermore live to the glory of His risen life, for we ask it in His victorious name.

C: 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 (4/7)

Preaching and Assisting (A): Rev. Daniel Maske

Praise Team Director: Jane Connon

Lay Minister: Rich Conklin, Dave Johnson

Ushers: Jesse Hogue

Greeters: Virginia Hetrick, Sue Keltsch

Lector: Kathy Taylor

Children's Message: Kathy Taylor

NEXT WEEK (4/14)

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Jane Connon

Rich Conklin, Dave Johnson

Jesse Hogue

Mark & Kim Ruesch

Mark Ruesch

Pastor Naumann

Acts 4:32-35

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.