

**PRAISE SERVICE**  
**APRIL 23, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

**CHILDREN**

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

**INTRODUCTION**

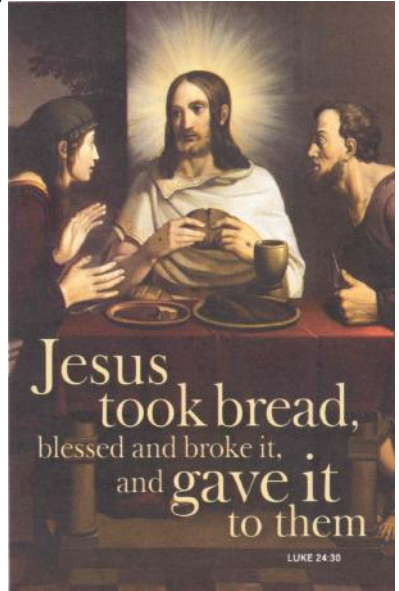
*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen*

*Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our Lord's day worship.*

**COMMEMORATION**

***Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, 1960** - Toyohiko Kagawa was born in 1888 in Kobe, Japan. Orphaned early, he was disowned by his remaining extended family when he became a Christian. Kagawa wrote, spoke, and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society. His vocation to help the poor led him to live among them. He established schools, hospitals, and churches. He also worked for peace and established the Anti-War League. He was arrested for his efforts to reconcile Japan and China after the Japanese attack of 1940.*

**WELCOME AND MEDITATION**



## CALL TO WORSHIP....Psalm 116:1-6 (congregation: *indented*)

I love the LORD, for He heard my voice;

**He heard my cry for mercy.**

Because He turned His ear to me,

**I will call on him as long as I live.**

The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came upon me;

**I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**“O LORD, save me!”**

The LORD is gracious and righteous;

**our God is full of compassion.**

The LORD protects the simplehearted;

**when I was in great need, He saved me.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

*“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (ELW # 384)*

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

PUER NOBIS  
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**INVOCATION** ( = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**C: AMEN.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God Who calls us to repentance.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: God of life, **C: in raising Jesus from the tomb, You make everything new. We confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Our hearts are slow to believe Your promises. We shut our doors in fear. We resist the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive. Sin and death have lost their power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

**GREETING** (*Please rise.*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C: And also with you.**

**WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*" (ELW # 377)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent; death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread,  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth,  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life,

heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 Christ to the peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 "O grave, be o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:     **C: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ You turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in Him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 116:7-19

*(congregation: indented)*

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

**for the LORD has been good to you.**

For You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

that I may walk before the LORD

**in the land of the living.**

I believed; therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

**And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars."**

How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation**

**and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD**

**is the death of His saints.**

O LORD, truly I am Your servant;

**I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;**

**You have freed me from my chains.**

I will sacrifice a thank offering to You

and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all His people,**

in the courts of the house of the LORD—

**in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.**

## PRaise SONG *(Please sit.)*

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord" (Maj # 506 - favorite)*

1 O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,  
2 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.

1.

1 to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love  
2 O - pen our eyes,

2.

Him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

**FIRST READING** ....Acts 2:14a, 32-41.....Pg. 1692

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....1 Peter 1:13-26.....Pg. 1887

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Alleluia! Lord and Savior ” (ELW p 205a)*

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Luke 24:13-35.....Pg. 1642

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** “How Our Eyes Are Opened”

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.*

*(Romans 15:13)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please rise.)*

*“We know That Christ Is Raised From The Dead” (LBW # 189)*



Unison

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the Church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969 (Rom. 6:3-11)  
MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

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## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments*:

L: What is The Ninth Commandment

**C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house." (Exodus 20:17a)**

L: What does this mean?

**C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not attempt to trick our neighbor out of his inheritance or house, take it by pretending to have a right to it, etc. but help him to keep & improve it.**

L: What is The Tenth Commandment

**C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (Exodus 20:17b)**

L: What does this mean?

**C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not release our neighbor's cattle, take his employees from him or seduce his wife, but urge them to stay and do what they ought to do.**

## OFFERING

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

*(Please sit.)*

## MISSION MOMENT

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

### **SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)*

*“He Lives” (Maj # 264 - favorite)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.*

*Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.*

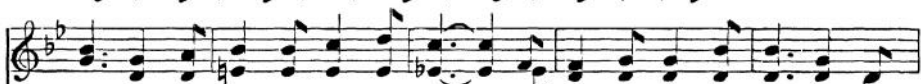
*You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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1. I serve a ris-en Sav-iour, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is  
 2. In all the world a-round me I see His lov-ing care, And tho' my heart grows  
 3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing E - ter - nal hal - le-



liv-ing, what-ev - er men may say; I see His hand of mer-cy, I  
 wea-ry, I nev - er will de - spair; I know that He is lead-ing thro'  
 lu-jahs to Je - sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the



hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's al-ways near.  
 all the storm-y blast, The day of His ap-pear-ing will come at last.  
 Help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.



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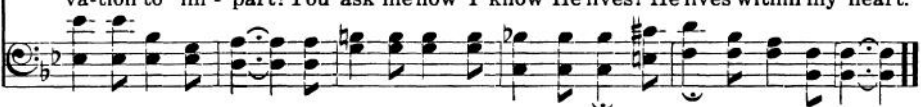
He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and  
 He lives, He lives,



talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal-  
 He lives, He lives,



va-tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.



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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETERS: 8:30-Joe Barlow / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Jim Femister

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Eric Quan / 10:45-Jim Femister

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce and Patty Stein

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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