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3. SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 23, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyrie: *Sung Together pg. 184 ELW*

New Membership and Affirmation of Faith:

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived of 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

People of God, in the baptismal waters

you traveled with Christ from death to life.

Our past, Our sin, Our failure, Our doubt, are drowned and gone here.

Your fear, your confusion, your self-righteousness, your despair,

are washed away by grace.

Our pride, and other people's opinions of us no longer define us.

The Spirit lives and moves through you now, a great and joyful mystery,
So we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.
Rejoice that God has claimed you in this baptismal grace, my fellow siblings
in Jesus,
not by Our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

Gathering Hymn: *All Are Welcome ELW 641*

Prayer of the Day:

O God, **Your son makes himself known to his disciples in many forms. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life....**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:12-19 (Read Responsively):

- ¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;**
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the LORD!

Gospel Acclamation: *page. 142 ELW*

Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35**

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord...*Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: *Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379*

Prayers of Intercession Response:

Set our minds on heavenly things. **Fill us with your joy.**

Lord's Prayer:

Offertory: *ELW 801 Change my Heart, O God.*

Thanksgiving for the Word:

Almighty God,

we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

**May it be a lantern to our feet, a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.**

Take us and use us to love and serve all people

The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining;
the Word of life which was from the beginning.

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes, and touched
with our hands,

we proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

The Word of life, which was from the beginning, we proclaim to you.

Amen

SENDING

Sending Blessing:

Sending Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661*

Dismissal:

Go in Peace, Love one another!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

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TODAY'S DUTY ELDER is Jane Weeden

Next Sunday, April 30th, is **MUSIC SUNDAY**

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS now available at the side entrance

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Luke Splettstoesser	Grace Mueller	Otto Philipp
Patty Davis	Jennifer Cherewka	Scott Hagglund
Stephen Kovacs	Gladys Souliere	Florence Smith
Eberhard Poelzl	Adam Brown	Marlene Sams and Ruby

The Ibrahim Family who are currently visiting in Sudan