



April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter

Service of Prayer and Preaching

As We Gather: For the third Sunday in a row we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. Through faith in our Risen Lord, we are blessed to be children of God and look forward to spending eternity with Him in heaven.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Opening Versicles

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He has put all things under His feet.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.)

All: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness**

among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

People: Amen.

Old Testament Cantic (Words and Music in hymnal: LSB pages 261 & 262)

Refrain: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.” *Refrain*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Refrain

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 3:11–21 (*After explaining how a lame man was healed, Peter calls the people to repentance.*)

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed

for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1–7 (*John proclaims the Good News that we are God’s children now.*)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36–49 (*Luke’s account of Jesus appearing to His disciples and talking about their mission.*)

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation.

People: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: Lord I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn: LSB 474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Sermon: 1 John 3:1-7 “Who Am I?”

The Apostles Creed

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.

Hymn: LSB 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord’s great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who have health issues, [*especially . . .*], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us, and whom we mention in our hearts.... Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Any other special petitions will be included here.)

Pastor: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

New Testament Canticale (Music in hymnal: LSB pages 266 & 267)

Refrain: Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. Refrain:

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Refrain:

Closing Prayer

All: Lord God, we thank You that You have made us Your children. You have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 464 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

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**Church
News**

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 14, 2024

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Family for the Week:

Sue Doss

St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

The Family of Dean Hadley – (Peace & comfort for Jo and the family)

Prayers of Thanks:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

LC Stalcup – (Bauer Family member – health & healing from surgery next week)

Mrs. Chris Atkins - (friend of Pam Bowling - health and healing from cancer)

Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)

Sandra Whalen – (health and healing from back surgery)

Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)

Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)

Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)

Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)

Norma Kaiser – (friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)

Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken hip)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell's mother – health and healing)

Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)

Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)

Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)

Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)

Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health and healing)

Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)

Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)

Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)

Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)

Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)

Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)

Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)



THIS WEEK

Sunday	April 14th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	April 15th	Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	April 17th	Pastor in Office Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Thursday	April 18th	Pastor in Office Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am
Saturday	April 20th	Camp Barnabas – Shine Project - 9:00-12:00 Game Night - 6:00 pm
Sunday	April 21st	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion

Birthdays: Tabitha Packwood-Apr. 18

Anniversaries: None

Portals of Prayer for April - June are now available. If you need a large print version, please see Pastor.



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas.
Our work day is Saturday, April 20th.

New Church Directory: Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

April

GREETERS:

04/14: Emily Ernest & Edee Chambers
04/21: Bill & Diane Thompson
04/28: Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

04/14: Charlie Chambers
04/21: Bill Michel
04/28: David Lampe

Thank you Stan Crandall for the Cross and Empty Tomb which you made for the congregation. The items are displayed on the ramp as you go to the basement.

Grace is Collecting Supplies for Trinity School in Freistatt through the month of April.

- (1) Zip Lock baggies - any size
- (2) Colored markers
- (3) Dry Erase board markers for white boards
- (4) Post-It notes – 4x6 or 3x5 size with lines

There is a collection box in the entry way of the church. If you have any questions, please see Linda Myers.

Spring Cleaning:

If you have any extra cloth material and wish to donate it for making quilts and blankets to be given away, please let Don Wolf know.

Aurora City Wide Garage Sale: Save the date – June 1 - on Grace's lot. Spaces are available to anyone who wants to sell. Grace is also having a booth and anyone wanting to contribute articles should see Pam Bowling. Items are being accepted now through May.