

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!

As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for personal confession)

L: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

L: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray ... **C: Amen.**

Scripture Readings for the 2023 Easter Season Sermon Series on 1 Peter:

April 19 1 Peter 1:3-9 A Living Hope

April 26 1 Peter 1:17-25 Reborn of Imperishable Seed

May 3 1 Peter 2:19-25 Jesus' Wounds Have Healed Us (*1st Wednesday Communion*)

May 10 1 Peter 2:2-10 Newborn Infants Longing for Spiritual Milk

May 17 1 Peter 3:13-22 Blessed Even Through Suffering

May 24 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 Cast All Your Cares on Him

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Prayers

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

C: Let your people sing with joy.

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

C: for only in you can we live in safety.

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L: *Additional petitions offered, followed by silent prayer*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our risen Savior Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us pray together as our Savior has taught us:

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 & Dismissal

L: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
(1 John 5:7)

C: Amen.

L: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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Please join us for lunch in fellowship hall directly after the worship service.