

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 14, 2024**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #408**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *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.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* Glory to God p. 148**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

**“Call on Him”**

### **First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 4**

L:4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**C: <sup>2</sup> O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

L: <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**C: <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"**

L: <sup>7</sup> You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7**

**3** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**\* The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #385 (v. 1,2)**

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"**

**The Sermon**

**"Burning Hearts"**

*(sermon text: Luke 24:13-35)*

**Pastor William Shields**

**\* Apostle's Creed p. 105**

**The Hymn of the Day #631**

**"Live Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**Offering**

**\* Offering Response #186**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #638**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

\* **Dismissal** *P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

***Altar Flowers  
Given in honor of their 13<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary by  
John and Judy Shofner***

**"A Night to Remember"  
Prom  
Bureau County Metro Center  
April 20 at 5:30pm**

**Ultreya  
April 20 - 5:00pm**  
All those who have attended a Via de Cristo weekend, please volunteer to help at the Ultreya or see Gayle Little.

**Mobile Food Pantry  
9:00am  
April 25, 2024  
Bureau County Fairgrounds**

**Weekly Schedule of Activities**

Mon. 4/15	6:30pm Gideon's Dinner Meeting
Tues. 4/16	7:00am Jr. High Study 9:30am Rebekah Circle 3:00pm Lydia Circle
Wed. 4/17	6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00am Sr. High Bible Study 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir
Thurs. 4/18	6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. 4/20	7:00am Gideon's
Sun. 4/21	<b>9:30am Worship/ Comm. Coffee Fellowship &amp; Sunday School</b>

**Pictorial Directory!**

It's time to do another one, **it's our 170<sup>th</sup> year!**  
Consider ways you can volunteer to help with this project.  
Photo dates are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
More information will be coming soon.

There are some volunteer Hostas on the south side of the building. If you want them, they are as is/where is, so you will need to dig them up.