

LORD's Day Service – April 7, 2024

Preparation for Worship: 1 Timothy 4:16

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* Entrance Hymn Gloria Patri

* Call to Worship John 20:24-31

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you, from God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

* Hymn Songbook, #38
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession

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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against You. Do not abhor us, for Your Name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory. Remember, do not break Your covenant with us, O LORD our God. Therefore, we will wait for You. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon us. We ask this in His Name. Amen! (from Jeremiah 14:20-22) *(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: It is right to praise and thank You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly

are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all Your church in heaven and on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, singing:

* Sanctus Songbook, #79

Hymn Psalter, #107E (Tune 107D: *There Is a Fountain
He Changes Streams to Wilderness*)

Let us pray: **O God, Who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ did destroy death and bring life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 17:1 – 18:1, 41-46
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson James 5:16-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:6, 19-20
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "The Prayer of a Righteous Man"

* Hymn Psalter, #51E
From My Sins Hide Thou Thy Face

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Matthew 26:26-30

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn Songbook, #86
The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

- * *The Lord's Commission of Us* Galatians 6:1-2
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Numbers 6:24-26
* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN
INDEED!**

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.