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Luke 24.46-47

Order of Worship

April 15, 2018

10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus -- Preaching of Repentance/Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure. The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "**that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations**" (Luke 24:46-47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "**God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets**" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "**sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord**" (Acts 3:19-20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "**we should be called children of God; and so we are**" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "**as he is pure**" (1 John 3:3).

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "**Prayer Request**" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS WE GATHER: Can good news be too good? Jesus' disciples found the news of Jesus' resurrection to be too good to be true. They "disbelieved for joy" wanting to believe that Jesus rose from the dead but still overcome by the surprise of it all. Can we "disbelieve for joy" the news of sins forgiven, death destroyed, and fellowship with God restored? It is true! That wonderful truth calls us to walk in the Light of Christ.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"* **LSB 467**

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE *"The Day of Resurrection"* **LSB 478 v 2-3**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 3:11-21* **ESV**

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-7* **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"* **LSB 475**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36-49* **ESV**

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HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"* **LSB 490 v 1-3**

SERMON *"The Family Of God"* **1 John 3:1-7**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* **LSB 192**

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ *THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR* ✠

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG OF PREPARATION

Tune: **LSB 523**

THE DISTRIBUTION *"The Lamb"* **LSB 547**

"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious!" **LSB 548**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Hallelujah, Jesus Lives" LBW 147 v1,3,5

Tune: LSB 873

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

April 15

"Peace to You"

(Luke 24:36-49)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

April 22

"Accept No Substitutes"

(Acts 4:1-12)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us?

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: April 15 "When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God's Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): 'On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.' Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that 'seem to be weaker are indispensable!'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities •*

STEWARDSHIP: April 15: Easter 3

1 John 3:2

"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." There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

4/15 Sun	Third Sunday of Easter
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA
4/16 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
4/17 Tues	6:30 pm Council Meeting
4/18 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
4/20 Thurs	11:30 pm KOA-New Hope Country Kitchen
4/20 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
4/21 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
4/22 Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: The Panning Family

Counters: Derald and Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns

Attendance: 4/08/2018: 34

Offerings -- Regular \$2,090; Loose Plate \$30; Easter \$25;

Lenten \$5; Kayla Hoem (Mission) \$75; Flowers \$15;

Rent \$250

Total: \$2,490

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,477.59

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

1 Thessalonians

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLESHIP

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Rosalina Ehnes will be held on Monday, May 7th at 10:30 am. A light luncheon will follow and a private family inurnment at Fort Snelling after the luncheon.

BIRTHDAYS: 16th Arlene Birkland, 19th Wenda Schwoch,
20th Barney Lindstrom, 21st Pam Morelli

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Verlayne Sather – Jesus, Our Eternal Light

FLOWERS: Bill Woll, Anniversary (72)

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Robert
and Delores Kluwe, Margaret Maxwell, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering at home in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer; will be
starting chemo/radiation

LaDonna Sund (Verlayne's Sister/Lori Sharbono's Mom) –
Recovery from Knee Replacement surgery

Suzanne Soltau and family (Friends of Sandy Westling) –
Joe has been led to his eternal home by his Savior

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers,
please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the
Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the
Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know



Thrivent Choice Program is Working!

Gloria Dei received **\$50** on behalf of Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice(R) program. By directing Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice, please call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice" or email at mail@thrivent.com.

Vegetable Growing Basics Springtime Classes

As part of the U of M Extension, Hennepin County Master Gardeners is delighted to offer Vegetable Gardening Basics this spring in Northeast Minneapolis.

The Coordinator is Sarah Green Toews, Master Gardener Volunteer. The classes will be held at Waite Park Recreation Center, 1810 34th Ave NE from **7 – 8:30 pm on the first four Mondays in April.**

Week 3 – April 16 Planning Your Garden

Week 4 – April 23 Maintaining Your Garden

Upcoming Crest View Events

Crest View Senior Communities Annual Meeting

The 2018 Crest View Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 4 pm at the Crest View Senior Community Blaine Campus, located at 12016 Ulysses Street NE, Blaine. Dinner will be served after the meeting. Please RSVP to Kiara at 763-782-1644.

Volunteer Appreciation Party!

You are cordially invited to Crest View Senior Communities Volunteer Appreciation Party. Festivities are on Tuesday, April 24 starting at 2 pm, held in the Main Dining Room of Crest View Lutheran Home at 4444 Reservoir Blvd, Columbia Heights.

RSVP to Darlene at 763-782-1634.

See you there!

Taste of Lebanon Dinner

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will be holding its annual Taste of Lebanon Dinner on Sunday, April 11 at 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese Dinner served from 11:30 – 5 pm. Tickets: \$17 Adult, \$8 children (4 – 12)

TOGETHER IN MISSION



Thank you everyone who so graciously donated over \$500 over the last few weeks to our Missionary, Kayla Hoem.

There is still time, if you would like to help Kayla fulfill her funding, she is 94% there, please use the **Together in Mission** envelopes with **your envelope number written** on it so as to get credit on your annual statement.

Connecting with Movement and Music

Wednesdays, April 23 - May 30, 1:00-2:30pm

This six-week series of classes is led by dance instructor, Christopher Yaeger, and sponsored by ArtStart, this class is full of easy enjoyable activities that integrate music, dance, and singing. Move, Stretch, Strengthen, Release, Rejuvenate and Radiate and have FUN! This class takes place at **East Side Neighborhood Services** (1700 Second Street NE) in their Community Room. Please register in advance by calling 612-787-4045 or email TeamEVA@esns.org -- plan to arrive at 12:45 on the first session to complete some paperwork.

Friendship Too: A Caregiver/Loved One Support Group **Tuesday, April 17, 3:00-4:30 pm**

East Side Neighborhood Services is hosting a Caregiver Support Group at Adult Day at Friendship Center, 1717 2nd Street NE (across the street from ESNS) for anyone serving as a Care Partner for a loved one. The Care Receiver is invited to participate in the Adult Day program while their Care Partner attends the 90 minute support group. For more information and to register, please contact Donna at 612-781-2052 or dkavanaugh@esns.org.

Mammograms & Breast Health

Join Neighborhood HealthSource for mammograms and breast health education. Most insurance accepted. If your insurance doesn't cover a mammogram or if you don't have insurance, MDH Sage covers costs for eligible women. **Thursday, April 19, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm at Fremont Clinic** (3300 Fremont Ave N, Minneapolis). Free refreshments and a \$10 gift card! To schedule a mammogram, call 612-287-2433.

Funded by Susan J. Komen MN and Park Nicollet Health Services.

Catechesis Note for the Week

Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important?

The resurrection of Jesus is important for several reasons. First, the resurrection witnesses to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can remove the sting of death and gain the victory over the grave (1 Cor.15:54–55).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry (Matt.16:1–4) and the proof that He had authority over even the temple in Jerusalem (John 2:18–22).

Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see corruption (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (see Acts 13:32–37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from sin.” (Acts 13:38–39).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (Acts 17:2–3). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14–19).

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than *give* life; He *is* life, and that’s why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11–12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death.

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3–4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies.

Today's Scripture Readings

ACTS 3:12-19: You would never think that Peter was preaching in order to gain believers for Christ – that is, if you think that the message preached must always be agreeable to the ears of the listeners in order not to frighten them away. When people stop in amazed awe at the miraculous healing of a crippled beggar, Peter tells them the real author of the miracle, namely the Christ they rejected. Then he virtually throws at them five instances of the people's guilt in Jesus' innocent death. Though they did it in ignorance, Peter tells them and us that there is no way to God except through honest repentance over sin and cleansing of that sin through God's forgiveness.

1 JOHN 3:1-7: John writes about Christians in seeming contradiction. Sometimes he says they are sinners (compare last week's reading, 1 John 1:8); sometimes he says they don't sin (eg today's reading, verses 6,7). We need to apply Luther's scriptural insight here, that the Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Washed in the blood of Jesus we stand 100% cleansed and forgiven in the sight of God, sinners though we continue to be according to our own nature. Here, then, is the great motivation for non-stop growth in personal holiness, verse 3, that living in permanent and sure hope of our full and final redemption in glory we purify ourselves in his gracious forgiveness and constantly move on to renewed righteousness.

LUKE 26:36b-48: Whenever God showed his presence to people in the Scriptures, they felt terror at the numinous experience (as did the shepherds at Bethlehem). The disciples show similar terror at Jesus' resurrection appearance recorded here by St Luke. No doubt guilty feelings would augment that reaction. However, Jesus neither castigates nor rejects them for their littleness of faith, but rather adapts to their limits by lovingly illustrating his physical fulfilment of the pre-crucifixion promises of rising from the dead. The word of God, upon which our relationship with God also exclusively hinges, required this process for the proof of its truth and effectiveness of God's declaration of forgiveness of sins.

Lessons for 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18