

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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PRELUDE *Radical Men*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *'In Christ a New Creation'*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: *Acts 3:12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Selah

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

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

See what love the Father has given 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. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *‘All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!’*

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GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:36b-48* ~ **Glory to you O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord. ~ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: *Pastor John Stiles*

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC: *Radical Men*

OFFERING PRAYER: Merciful father...

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions: signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: God of grace, Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.**

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *'Because He Lives'*

1 God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus:

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because he lives.

2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby; and
feel the pride and joy he gives,
but greater still the calm assurance
this child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Chorus

3 And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ORLC

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Sunday (14th)

8am Prayer
9am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10am Adult Bible Study

Monday

9am Quilting
7:30pm AA

Tuesday

9:30am Joy Circle
1:30pm Audit Team

Wednesday

6:30am Men's Breakfast
3pm Kids of the Kingdom
6pm JH Youth Group
7:30pm SH Youth Group

Thursday

8am Sonrisers
1pm Grief Group
1:30pm Hope Circle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS: Spring reports are ready. You may pick one up on the back table in the Narthex. Meeting date is Sunday, April 28th immediately following worship. Please stay and get an update on church programming and council member voting. A quorum is needed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Soon, the nominating committee and council outgoing members will be asking for people to step into the 4 church council positions that will be open this Spring. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of this church family. If you are feeling led, please contact Lois Bengtson, John Oare or Lyndon Hagestuen. Questions also can be fielded to this committee or Pastor John. Thanks everybody!

NORM OPHEIM SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST: Sunday, April 21 after the 9am worship service. Join us for breakfast! Free will offering with all donations going to the Norm Opheim scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to all senior youth who apply to assist them with their future college career.

TWINS BASEBALL GAME: Sunday, April 21st at 1:10pm. Limited tickets available, only \$13! Grandstand seating- Join us for a family fun event at the twins game! Rides are on your own unless individual students (6-12 grade) would like to attend the game.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Wanting to make ORLC your home church and family in Christ? Connect with Pastor John and make it official Sunday, April 28th where we will welcome you on New Member Sunday!

ALTAR GUILD: The altar guild is looking for new members. Please consider joining us for a meeting after Church on Sunday, May 5 to learn more about the duties of the group.

YOUTH GARAGE SALE: Its spring cleaning time and we want your donations!! Drop off days: May 7-9th from 10-6pm and May 10th from 10-3pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sherwood & Mariette Jacobson in memory of their mother's Sis & Wanda's birthdays and from the Dave & Mary Jo Mettler in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

RADIO SPONSOR: Dave & Mary Jo Mettler
(Tune in by turning your radio dial to Anthem Country 106.5FM or WCMP 1350AM)

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Collection drop off: 3 white collection boxes around the Church. Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. Outside: Backdoor.

GREEN TIP: April 14

This week, learn something new about climate change and our call to action as Catholics. Resources such as Laudato Si', Catholics Going Green, and Caring for Creation: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis speak to how caring for creation is integrally connected to our spirituality. Documentaries such as David Attenborough: A Life on our Planet can highlight and explain humanity's impact on climate change while also bringing hope for future generations.

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PRAYER TEAM: The Farm

Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can't imagine. Pray that the Light of God would shine through them, uplifting darkness and oppression as they share His love!

Green Fields Farm and Nursery! What a lovely name! This is the place that Tim and Maria Steadyheart (our missionaries to Kazakhstan), along with their boys, Elliot and Amos have been able to start a farm. This village is called Shirin. They often go from place to place with produce such as watermelons for the people in the area. Recently they received a generous gift from a supporter to buy a tiller. They request prayer for wisdom in the crop planning and other financial needs. We pray for fruitfulness. Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

ORLC PRAYER LIST: *Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance. The list below are those who need your prayers.*

TO PRAY FOR:

Gail M, Jon R, Bill & Shirl W, Jeneice C, Areatha W, Eleanor F, John A
Kiley (son-in-law of Pat H), Bill M (son of Ron & Donna P)

Always keep in prayer--- our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts