

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 15, 2018**  
**8:30 A.M.**



**WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Stand as you are able*

**Gathering Hymn**

'That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright'

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**Greeting**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Kyrie**

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**Hymn of Praise** 'This is the Feast'

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us 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.

**C** **Amen**

## First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] 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?<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given 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 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.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading

I John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation** 'Christ is Risen!' (382-refrain)

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia!**

**Christ is risen from the dead!**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

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

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

'The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done'

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## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **Peace**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

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## **Offertory**

'Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen' vs 1

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## **Offering Prayer**

A Be known to us, O Lord,

**C in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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## **Lord's Prayer**

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*Please be seated*

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Communion, this morning, will be by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the chalice. Gluten free wafers available by request. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## **Hymns at the Distribution**

'Lamb of God'

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'We Who Once Were Dead'

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'Lord, Be Glorified'

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## **Table Blessing**

## Post Communion Prayer

A Life-giving God,

**C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

## Blessing

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Sending Hymn** 'This Joyful Eastertide'

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## Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle

**Worship Assistants: April 15**

**Greeters:** Mason –Ron Bailey  
East – Mary & Ray Hubers

**Assisting Minister:** Laury Grow

**Lector:** Laury Grow

**Liturgist:** Becky Luett

**Communion 8:30:** Gene Krull

**Communion 10:30:** Luann Seidl

**Ushers:** Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 04/01/18:** 8:30 am-57 & 10:30 am-19

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 4/5/18** 128

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Pastor Jim Seim and Rose Zinck.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Ken Johnson; Lloyd Learman; Judy Cross

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

**Sunday 10% Giveback Program**-Go to Texas Roadhouse in Appleton on any Sunday with your church's bulletin or newsletter and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to the church.

Don't forget your items for **Faith in Action** the first Sunday of any given month. It is very much appreciated.

**HONEY DO LIST** Larry Baumbach has placed a sign up on the table in the narthex for things that you see around the church that need attention. Please help keep up the church with your suggestions.

Please continue to save your items for the **Rummage Sale** coming at the end of May. We ask that you keep your donations at home until at least May 1<sup>st</sup>. See the newsletter for more information.

**Adult Forum** is **TODAY** at 9:40 am. We will be looking at "Living the Toughest Teachings of Jesus."

**LID's for KID's:** There will be a collection box in coat rack area for you to drop off plastic lids/caps. Only plastic nothing with metal on it. The money will be used to purchase wheelchairs for disabled children in our community. Some common examples are: milk jug caps, soda bottle caps, water bottle lids, peanut butter lids, detergent caps, ice cream pail lids, cool whip, cream cheese or cottage cheese lids. We will make sure they get to the right place.

**The Luther College Collegiate Chorale** will be performing at First Presbyterian Church Neenah (200 Church St.) on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. This is the final stop on the group's 2018 spring tour. The ensemble is made up of 100 select junior and senior singers. A free-will offering will be taken at the performance. Conducted by Jennaya Robinson, Collegiate Chorale's program this year is "Prayers for Peace," including works by Kim Andre Arnese, Moses Hogan, Jake Runestad, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an outstanding college choir perform! Contact the First Presbyterian Church Office (725-4391) with questions. We hope to see you there!

**Ruby's Pantry** is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. You normally get pizza, frozen food, canned goods, meats, bread and other assorted items (could be toilet paper or napkins, etc). In the Appleton area Ruby's is located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at N1615 Meadowview Drive in Greenville WI 54942. They distribute food the first Saturday of the month. There is some information available on the table in the narthex. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter **Devotional Books** are available in the narthex.

**Taize Service** to be held Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 North Commercial Street, Neenah.

**IN WHITE AMERICA** An onstage reading presented by students from Milwaukee Rufus King High School April 25, 2018 at 6:00 pm at River View Middle School Auditorium in Kaukauna. The public is welcome to join for this free event. Note: Content may not be appropriate for younger audiences.

**God's Global Barnyard Update** Thank you to all who contributed. The Sunday School raised enough money to buy a Goat, a Pig and 15 Chickens. Way to go children!!!!

### **CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE CONSIDER**

We are looking for volunteers to be Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. The lists are shortened as people adjust their lifestyles. All of the positions are done on a rotational basis. The more we have the less often the same person needs to be responsible. Assisting Ministers and Lectors rotate weekly and the Ushers rotate monthly. Please prayerfully consider this as your mission. Guidance will be given. If you can help, please let Pastor Dan or any council member know. Thank you for your consideration.

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, April 15**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship
- \*\*Newsletter Deadline Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>\*\***
- Monday, Apr 16**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Apr 17** ..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus  
6:30 p.m. TLC Council
- Wednesday, Apr 18**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Council
- Thursday, Apr 19**..... 10 a.m. Grilled Cheese
- Friday, Apr 20**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Craft Weekend - Lyons
- Saturday, Apr 21**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
Craft Weekend - Lyons
- Sunday, Apr 22** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship