

The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word and through receiving the Lord's Supper. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather for worship today in the name of the Father,

C: **Who created us and keeps us in his care;**

(Psalm 139)

M: In the name of the Son,

C: **Who lived, died, and rose again to wipe away all our sins;** (1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

M: And in the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who keeps and sustains us in the one, true faith.**

(2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14)

M: May the holy, merciful, and triune God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins has two parts: admitting our sinfulness and receiving the assurance of God's forgiveness.

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: **O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you.** (Psalm 143:1-2, 7-9)

A quiet moment for personal reflection

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." (John 20:23) His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

(John 20:22-23)

The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 460, v.3

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

BIBLE READING

ACTS 2:14a, 32-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: **32** God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. **34** For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand **35** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." **36** "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." **37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" **38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 116A

- M:** I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
C: **He heard my cry for mercy.**
M: Because he turned his ear to me,
C: **I will call on him as long as I live.**
M: For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,
C: **My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
M: that I may walk before the LORD
C: **in the land of the living.**
M: What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?
C: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**
All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

- M:** Praise God for a living hope:
C: **Christ is risen from the dead!**

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; **16** but they were kept from recognizing him. **17** He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" **19** "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21** but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. **22** In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning **23** but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. **24** Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. **28** As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. **29** But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. **32** They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” **33** They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together **34** and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” **35** Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 438

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

SERMON

BIBLE READING - 1 PETER 1:17-21

17 If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, **18** because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. **21** Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Please stand

NICENE CREED

After hearing God's Word, we give expression with our lips to the faith which lives in our heart. The confession of faith also serves as a regular review of the teachings of how we are saved.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING *Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*



PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Exhortation to those receiving The Lord's Supper

M: Dear friends in Christ! Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood together with the bread and the wine as a truly life-giving food and drink.

By means of this sacrament, Jesus forgives your sins, strengthens your faith, gives you strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants you a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Together, then, with your fellow believers, remember and proclaim the Lord's death, celebrate the gift of his redemption, and express the unity of faith which we share!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

A note to our visitors: *Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper and through your Word. We pray that through these you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN 441, v.1-5

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

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Thank you to Rob Zeratsky for leading us in worship this morning!

Schedule

TUES	Women's gathering / study NO Bible Information Class	9am resume next week
WED	Youth Catechism Class	6:30pm
Next Sunday	Bible Hour <i>The Sunday Bible Hour has classes for the all ages from preK/Kindergarten to adult. Join us Sundays at 9am.</i>	9am
	Worship -	10am

Camp Chi Rho 2026 - July 20-24. We've had youth from our congregation go the past two years. If you have questions, feel free to ask Pastor. You can also ask children who attended last year, and get their input.



WHO: Youth finishing grades 4,5,6,7 or 8 as of May 1, 2026 are "Campers"

WHO ELSE: Individuals grades 9 through high school Seniors are "Counselors"

WHO'S IN CHARGE: Adult Staff

Cost: Before June 15 - \$239

More information can be found on: campchirho.org/

The camp brings teens together to forge friendships that can last for years to come. Give your middle or high schooler an experience that will strengthen their faith.

Camp Chi Rho. Chi and Rho (looks like an X and P) are the first two letters in the Greek word for CHRIST. This name communicates our main focus: Christ Jesus, our Savior.