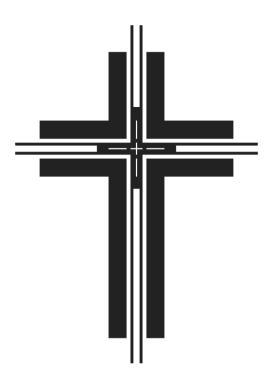
CHAPEL OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Divine Service Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 22, 2024

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO GUESTS

Welcome to Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. We are honored to have you here today to receive God's message of love through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you are new to the area and/or are looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family here at Chapel of the Cross. Our mission at Chapel is to teach and preach Jesus Christ, our Savior, because of what He has done for us, namely dying for our sins and rising from the dead to win victory over death. We want to strengthen each other with this truth, as well as proclaim it to all who have yet to hear it. We pray that today's service will strengthen your faith as God speaks His gifts of love, forgiveness, and eternal life to you, and as He moves you to thank and praise Him for these good gifts.

We send a live-stream to our website of our 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday and other special services. We believe that this technology is a wonderful way to reach out to our homebound, to our visitors, and to our world! Recordings of these services are also archived to the website, *chapelofthecrosslutheran.org*.

A WORD ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, invited to His table are those who trust His words about this Holy Meal, repent of sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which we believe, teach, and confess at this altar. Therefore, all who have been baptized and properly instructed in the Christian faith, and who confess with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod the pure Gospel and Sacraments of Christ Jesus, are invited to the Lord's Table. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and desire to confess the teachings of this church, please speak to the pastors or one of our elders. If you are interested in receiving a gluten-free wafer, please talk with Pastor before the service.

ATTENDANCE

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of the pew before or after service or use the QR code on the back of the bulletin to record your attendance.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP | Veit Dietrich, 1549

Lord God, heavenly Father, you gave up your Son for our offenses and raised him again for our justification. Give us your Holy Spirit, that he may rule and govern us according to your will, graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins and after this life raise us to eternal life; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

WHAT IS?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT?

The SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT is the *celebration* of the LORD'S SUPPER which was instituted by *Jesus Christ* for the *forgiveness of sins*. It is to be *celebrated* by all Christians until Christ comes again on the Last Day. Those who have been *instructed* in the *faith* come to the altar to receive the *precious body and blood of Jesus* under the forms of *bread and wine*. Christ comes to be with His holy people and to give *forgiveness, life, and salvation*. Christ's body and blood go into our mouths and into our souls. United with Jesus in this wonderful Sacrament, we are made *one* not only with Him but with all Christians throughout the world and with all the saints of heaven. For this reason, THE SACRAMENT is also called HOLY COMMUNION.

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"THE CUP OF BLESSING THAT WE BLESS, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? THE BREAD WE BREAK, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST?" 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

EXHORTATION

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

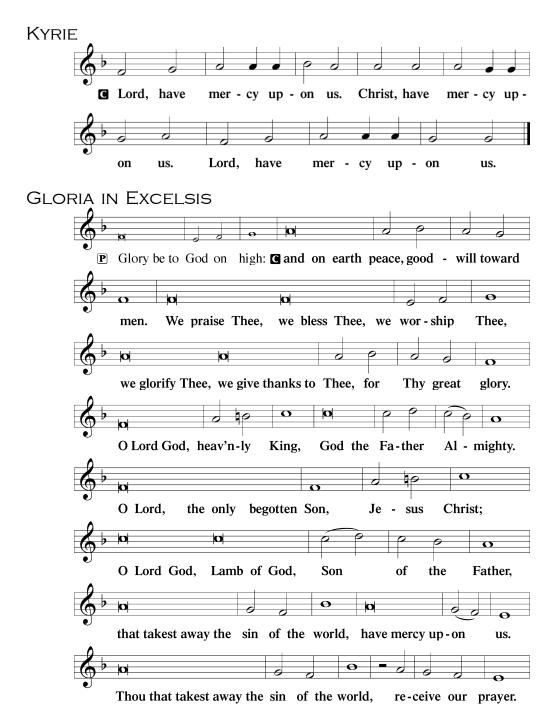
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

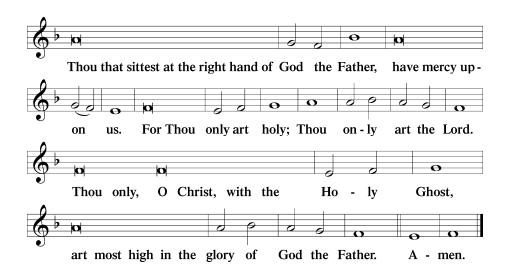
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



- The Lord be with you
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

FIRST READING | Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they

A This is the Word of the Lord.

EPISTLE | 1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows

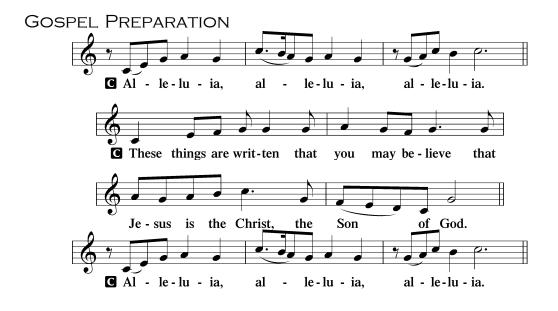
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inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

C Thanks be to God.

everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL | John 10:11–18 ¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

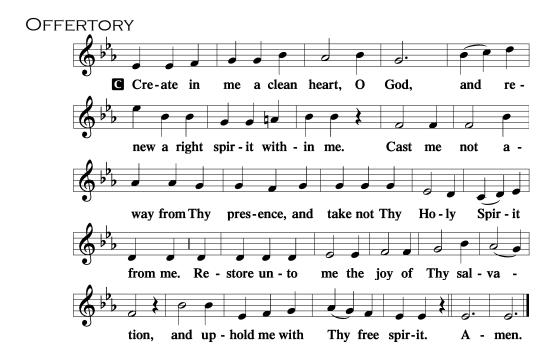
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY | The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709 1 The King of love Whose good - ness my shep - herd is, 2 Where streams of liv ing wa _ ter flow, My ran - somed 3 Per verse and fool - ish oft Ι But strayed, yet in iİl With Thee, dear 4 In death's dark vale I fear no P fail eth Ι noth ing lack if nev er; soul He lead eth And, where the ver dant _ _ love He sought me And on His shoul der Lord, be side Thy rod and staff me. my He Ι His And mine for am is _ ev er. ce - les pas - tures grow, With food tial feed eth. gent - ly re - joic - ing brought laid And home me. still, Thy be - fore com - fort cross to guide me.

- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

SERMON | Rev. James Uglum



OFFERING | Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the Narthex.

- **P** It is the Lord who blesses the work of our hands; therefore, we give to Him our thankfulness in our offering this day.
- C Our offerings symbolize that all we have and all we are come from God. With thanks we return a part of what is His to Him, as an act of thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,



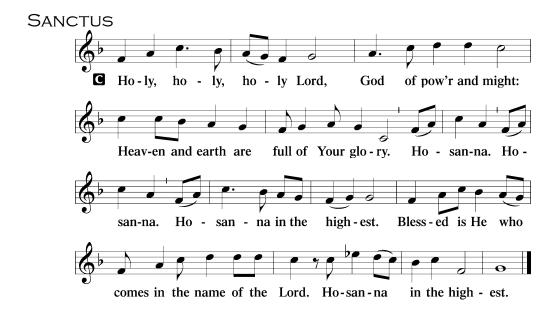
- hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Amen.

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER

 C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

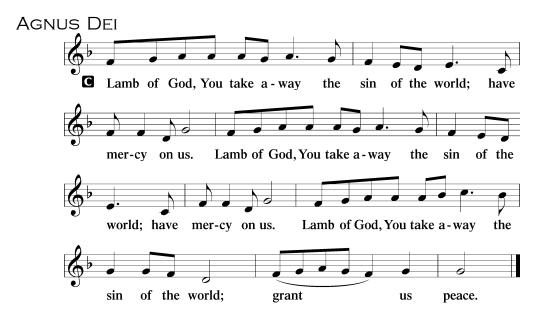
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

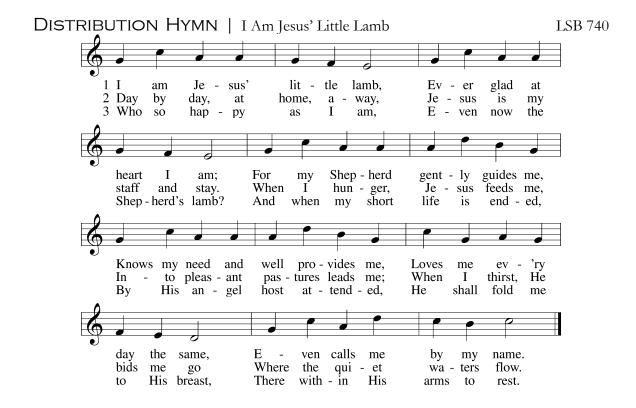
C Amen.



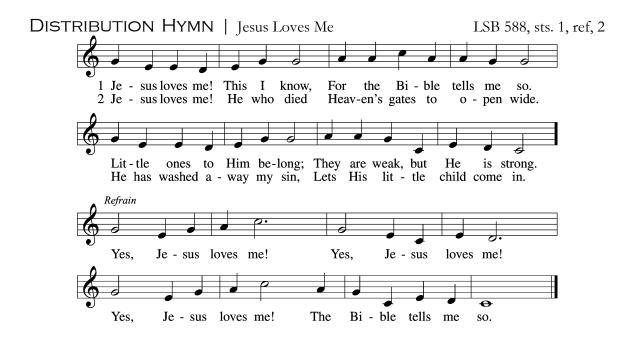
Congregation may be seated.

PRAYER BEFORE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink. Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.











PRAYER AFTER RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- С
- Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

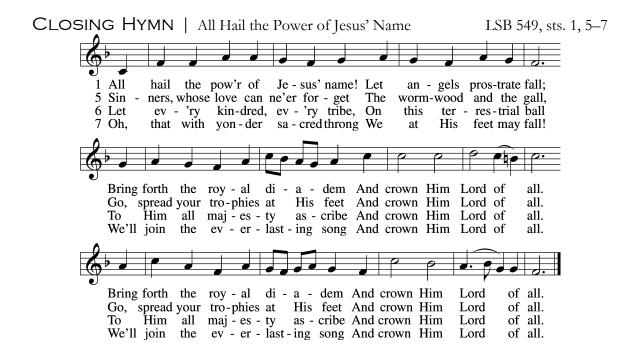
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.





As the family at Chapel of the Cross, our mission is to SHARE the Gospel, SEEK the Lost, STUDY God's Word, and STRENGTHEN One Another.

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