

**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**PRELUDE** "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

Luke 24:36

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

+**HYMN:** GTG #239 GELOBT SEI GOTT

*"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good and gracious God,

we are creatures of dust,

ignorant of your revelation,

misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,

needing forgiveness.

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

... Peace be with you.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

**HYMN:** GTG #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN**

Mary Garland Jackson

*Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Allemande" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

**To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has**

**forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his**

**sacrifice on the cross.**

**To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has**

**renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more**

**and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 3:12-19 N.T. page 92

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 24:36b-48 N.T. page 69

**PSALM** Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,**

**that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;

my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live**

**and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**when I remember you upon my bed,**

**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My whole being clings to you;**

**your right hand holds me fast.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Ephesians 1:7-23 N.T. page 148

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24:46, 48

We are witnesses to these things:

the Messiah is risen from the dead.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Jesus, What a Beautiful Name" Riches / arr. Raney

**SERMON** *The Lord's Prayer, Part 6:* Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus  
"The Power and the Glory"

+**HYMN:** GTG #236 "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

+**CHARGE**

The word of God assures us:

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

1 John 3:2

Live, therefore, with hope,

share your joy,

withhold your anger,

shed your disappointments,

turn to all people with gentleness.

**Amen.**

+**BLESSING**

The Lord bless and keep you,

shine upon you with grace and mercy,

and give you what is needed for each new day.

**Alleluia!**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

**POSTLUDE** "Etude in g" Rachmaninoff

*You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.*

*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Debbie Markiewicz

**Greeters:** Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes

**Next Week's Greeters:** Max Harman and Isaac Reyes

**Sound:** Marty Subject

**Livestream:** Tami Chapman

**Security:** Will Ozee

**Today's flowers are given by**

Barb VanDyke

in memory of

loved ones

**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#80. Death of Mary:**

The death of the mother of Jesus is unrecorded. A 7th-century tradition says she died in AD 41. Orthodox Christians call it the Dormition (“falling asleep”) of Mary.

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?**

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Today</b>	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday ( <i>Children/Youth</i> )	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Rummage Sale	9:00 am—5:00 pm
	Session	7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
	Rummage Sale (\$1.00/bag)	9:00am—12:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Spring Work Day at Camp Greenwood	
	Church Clean-Up Day	9:00 am
	Yarners	10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS**

Andrew Pinches Apr. 16  
Sally Trout Apr. 18

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*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*