We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."

Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

We gather for worship as Easter people in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and

deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN ***The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*** #366

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.**

OPENING PRAYER
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.

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 24:36b-48**

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

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

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

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

SERMON

NICENE CREED

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have mercy on us. **Hear us when we call.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ***Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!***

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.

Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Terri Roberts (sister of Chelle Schefcik), Stephanie (friend of Carmen Lakner's daughter)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Ashley James; Randall (friend of Carmen Lakner's daughter); Carmen Lakner; Audra (daughter of Ron Wagner)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Fred Steckman (Brother of Wyone and Joy); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue) ; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Aldean (Cousin of Deann Hagen)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross responds to an emergency across the United States every 8 minutes. From small house fires to multi-state natural disasters, the American Red cross goes wherever they are needed, so people can have clean water, safe shelter and hot meals when they need them most. Their purpose is to meet the immediate disaster-caused needs of individuals, families, and communities. They help to shelter families, serve meals, support emergency responders, deliver relief supplies, provide medical care and create recovery plans. Most recently in our area, the Central & Western South Dakota Red Cross Community Chapter responded to multiple wildfires and set up evacuation sites for those needing to evacuate their homes in Rapid City and Keystone.

Along with disaster assistance, the Red Cross serves as blood and platelet donation centers and provide valuable training and information in first aide, CPR, lay responder safety, mental health and multiple other areas. Military families also count on the Red Cross for help when emergencies arrive and their loved one is deployed. More information about all the work of the American Red Cross can be found at www.redcross.org. Aprils' Mission of the Month financial donations will be sent to our local Red Cross organization in Rapid City to assist them in their work. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*

UP NEXT

Sunday, April 8th
9:30am Worship with Holy Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube
10:30am Church Council meets
6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

Pastor Deb will be out of the office April 20-24th-She will be available for Pastoral emergencies only

Thursday, April 22nd
7:00pm Bible Study with Chelle via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843 Password: 372054

Sunday, April 25th
9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube
10:30am Outreach Committee Meets
5:00pm Confirmation
6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

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