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**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
 Tower Bells  
 Welcome  
 Announcements

*Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.*  
*Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

**LSB 487**

Order of Matins p 219 (*Liturgy is sung*)

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

**O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**the strength of the hills is His also.**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**  
**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**  
**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.**  
**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**  
**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**O come, let us worship Him.**

Introit Psalm 4 (*spoken*)

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my  
righteousness!

**You have given me relief when I was in  
distress.**

**Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned  
into shame?

**How long will you love vain words and seek  
after lies?**

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the  
godly for himself;

**the LORD hears when I call to him.**

4 Be angry, and do not sin;

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and  
be silent.**

5 Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the LORD.**

6 There are many who say, “Who will show us  
some good?

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O  
LORD!”**

7 You have put more joy in my heart

**than they have when their grain and wine  
abound.**

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in  
safety.**

Old Testament Reading Acts 3:11-21 (*Congregation sits*)

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, 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 before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(*Sing*) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* **LSB 531**

Sermon

Hymn *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ* **LSB 769**  
(*Offering brought forward during last verse.*)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church (*Congregation stands*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the constant presence of Christ with His Church, in which we find fullness of joy; in praise of God's right hand, Christ Jesus, whose resurrected body has won peace forevermore; and for a lively hope in the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church and her members, now made children of God through the incarnation of Christ and the reconciliation of His cross, that God would preserve the preaching of His Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husbands and wives, parents and children; and that He would assure those who live alone that they, too, are His children, upheld by His right hand, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's blessings on all our Spring-time activities: farming, building, traveling, buying & selling, teaching & learning, giving medical care and all other vocations, that we may have favorable weather, God's protection and be blessed with success to His glory and to the benefit of our families and communities, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and its leaders, for President Biden and Governor DeWine, and all other state and local leaders; that God would preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands; and that He would restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless so we may practice righteousness while awaiting that eternal peace found only in Christ's wounds, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For help and healing, that the God of all comfort would have compassion on [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all who are afflicted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**In Our Prayers** – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

**ALL: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect for the Week

**ALL: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

**ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Father, We Praise Thee*

**LSB 875**

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles and Postlude

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