

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory "Create in me" p. 96

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerous to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer p. 97

*The Blessing

L: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN "Blessed Redeemer" Grey Book #275

Go in peace and serve the Risen Christ.

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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HYMNAL PLAYER:

Janell Carson

LECTOR:

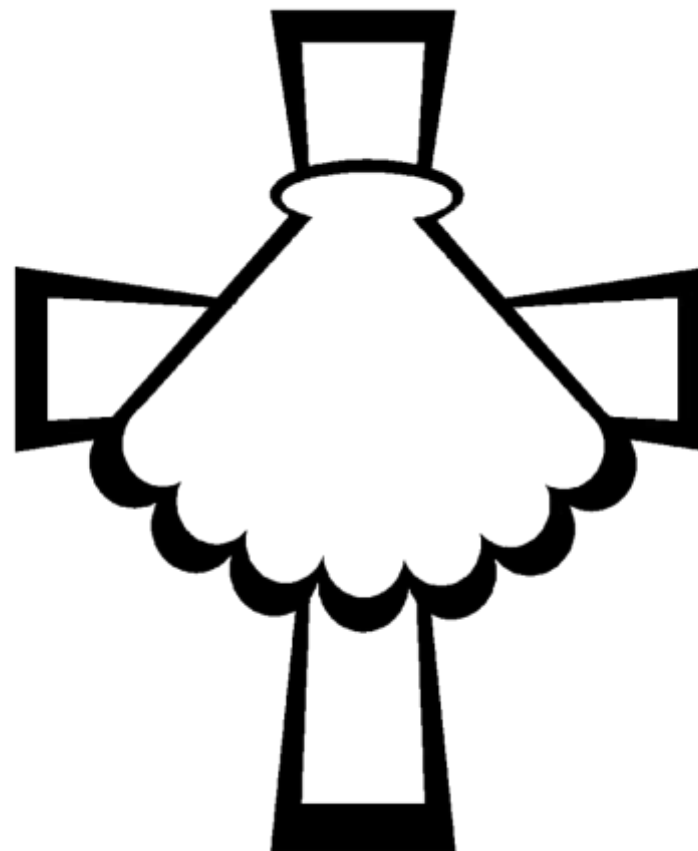
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~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave Leland, Iowa



Third Sunday in Easter

April 23, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given April 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude

Enter joyously to worship the Lord!

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" #131

*Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!
As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow His will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

L: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your loving kindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

L: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together; be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie p. 78

*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" p. 79

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Living God, Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us and for us through his redeeming work; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PSALMS

Psalm 116:1-14

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-25

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 24:13-35**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Jesus Paid It All" **Grey Book #273**

Children's Message Lanette Branstad
Sermon Dr. Bob Sarver

HYMN OF THE DAY "Thine Is the Glory" #145

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

*Prayers

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The first lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Acts

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Let us pray Psalm 116 (responsively)

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

² **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"**

⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶ **The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷ Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

⁸ **For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

⁹ That I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰ **I trusted in the LORD when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";**

¹¹ In my alarm I said, "Everyone is a liar."

¹² **What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?**

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴ **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

Amen



The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Peter

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

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Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 24th Chapter

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

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, Story City, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

Visitation and Memorial Service for **Jim Mitthun** will be at the First Baptist Church in Forest City **Visitation:** Friday, May 19th from 4–6 pm. **Memorial Service:** Saturday, May 20th at 10 am, lunch following.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed supplies and money to the **LWR School Kit Lenten project!** Donations being accepted until **May 1st.**

Substitute Sunday School Teacher needed. If you are interested in teaching God's Word to our youth, please contact Jodi for details.

Vacation Bible School

If you would like to help plan or participate in VBS, please attend a meeting on Wed., May 10th at 5:30 pm. Late arrivals are welcome.

This Week's Activities

Sun., Apr. 30, 2023

8:30 am	Worship leader: Lanette Branstad Sermon: Dr. Bob Sarver Fellowship following service.
9:45 am	Sunday school

Deepest sympathy to the family of Jonie Bang who passed away on April 20, 2023 after a seven year battle with cancer. Visitation will be April 29, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM at Zion Lutheran, Clear Lake with a Memorial Service following at 10:30 AM. Inurnment will be in Pilot Knob Lutheran Cemetery, Forest City, Iowa.

April / May Volunteers

Fellowship: April 30 — Cindy and Bob Sarver
May 7 —
May 14— Janet and John Haugen (Mother's Day)
May 21— (Graduation Weekend)

Lector: *April:* Julie Reimann, *May:* Lisa Durby

Usher(s): April: Jan Reimann

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: *Apr:* Julie Riemann; *May:* Lisa Durby

Happy Birthday: William Kirschbaum III (4/24),
Shirley Hanson (4/28)

Happy Anniversary: Gene and Jodi Fjeld (4/27)

Baptismal Anniversary: Teryn Branstad (4/27), Ethan Schutter (4/28)

Please note: Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone April 20th thru May 2nd.

Covering for Pr. Tony:

4/20- 4/26: Pr. Eric Hulstrom: (507) 841-1765,
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, BC (641) 562-2552

4/26 - 5/2: Pr. Ryan Henckel: (815) 842-7273,
Emmons Lutheran Church (507) 297-5471

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.