
Third Sunday of Easter

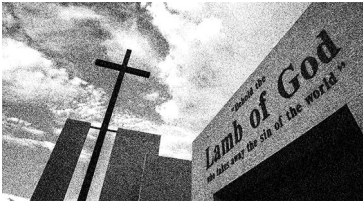
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Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning, whether in-person or online. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

Pastor's Office Hours

If you would like to meet with Pastor Koepke, please contact him to make an appointment. Our pastor is here to serve both Lamb of God members and our community.

Communion

The Lord's Supper will be offered to our members during the service this morning. Lamb of God follows the historic Christian practice of close communion. We ask that only members of Lamb of God partake of the sacrament. Our pastor is eager to talk with anyone who would like to commune with us in the future!

GIVING TO LAMB OF GOD

If you wish to give your offering to Lamb of God online, the QR code at the right is provided for your convenience. Several types of payment are accepted on this secure site.



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OPENING HYMN: *He's Risen, He's Risen (CW 143:1-4)*

He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

Oh, where is your sting, Death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this, your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of God's forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE: *The Tomb Is Empty*



1 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
2 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
3 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Go and



hear these words of life and peace:
meet the ris - en Christ our Lord
serve all peo - ple who long to be free!



He is not here, not here. He lives a -
in whom we have, we have our vic - to -
Raise those who sleep, who sleep in tombs of



gain in all your Gal - i - lees.
ry, in whom is life re - stored.
fear, and give them eyes to see!



Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:11-20

Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-49

The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives (CW 152, selected verses)*

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

SERMON: Straight Talk from John, 1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

✠ The Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✠ Holy Communion ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

M: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

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CLOSING PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed* (page 10)

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CLOSING SONG: *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*



1. How can it be the One who died has
 2. For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when
 3. Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they
 4. Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they
 5. The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now



borne our sin in sac - ri - fice, to
 Christ's dis - cip - les lift their eyes. A -
 saw Him and their hearts be - lieved; But
 preached the truth and pow'r of grace and
 works in us to pow'r - f'ly save; He



con - quer ev - ery sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le -
 live He stands, their friend and King: Christ, Christ He is
 blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le -
 pour - ing out their lives they gained life, life ev - er -
 frees our hearts to live His grace; go, tell of His



lu - jah!" (to verse 2)
 ri - sen! Christ is ri - sen, He is ri - sen in - deed! Oh sing "Hal - le -
 lu - jah!" (to verse 4)
 last - ing.
 good - ness. (sing Refrain twice)



lu - jah!" Join the chor - us sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ri - sen, He is ri - sen in - deed!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASSES

- ✝ Adult & Teen Bible Class - this morning, 10:45-11:15am
- ✝ Children's Sunday School - this morning, 10:45-11:15am, ages 3 through 6th grade
- ✝ Midweek Bible Study - Thursday evenings at 6pm

FOUR KEY CONCEPTS CLASS

A new round of the Four Key Concepts Class will begin on Tuesday, April 30, at 6pm and will run for four weeks. This class is a great opportunity to study the basic teachings of God's Word and ask your tough questions. It is also the starting point for those looking to become members of Lamb of God. If you are interested in attending these classes, please speak with Pastor Koepke.

LIFE GROUPS

Forms are available on the welcome table to use for planning the summer Life Groups session. Please use this form to submit a new or continuing group. Your forms are due to Pastor today, April 14. Watch for information soon about this summer's Life Group opportunities!

ACTIVE LOGs

Today from noon until about 2pm the Active LOGs plan to play pickleball at Mountain Park Ranch Community Center, 15216 E. Ranch Circle South, and you are welcome to join! If you have any questions, speak with Jenny & Ryan Pearson or Dwayne & Brenda Young.

CARING CARDS

There are now cards available for Mother's Day and graduation. Check them out at the table in the narthex. There is a suggested donation of \$1 per card to cover materials. Thank you for supporting the Caring Cards ministry.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Instant Church Directory app is used by Lamb of God to track LOG membership and friends, and you are invited to use this app. It is free to download and it's available for your computer and your phone. LOG has a Church Directory Administrator who must add you/your family to the Directory.

To use:

1. Install the app (using the app store appropriate for your device).
2. You need the email address associated with your LOG membership to create a password.
3. When you see yourself listed in the Directory go to the Menu, then "Edit My Family."
4. From this page, you can edit your address, add a wedding anniversary date, and add children to your family. You can edit your name, add/change your photo, email address, phone number, and date of birth using the person icon.

ALPHA CENTER NEWS

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Alpha Center, located at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (3040 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix), will soon be celebrating 40 years of God's grace. Thank God for this blessing and pray for many more days and years to share God's love and forgiveness with those they serve.

Alpha has been averaging about 40 clients per month and currently has some needs. A box will be put out at church if you wish to contribute. Needed are diapers, sizes 4, 5, and 6; summer shoes or sandals; towels for layettes; formula (Similac, both regular and sensitive); anything else baby related. Your donations are appreciated!

WELS YOUTH NIGHT PHOENIX

Saturday, May 4, 6-9pm at Calvary Lutheran Church (1270 N. Dobson Rd, Chandler 85224)



All high school students are invited! Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun with fellow high schoolers (9th-12th grade) from all over the Valley.

Since the advent of the internet, social media, and smartphones, anxiety, self-harm ideation, and depression have been on the rise among teenagers. While on the internet, teens have been confronted with challenges of many kinds. Are they ready to stand firm during these times? At WELS Youth Night Phoenix, we will help the teens confront the challenges of navigating through current technology as a Christian. Register today!

"HIKE THE RIM" TEEN HIKE

June 6-7, 2024

Pastor Tom Barthel from Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Payson is organizing a hike for teens from WELS churches across Arizona. Adults interested in volunteering to help should contact Pastor Barthel, 928-612-8463 or pastorbarthel@gmail.com.



PRAYER REQUESTS

When all you can do is the most powerful thing we can do for you...Pray. You may use this QR code to submit your prayer request.



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