

Preparation for Worship:

The risen Jesus invites us into peace as we touch his scarred body. May we, the body of Christ, share his peace with one another by touching each other’s lives with love.

Please stand as you are able **Bold Items read in unison*

GATHERING - We come together to worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation/Call to Worship: **In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.** (Isaiah 25:9)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *Thine Is the Glory* Red **#98**

Confession of Sin: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

WORD – We seek guidance from God’s Word

Psalm 4 Responsive Reading

1 John 3:16-24 Epistle

* Mark 3:7-12 * Gospel

* Response (sung): **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

* Confession of Faith (Luther’s Meaning-Third Article of Apostle’s Creed): **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ , my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in this Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

* Gloria Patri: (sung, p. 4) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Offertory (sung, p. 33 for melody) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Blue **#675**

Acts 3:11-21 New Testament

Sermon – *Miraculous Witness of the Resurrection* Pastor Barry Nelson

SENDING We go out to live in & share God’s Word

* Hymn – *Thou, Whose Almighty Word* Red **#316**

* Lord’s Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

95th Brithday

Open House for Rose Prien

Sunday, April 21 * 2-4pm

Good Samaritan Society in Scotland

Your greetings may also be sent to Rose Prien, GSS-Scotland, 130 6th Street, Scotland, SD 57059. Her 95th birthday is April 21st.



This Week in the Parish - April 14 - 21

WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Confirmation at Hope
7:30 pm First American WMF – Lessons 3-4

SUNDAY 9:00 am First American Worship with Noisy Offering
for the Tripp Fire Department
9:30 am Hope Sunday School
10:15 am First American Sunday School
10:45 am Hope Worship
2-4 pm Open House for Rose Prien at GSS-Scotland

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – April 7, 2024

First American: General—\$1580. Benevolence—\$70. Noisy Offering for Sue Neumeister (medical expenses)—\$20. Mitchell Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)—\$50. Sunday School—\$23. Budget/Sun.—\$1742.

Welcome! Welcome to worship in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight was selected by Wayne Bietz. It was written by Henry Alford, who served as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral from 1857-1871.

Our time of prayer during our corporate worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be printed in the bulletin for three weeks. For additional time, please send an update to Pastor Barry. New additions will be underlined, and those scheduled to come off the next week will be in italics.

Health Needs of our Members: Raymond Anderson. Sandy Baier. Dorothy Friman. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Sue Neumeister.

Health Needs: Dean Claassen (brother of Jan Jerke). Jerry Connor (father of Tammy Bietz). *Shane Gibeau* (Tripp community). Waldon Olson (Pickstown community). Kendall Simpfenderfer (brother of Joelyn Orchard).

Birthdays: 14 Kash Bietz. 17 LaNae Fuerst. 18 Kyrie Nelson. 20 John Brenner.

AFLC Churches: St. John's Lutheran, Milford, IL; First Lutheran, Ellendale, MN; Lakeview Lutheran, Egeland, ND.

Mission: Andrew & Alexis Olson of They Need the Bible (Lutheran Bible Translators)

Our members in Care Centers: Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz

Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke

Freeman Oakview Terrace: Dorothy Friman

Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Rose Prien

Menno-Olivet Care Center: Elvera Friederich.

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Pastor Barry Nelson

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Today's Readings

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² **How long will you people turn my glory into shame?**

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ **Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

⁶ **Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"**

Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep,**

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

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 3:13-19

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. ¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

* Response (sung): **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

Sermon Text: New Testament

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While 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.

¹² When 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? ¹³ The 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. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By 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. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Lessons – April 21, 2024: New Testament – Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 23

Epistle – 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel – Mark 4:1-20

Acts 3:11-21

"Miraculous Witness of the Resurrection"

April 14, 2024

1. Surprising Healing

2. Surprising Source

3. Surprising Invitation