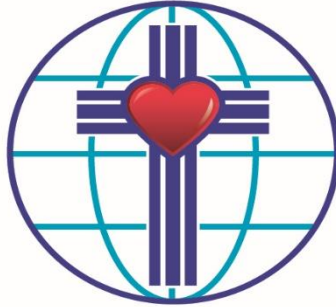


WELCOME TO



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.

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Prelude:

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen
One.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 361 "The Day of Resurrection"

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 213 "Glory to God" (*see
insert*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All respond:

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30



Psalm 30:11

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¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- I ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph I over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried I out to you,
and you restored I me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD, I from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down I to the
grave.

⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, I all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- I ly remembrance. R**

⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor I lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes I in the
morning.

⁶ **While I felt se- I cure, I said,
"I shall never I be disturbed.**

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong I as the
mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was I filled with fear.

⁸ **I cried to I you, O LORD;
I pleaded with I my Lord, saying,**

⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down I to the
pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- I clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mer- I cy upon me;
O LORD, I be my helper." R**

¹¹ You have turned my wailing I into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed I me with
joy.

¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you I without
ceasing;**

**O LORD my God, I will give you I thanks
forever. R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 "Celtic Alleluia"

GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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.**

BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING

The congregation is seated

Introduction:

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing

Prayer:

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy, hear us, O God. **Amen**

Laying on of Hands:

P: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

You are invited to come forward if you wish to do so.

P: in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

C AMEN.

When all have returned to their seats, the Assisting Minister continues

A: Let us Pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

Blessing:

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in Heaven and on Earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. There will be a second offering to benefit Haven of Lake and Sumter County for Rachel's Day.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

OFFERTORY: ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: ELW 525 "You Are Holy"

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer
At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

... with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**
... into the future. **We bless you, O God.**
... with us now. **We thank you, O God.**
... we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... without end. **Amen**

***The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD: "Be known to us, Lord Jesus"

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' The second staff has 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff has 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' The fourth staff has 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).

The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.

The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Communion will be via "intinction ONLY" dipping the Host into the Chalice.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The appropriate response is:

Amen.

During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.

HYMN: ELW 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"
Choir: Sweet, sweet Spirit

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 362 "At the Lamb's High
Feast We Sing" (Verse 1-4)**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

***The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor:		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
Music Director:		Len Cremisio
Asst. Ministers:	9:30 a.m.	
Reader:		Don Ames
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Patricia Bressler
Ushers:	9:30 a.m.	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
Altar Care:		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
Post Worship Sec.:	9:30 a.m.	Joy Yonko
Counters:		Arlene Kelly
Greeters:	9:30 a.m.	
Fellowship:		

Communion Wine: Given by Chuck & Joy Yonko, In honor of their children and grandchildren.

Altar Flowers: Don & Helen Ames, In honor of their wedding anniversary May 4th.

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