

the LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
& DAY SCHOOL

3rd Sunday Of Easter
April 14, 2024

The core of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
(Luke 24:40)

ALTAR FLOWERS

In mememory of our daughter
Lauren Dittmar Mack on her 43rd birthday
and her 6th anniversary in heaven.

Janis and Richard Dittmar

God Bless Theo
on his baptism.
Love, family and friends

Welcome!

THE LIFE Lutheran Church is committed to
Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

We journey through faith by:

- REVERENTLY worshipping God
- JOYFULLY serving our neighbors, as we
- TOGETHER live out the Gospel

Visitors: First time at THE LIFE? Thanks for joining us! Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor.

Holy Communion: We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion is offered at all of our services and is for all baptized Christians who share our belief that Christ, himself, is truly present.

If you have any questions feel free contact Pastor Vetrano at pastor@thelifeny.org or call the church office at 516.333-3355

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OPENING SONG

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

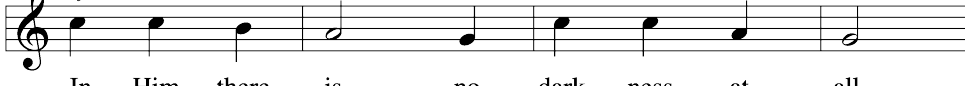


God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* The term catholic presented in this way is defined as universal.

"Jesus Loves Me"



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

EASTER LITANY

(We omit the Confession during the 50 Days of Easter)

- P** God of life, we give you praise and glory.
- C** **We praise you, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- P** You have given Jesus victory over sin. You have made his cross a sign of glory.
- C** **May we glory in the cross of Christ.**
- P** With Jesus, you have buried us in death to sin and raised us to new life.
- C** **And we are alive in Christ.**
- P** The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil, washes away sin, restores innocence, casts out hate, and brings us peace, In Jesus Christ, you are † free from all your sins and restored to new life. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Christ is Risen!
- C** **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Earth And All Stars”



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the
7 Chil - dren of God, Dy - ing and ris - ing, Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing
Lord a new song! Heav - en and earth, Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
last - ing, Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

“He Is Exalted”

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

A The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

“Lord, I Need You”

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
(Chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
(Chorus)

Ending Chorus

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

MESSAGE

Rev. Justin Vetrano

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus

“We Fall Down”

The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

- A** O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially those we name with our lips and in our hearts. (*pause*) God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.**

P We pray, Holy living and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the Earth and for saving us from the power of sin and death. We thank you for your Son Jesus, who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry and with a love stronger than death gave his life for others. Remember, therefore, His life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for this dying world, that one day we will join with Heaven and earth and all the angels evermore praising you and singing...

SANCTUS means “holy”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

FRACTION

AGNUS DEI

“The Lamb”

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

COMMUNION SONG

“Great Are You, Lord”

Verse

You give life, You are love
You bring light
To the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken,
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

Bridge

And all the earth
Will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry,
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (3X)

COMMUNION SONG

“Revelation Song”

Verse

Worthy is the,
Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to
Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat
(2X)

Chorus

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God
Almighty
Who was, and is,
and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of
Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You!

Verse

Filled with wonder,
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of
Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is
Power
Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous
mystery
(Chorus)

COMMUNION SONG

Verse 1

Father, you are holy
Lifting up your name
we give you praise
You wipe away
our tears,
You're there throughout
the years
Your name means peace
Alleluia, A----le---lu--ia

“Peace, Father You Are Holy”

Verse 2

Jesus you are holy
Lifting up your name
we give you praise
You wipe away
our tears,
You're there throughout
the years
Your name means peace
Alleluia, A----le---lu--ia

Verse 3

Spirit you are holy
Lifting up your name
we give you praise
You wipe away
our tears,
You're there throughout
the years
Your name means peace
Alleluia, A----le---lu--ia

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Now Let Us Dance”

Verse 1

Now let us dance, for the victory is won
Now let us sing for the song has begun
Now let us live in the light of the Son
Gathered and called and united as one.

Chorus

When we see the grave the
stone is rolled away
Hear the angels say, “He is risen!”
When we rise from death
filled with God’s own breath
Dead in sin and yet we’re forgiven.

Verse 2

At dawn as they walked sadly
hanging their heads
They fell in reverence
when angels said,
“Why do you look for the living
with the dead?”
Their mourning walk turned
into dancing instead.
(chorus)

Verse 3

This same good news
we believers proclaim
When we with water
baptize in His name
Their message then and
ours now the same
Jesus has the victory,
and Satan has no claim.
(chorus)

SENDING

P Jesus said, “I have come that you may have **LIFE** and have it abundantly.” Go in peace, serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: All children are welcome to attend Sunday School each week. Grade levels include **Pre-K, K- 1st, 2nd -3rd and 4th-5th Grade**. For info, contact Nancy@thelifeny.org

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIFE - Mon., Apr. 15, 3:15-7:15: There is a critical shortage; please consider donating. Sign up in the narthex or email Roxanne@thelifeny.org.

VBS 2024 AT THE LIFE - Aug. 5th -9th (9am-12pm) -Registration is open for participants and volunteers. To register visit - thelifeny.org/summer-vbs. Parents can sign up their children to participate, or to volunteer as helpers. Questions, email: VBS@thelifeny.org.

VOLUNTEER AT THE LIFE! Please consider assisting occasionally as an Usher, Reader, Sunday School Teacher, and/or Hospitality Helper. For details, please contact Pastor Crocitto, Crocitto@thelifeny.org.

LSS INFANT LAYETTE PROGRAM: Current requests are wipes (small packs), long sleeve white onesies newborn to 24 months, size 1 diapers, baby bottles, and newborn toys (rattles and small stuffed animals). Place in outside bin, with "Baby" written on bags. Or order direct shipped thru Amazon, visit here: thelifeny.org/fooddrive

HELP THE HUNGRY: DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE: THE LIFE continues to collect food items for the Food Pantry of Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Most needed are laundry pods (store brand is fine), spices, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, pepper, baby wipes and diapers. Drop off donations anytime in the covered bin by the parking lot, or donate conveniently thru our Amazon Food Drive link, at thelifeny.org/fooddrive. Info, contact the church office.

LIFE FOR UKRAINE: Together we can help bring Ukrainian refugees to safety and hope through our ongoing effort. Go to our webpage, thelifeny.org/ukraine and click the "Donate Here" button. **All donations go directly** to help displaced families. **Like & follow the LIFE for Ukraine FB page:** facebook.com/lifeforukraine **Donate Here:** thelifeny.org/ukraine

ONLINE GIVING: If you would like to contribute offerings to the church conveniently from home, you can do so securely at this link: thelifeny.org/giving. You can also text your donation to [516-302-4488](tel:516-302-4488)

ANYTHING YOU NEED? Should you need Pastor Vetrano, please feel free to text or call anytime at 516-902-7602

DIG DEEPER INTO FAITH - Bible Studies at THE LIFE - All are welcome!

Monday, April 22nd, 7 pm – *The Chosen* Season 3 – Weekly Study -- In-person or Zoom – Contact Dcn. Larry Rath, larry@thelifeny.org for more more information.

Tuesday, April 30th, 11 am – *The Weekly Lessons* – Weekly study -- In Person only – Contact Pastor Crocitto, crocitto@thelifeny.org for information.

Tuesday, April 16, 7 pm – *Daughters of Grace*, Women's Bible Study– Bi-monthly study --Zoom Only – Contact Roxanne Oellrich, roxanne@thelifeny.org, for a link.

Wednesday, April 24th, 1 pm – *The Gospel of John* – Weekly Study -- In Person only – Contact Pastor Vetrano, pastor@thelifeny.org, for further information.