

First Lutheran Church

300 West Third Street Prophetstown, IL 61277

Midweek Lent – Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the beginning of life for us all. Just as the creator God forms the earth out of chaotic waters and shines light onto primeval darkness, so the resurrection of Christ pulls us from death through baptism into fruitful life with all the good earth and enlightens our life in Christ.

- * Please social distance, sit in open pews only, and wear your face mask.
- * You may hum along with the music or sing softly with your mask on.

Prelude * Congregation rises in body and/or spirit
Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

*Holden Evening Prayer worship booklet is used this evening.
The Service of Light is symbolically portrayed by the procession of the Christ Candle. Please face the candle as it is brought forward from the back of the church.*

*Service of Light – pages 2-3

*Evening Thanksgiving – page 4

Please be seated.

Psalmody: Psalm 141 – pages 4-7

Please note that the Psalmody is sung in a round. The Lectern side of the church sings the top line and the Pulpit side sings the bottom line.

Prayer – page 8

Reading: Psalm 130 Paul McCracken

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. ²LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand? ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God**

***Gospel: Matthew 27:11-20, 24-25**

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so."
¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.
¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"
¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection: "Jerusalem Speaks" Pastor Chelsey Weech

Listen as the story continues this week.

Assisting: Mary Roland, Amanda Schanze, Donna Roland, Steve Wankerl

Offering is received in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" vs. 1-2 #333

Refrain: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.

1. No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said; he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.

Refrain

2. When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak; he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet. Refrain

Annunciation and Magnificat – page 8-9

***Litany and Prayers – pages 10-11**

***Lord's Prayer – page 11**

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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Final Blessing – page 12**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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FLC Announcements

Tonight's Worship: We have worship in the sanctuary and it can also be heard in the parking lot on 95.1 FM. The Evangelism & Christian Education Committee will be serving water and cookies to go so that you may enjoy them on your way home.

Worship Sign-up for Holy Week: Please sign up at the narthex table or call the office for the following services. Palm Sunday, March 28th at 9:00 am, Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm, Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm, and Easter Sunday, April 4th at 9:00 am or 11:00 am. Please note that at this time we will have two worship services for Easter. All worship services are held in person in the sanctuary and may be heard in the parking lot.

Covid Restrictions: As the week's progress and the state restrictions change due to COVID we may have different plans. Please continue to watch for any of these changes.

Usher sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please sign up to help throughout the year.