

Praise Service



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* = Please rise in body or spirit

* *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* *Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* *Prayer of the Day*

P: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Great Redeemer

Beneath my Great Redeemer's cross, I kneel in streams of mercy
His blood removes my guilty sin, His grace has made me worthy
To stand before His holiness and bow my grateful soul
Beneath my great Redeemer's cross, I worship Christ alone
Great Redeemer: Jesus, Great Redeemer: Jesus

I long to see my Savior's face, to gaze upon His beauty
To lose myself in His embrace, at last behold His glory
The Lamb of God, who died for me, has made my sin His own
And bore my shame upon the cross, I worship Him alone
Great Redeemer: Jesus, Great Redeemer: Jesus
Great Redeemer: Jesus, Great Redeemer: Jesus

O Lamb of God, You died for me and made my sin Your own
And bore my shame upon the cross, I worship You alone
I worship You alone, I worship You alone.

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Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide; but You have sent Him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified; They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died; but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

Repeat Chorus

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** God So Loved*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty,
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy,
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

Chorus

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

Repeat Chorus

Chorus2

The pow'r of Hell forever defeated, now it is well
I'm walking in freedom, for God so loved,
God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of his love

Repeat Bridge

Break

For God so loved the world that he gave us
His one and only Son to save us

Repeat Chorus, Chorus 2

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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Good News:

Luke 24:13-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven mile from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.”

“What things?” Jesus asked.

“The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

“Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said.”

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”

Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

** The Nicene Creed*

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

* *Prayers of Intercession*

* *Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C: And also with you.

* *Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
C: Amen.

* *The Great Thanksgiving*

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.

* *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

* *Lord's Prayer*

C: 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

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

* *Benediction*

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

* *Glorious Day*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising he justified freely forever
One day he's coming O Glorious Day O Glorious Day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Repeat chorus

One Day the trumpet will sound for his coming
One day the skies with his glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Repeat chorus

Glorious day, O glorious day

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**** Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. The tomb is empty.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!



This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Mike Way, Judy Moyer
Altar Guild:	Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center:	Rob & Paula Bickelman
Counters:	Mike Way, Marty Jordan

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader:	Gwen Semmens
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage
Counters:	Deneen Kratz, Judy Hunsberger

St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, April 21 st	Congregational Council, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 22 nd	Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Saturday, April 25 th	Diakonia, 9:00 AM - Noon
Sunday, April 26 th	Holy Communion service, 9:00 AM