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Good morning and welcome to the House of the Lord. We pray: May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

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Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

No. 457

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

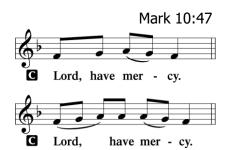
P: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

- P: The LORD is my strength and my song,
- C: and he has become my salvation.
- P: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
- C: your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- P: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed:
- C: you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- P: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
- C: the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
- P: the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
- C: The LORD will reign forever and ever.
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- P: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
- C: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.











Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Stand

P: In the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P: How are you named?

R: Grant Michael Alan King

P: **Grant Michael Alan King,** receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: How are you named?

R: Grayson Charles King

P: **Grayson Charles King**, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Grant and Grayson according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to

P: Is it your intention to serve Grant and Grayson as sponsors in the Christian faith?

them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C: Amen.

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P: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sit

P: Grant and Grayson, do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Grant and Grayson do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

P: **Grant Michael Alan King,** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life \pm everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: **Grayson Charles King** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life \pm everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Grant and Grayson the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Peace + be with you.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷ Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

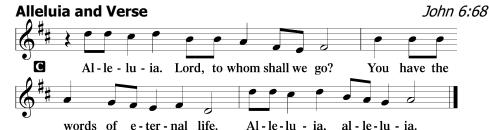
1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Luke 24:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Resurrection

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8And they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

No. 458

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Sermon

Stand

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church - After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Offering

Sit





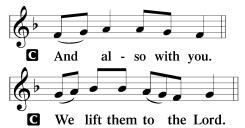
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, ... evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers;

deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

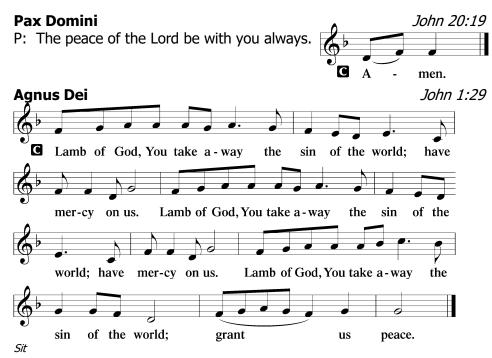
The Words of Our Lord

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



THE DISTRIBUTION As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's true body and blood in the bread and the wine.

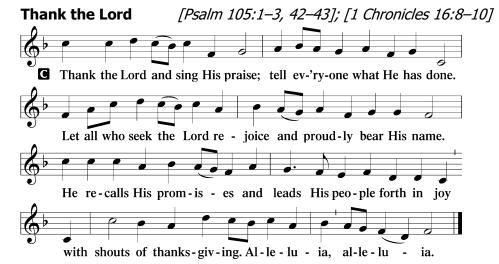
In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices closed communion. We invite to our altar all baptized Christians who have publicly confirmed their faith before a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. All who wish to commune are asked to talk with Pastor before the service, and he will also gladly talk to you if you have questions about this.

Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians, but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

| DISTRIBUTION TITLENS | |
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| "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" | No. 463 |
| "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" | No. 633 |
| "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" | No. 465 |
| "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" | No. 477 |
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Stand



Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you And be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

No. 467

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THE ALTAR EASTER LILIES are given to the glory of God by

Jody & Raymond Rahn Larry & Rose Anstine
Jane Osburn Bob & Joelyn Squires

Nancy & Bryson Pond Val & Rick Rush

Heather & Tommy Pattie & Duane Oestmann

Pastor & Sarah Warneke Eric & Sue Snider

Jim & Joyce Holloway The Eckhoff & O'Donnells

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith (Debbie Smith's sister), Duane Oestmann, Barb Sweet, Marty Viller, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, David Holloway (Jim Sr's brother), Joyce Holloway, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein (Nancy Pond's Brother), Traci Williams (Teresa Holloway's step-sister), John Harper, Vida Rood (Nancy Pond's Aunt), Megan Goatley.

Redeemer Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches are taking an outing to the ballpark! Friday, April 25, 6:35 p.m.

Wind Surge Baseball Outing (Wichita)

Wind Surge vs. Springfield Cardinals - **Tickets are \$14.00 each**. Many attendees are willing to carpool. **Sign-up by April 21,** sheet on bulletin board.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR BILL!!! We would like to invite you all to



come to Bill Fountaine's **Surprise Party** on **Sunday**, **April 7**th from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. It will be held at **29271-91**st **Rd in Parkerfield**, **Kansas**. It is the recreational center there. The Party is a come and go, and it is to celebrate Bill turning 80 yrs. !! You are not obligated to bring anything; just yourselves. Family of Bill Fountaine.

THANK YOU doesn't even begin to cover our appreciation, but

thank you to the youth and parents who helped make the Italian Dinner on Palm Sunday so successful and to those in the congregation who so generously helped us raise another \$799 towards are trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Jonathan Makynzie

Cara

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-32

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-18

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 pm Catechism Class

7:00 pm Youth Group

FRIDAY: BALL PARK OUTING WITH TRINITY

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Jim Holloway Sr.

Altar Committee: Jody Rahn, Sue Snider, Patty Tharp

Greeter: Jody Rahn

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>

April 9, 2025 - Midweek- Worship - 12/21

Fairmount Ministries - \$265.00

April 13, 2025 - Worship - 65

Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94 Home Budget Offering - \$1856.00

Reimbursement - Trinity Lutheran - \$1888.13

Missions - \$2.00

National Youth Gathering - \$799.00