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Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

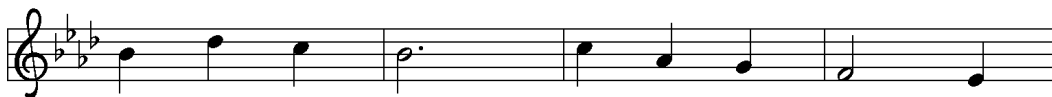
"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Rejoicing in the resurrection news, Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

we confess that we are held captive to doubt and fear, dismissing the resurrection news. We place trust in ourselves and fail to love our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus Christ to die for us. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others proclaiming the glorious news of Christ's resurrection.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!


He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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 – *Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 5:12-13*

Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




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

The Refrain is repeated each time



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.




Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 36–41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 – *read responsively*

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he listened to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death surrounded me; the sorrow of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, save me!"

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD. Praise the LORD

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17–23

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *sung two times*



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“But We Had Hoped...”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*We greet one another with the words “Peace be with you”*)

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Bell Choir

“Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” *arr. Parrish*

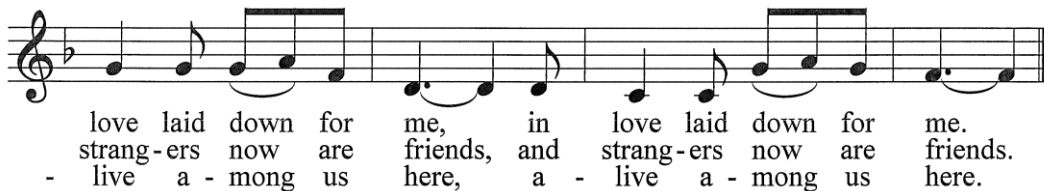
***OFFERTORY**



I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a-



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,

You are the ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

***THE THANKSGIVING**

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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

***THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Day By Day"

WOV 746 *(Blue hymnal)*

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

***PRAYER**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!



*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Matters

*The large white **Paschal Candle** is lit each Sunday during the season of Easter (through May 28). The Paschal Candle is an ancient symbol of the Church, reminding us of the presence of Jesus among His people. The candle is kept near the Baptismal font and is lit for Baptisms (reminding us that we have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection), Funerals (reminding us that in death we have gained the promise of resurrection to eternal life), and the season of Easter.*

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Worship Leader	-Peg Bjorlin
Acolyte	-Maddox Schneider
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman
Preacher	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Bells	-Deb Schmidt
Instrumentalists	-Adam Grisier, Ross Miller, Maddie Short, Caleb Wyse
Lector	-Greg Whitacre
Usher Team Leader	-Jim Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Michelle Collins, Jess Short
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Janet Wyse

The **Junior Choral Society** (JCS) will be giving their last concert of the season on **Sunday, April 30 @ 7:00 pm** at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold. Come hear this energetic group of 4th-8th grade children sing a variety of music they have worked hard to present this season! Refreshments & fellowship to follow the concert. Thank you for supporting the musical arts for the young people in our community!

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

6:00 pm each Wednesday

-9:00 Sunday – live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7 ESV

Worship includes the celebration of Communion today. We will be distributing communion in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive the bread and then you can move to the side to receive the wine. Please pick up your own glass from the wine tray unless you need assistance. The center light-colored glasses are grape juice. Please place your empty glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one time donations directly from phones using this QR code.

To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to:

<https://givingtools.com>

and sign in to your account.



This Week at St. Martin's

Today – April 23

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Sunday School, 10:20 am

Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am

Youth Group Sunday Night Gathering, 6:00 pm

Tuesday – April 25

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's

Sewing, 9:00 am

Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John's Christian

Wednesday – April 26

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Welcome Place Worship, 6:00 pm

Welcome Place Kids, 6:00 pm, in the basement

Catechism, 6:30 pm, in the basement

Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bells, 6:30 pm

Music Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday – April 27

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – April 30

Worship, 9:00 am

Sunday School, 10:20 am

Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am

Youth Group Sunday Night Gathering, 6:00 pm

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory
All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be supported
in their ministry to the Church
The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania
Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area
People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, and Caregivers
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God
Owen Basselman, Pat Basselman's grandson
Leo Brennan, brother-in-law of John Trudel
Rick Breier
Cory Erbskorn
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Steve & Sue Hurst, Health Concerns
Amy Johns
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
Michael Koch, friend of Melanie & Dick Nagel
Bonnie R. Lauber
Stephene Medaugh, Hospice Care
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Eva Pahl, Pat Basselman's niece, health concerns
Tom Plezia, friend of Karen Stevenson
Deb A. Schnitkey, friend of the Schmidt's
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Al Siewert
Jonathan Siewert
Peg Winzeler
Fred Witte Jr.
Joe Wyse
Kelsy Wyse
Homebound – Louise Wyse
For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near
All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry
Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams, Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Ashtyn Frederick, Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short
 ☎☎ Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ☎☎
 (Note, we include a person's name with permission.)

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of April 16, 2023, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$3,792.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,135.00
Benevolence Received	\$980.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$640.00
Other Designated Income	\$825.00	As of March 31, 2023	
Total Income	\$5,597.00	YTD Operating Received	\$62,244.80
Worship: Sun./Wed./Total	99/12/111	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$74,973.34)
Sunday School	43	Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$12,728.54)

Summer Camps

Hard to believe that summer is right around the corner, and we are getting ready for Summer Retreat. Camp will be held at Camp Michindoh in Hillsdale, MI. We've been invited by CedarCreek Whitehouse Campus to join them for their camp experience. High School camp is July 7th-9th and Middle School (5th through 9th grade) Camp is July 10th- 14th. Spots are limited and Registration closes May 31st. This is a new camp experience for St. Martin's. If you have any questions, See Jake for more information.

Rock the Lake

Rock the Lake is a free outdoor concert at Old Field Beach by Indian Lake just Southeast of Lima. The event takes place Saturday, August 6th and Jeremy Camp, David Leonard and Ben Fuller will be headlining this year. This will also be a High School and Middle School event.

