

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Prelude**

***Bind Us Together***

Bind us together Lord, bind us together  
With words that cannot be spoken,  
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together in love.

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Comforter, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

**Amen.**

In the presence of the living God,

**We confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us, O God, and bring about your new life in ourselves, in our community, and in our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

Dear Friends, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that your sins are forgiven and you are washed anew in his rising. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright***

That Easter day with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
With constant love our hearts possess,  
To you our lips will ever raise,  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give,  
To you, once dead but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
And God the Spirit now we raise!

## Invocation

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

## Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

## Hymn of Praise

### ***Come to the Table of Grace***

1. Come to the table of grace,  
Come to the table of grace,  
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine,  
Come to the table of grace.
2. Come to the table of Peace
3. Come to the table of Life

## Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your new life to the entire world. Send us out now into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives.

**Amen.**

## Reading

### **Acts 1:1-14**

*Jesus Commissions the Disciples*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Message

## Hymn of the Day

### *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds, in praise of love that still abounds,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Now still he comes to give us life, and by his presence still all strife,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love, set heart and will on things above,  
That we conquer through your triumph.  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day, that by our lives we truly say,  
Christ has triumphed, He is living!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## 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 to the dead.  
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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

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### Offertory Response

#### ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## Closing Prayer

Good and Gracious God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your faithful people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

### **Benediction**

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives***

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead, He lives, my everliving head.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives exalted, throned above, He lives to rule His church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **In Our Prayers this Week:**

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks  
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

Jim Morrow, Stella Halvorson, Leon Fritzke, Dick Erickson,  
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Patty Youmans (friend of Kevin & Mary Beck),  
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