

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and strengthen us to serve in the strong name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Jesus is stronger than sin, death, and evil. His love for us is beyond measure and His grace awaits us whenever we turn to Him. So, as a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. May God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you unto life eternal.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ 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

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(at the direction of the pastor, we join in our confession of faith)

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 again 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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 4

Read in unison

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the twenty fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer’s flow’r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God’s pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God’s prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God’s faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

To the words “Lord in your mercy,” the congregation responds **“Hear our prayer.”**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Martin How - An Easter Greeting

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise

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him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. Amen.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Tchaikovsky: The Seasons - April

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Friends of Mar-Lu-Ridge,

God is moving through and among this ministry. For scores of summer campers, youth, adults, and families, Mar-Lu-Ridge is a place of sanctuary. It is a place where the noises and distractions of the world fall away, allowing space to engage with God's created world, to hear God's reassuring promises. What a welcome gift in these times!



We are a community with a rich legacy. Our retreat groups and campers are diverse and faithful. As we build on the commitments of leaders and supporters from the last 63 years and position Mar-Lu-Ridge for a strong and vibrant future, we are renewing our efforts to provide a safe and inclusive environment which reflects the lessons Jesus taught us: To love one another, even as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

Renovating Ridge Inn for increased accessibility and hospitality is a big step for Mar-Lu-Ridge, but one that will have even greater return on our investment in welcoming people to encounter God's love through sacred hospitality, deepening relationships, and care for creation. Through this plan, we will be able to serve people in ways we are unable to at this time – especially groups and individuals with mobility needs. When these campaign initiatives are completed, the manner in which we welcome people will be more fully realized.

I am energized by the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of youth and adults of every walk of life and by the restoring messages of God's grace and love which will frame the way we think of each other and of ourselves. The impact of Mar-Lu-Ridge lives on in generations of campers, retreat guests, staff alumni, and our congregations.

I hope you'll join in this campaign for Mar-Lu-Ridge—for the future of our ministry throughout the region and beyond.

God's peace,
Sarah Lefler
Executive Director



MAR-LU-RIDGE VALUES »

- Community.** We are One Body that encourages, educates, mentors, loves unconditionally, and prays for each other.
- Service.** We believe in the benefit of educating our campers about organizations and people who work in the community and in the church to assist people in need, and to offer opportunities for our campers to improve the lives of others through service projects, prayer, and financial support.
- Sanctuary.** We will maintain the safety and wholeness of our natural space, respecting all life within – human, fauna, and flora. Mar-Lu-Ridge has been powered by 100% wind energy since 2017. In 2021, we entered into a Conservation Easement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, preserving the land for generations to come.



Many children and youth come to Mar-Lu-Ridge wondering, “What’s the point? Why am I here - at Mar-Lu-Ridge and in this world?” They leave with life affirming answers by way of new friends, stories, and dreams; by way of experiencing the hope their spirits long for. This may be because Mar-Lu-Ridge is an expression of who we are as synod-church together.



Mar-Lu-Ridge is a holy and sacred place where campers and leaders alike discover the possibility of relationship with the Triune God through interaction with God’s beloved and beautiful creation. It’s a place where those who visit expand their worldview and come to realize they have belonging: in and with creation, in the community, and in this messy complicated world and season in their lives; it’s a place where healing occurs because love is unconditional and available for all who enter, without exception.

Thanks be to God for Mar-Lu-Ridge and its faithful ministry; one that insists upon welcome, belonging, and hope.

In Christ,

Rev. Leila M. Ortiz

Bishop of The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod

At Mar-Lu-Ridge, the Holy Spirit comes near in the creation and community, reminding us that we learn much from the diversity that is, rather than the uniformity of what was. Truly this is a place where we live out our baptismal vocation to honor the dignity and belovedness of all people. I have experienced that at Mar-Lu-Ridge, as have my children.



My family is supporting the **With Open Arms** Campaign in order to assure such a place and ministry for the next generation, as well. With much needed improvements, Mar-Lu-Ridge will be more accessible, more useful, and more beautiful for the community that will be able to use our marvelous facilities!

I often speak to our Delaware-Maryland Synod family, reminding them that Mar-Lu-Ridge is our little slice of Heaven; there’s no denying that the view has something to do with that, but it’s the community gathered in this holy place where we see God come especially close.

Thank you for your generous response to **With Open Arms!** It is because of your prayers and support that we live more fully into our commitment that all are welcome in this place.

Come and see!

The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Bishop

Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA

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Call Committee Reminder – April 15th is next week so please complete the survey if you haven't already done so. Also, everyone in your household, middle school thru college and all adults are encouraged to participate.

Use the web site or QR code below or paper copies can be found in the narthex.

Web Site

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· Sunday, May 5th, after 10 AM service; Sign-up deadline is April 24

SIGN-UP: In the Narthex or contact Joy Fernon, 240-674-

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)

7:00 pm Dance Class (Gym) (Double T)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

11:30 am Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:00 am Yard Sale (Outside)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday School (Fellowship)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Dust off your Dancing Shoes

before St Martin's Party with a Purpose on April 27th!

Michael Sims from Lite on your Feet Dance Studio will provide a

Dance Class for Beginner to Intermediate Dancers on Wednesday April 17th from 7-8:15pm in the gym.

No partner is needed to participate. Cost is \$10 per person.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Text your RSVP for the class to 952-239-0942

