

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11 & 14, 2024

We Have a Meaningful Message to Share

Opening Hymn (Thursday).....	912, “Open, Lovely Doors”
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Opening Song (Sunday-- <i>Sung by Gr. 1-2 students</i>).....	Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me
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Hymn (Sunday)	640, “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

Prayer of the Day: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 150B

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 573, “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

SERMON..... “**Behind Locked Doors**” Luke 24:36-49

Offering Hymn 748 v. 1, “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 814, “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn927, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-20

Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon’s Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? The God of

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:5—2:2

St. John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and been called to declare: God is light.

This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate in front of them. He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwycgart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

BAPTISM: Lilah Marie Mose, infant daughter of Matt & Kristin Mose, will be baptized in Sunday's (TODAY'S) worship service. We rejoice at Lilah's baptism and welcome her into God's kingdom and our congregation! Lilah was born March 12, 2024.

CALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: At the call meeting which was held this past Wednesday, a divine call was issued to Ms. Alexandria Rivera of Deltona, Florida. Ms. Rivera is currently the Kindergarten teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy in Deltona, Florida. Please keep Ms. Rivera in your prayers as she deliberates on her call to St. Matthew's as well as the call she currently holds at Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: No one has signed up to host the fellowship hour which would take place immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, April 28**. If this is something you or a group of you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board or speak with Pastor Mose today. Thank you!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17**, at **7:00 PM**. A big topic of discussion will be the budget for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year. All voters please note this date and time on your calendars as we urge you all to participate!

FYSH GROUP: The next meeting of the FYSH group will be on **Sunday, April 21**, at **6:00 PM** at our church/school. There will be several activities to participate in! There will be building of birdhouses, some cooking/baking, and a sewing craft. All students ages 13 and up are invited to attend!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, April 28**. All confirmed members are invited to join us!

WLA – HOT LUNCH: St. Matthew's has been assigned the dates of **April 29 – May 3, 2024**, to help serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of service are from **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board. If you would like more information about helping, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)**. Thank you!

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: St. Matthew's PTL will be holding its second annual Rummage and Bake Sale on: **Saturday, May 4**, from **8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. We hope you have been setting aside items which you would like to donate to this sale. **You may bring your items anytime starting Sunday, April 28. All items need to be here by early Friday evening, May 3**, so we can get everything organized for the following day.

In addition, we are looking for donations of baked goods to sell. **The more baked goods we can get the better!** Last year we sold out of our baked goods in a very short period of time. If you would be willing to donate something, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. We are looking for: bars, cookies, pies, and muffins/quick bread.

This event is being coordinated by **Mrs. Ruth Callies**, so if you have any questions about it, please feel free to speak to her!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Mose Family in celebration of Lilah Marie Mose's baptism.

WE THANK the students in Gr. 1-2 for their wonderful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 92

Offerings: \$5,688.45

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$305.00; Church Refurbishment: \$25.00;
Christian Aid & Relief: \$25.00

Memorials: In Memory of Arlene Bonack: \$25.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	NO Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	
Wednesday:	QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service	7:00 PM
	Adult Choir.....	8:00 PM
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM
	FYSH Group Meeting	6:00 PM

150B Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 150B

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
praise him in his mighty / heavens.
Praise him for his acts of / power;
praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
praise him with the / harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
praise him with the / strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.
Praise / the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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