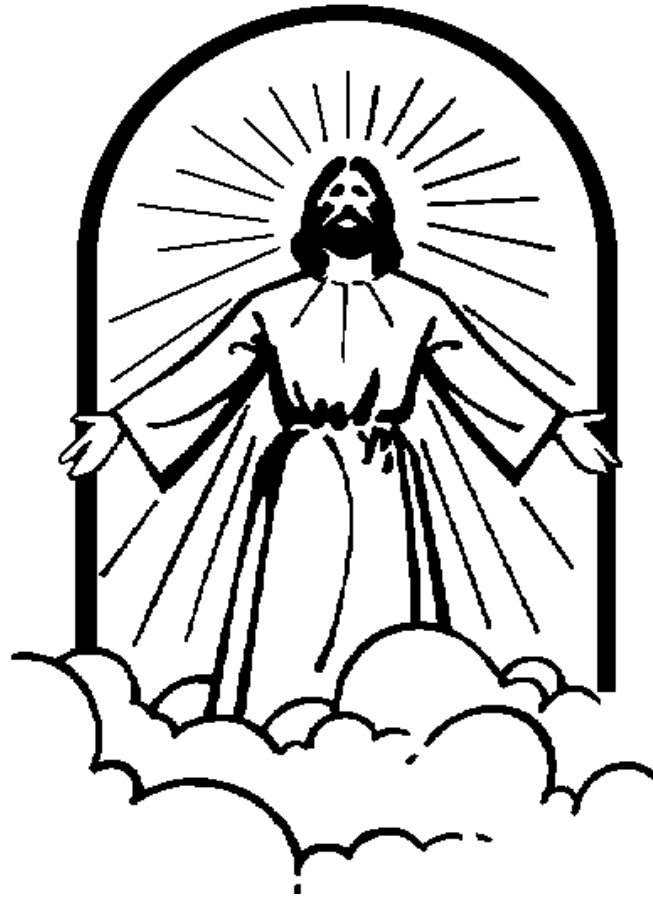


The 3rd Sunday After Easter
April 22, 2018



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“Why should the heathen say, ‘So where is their God?’ But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.” (Psalm 2:1-2)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 46 (page 134 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 193 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”*

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES; HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

L: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

C: THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;

L: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

C: YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES. YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

C: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: John 10:11-18 *rise*



¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, *he who is not the shepherd*, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. ¹⁷ Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one

takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

The Apostle’s Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 798 (Worship Supplement) “*God, We Praise You*”

SERMON: Acts 4:23-33

STAND UP FOR JESUS

23 And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: ‘Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the LORD and against His Christ.’ 27 For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. 29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your Word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness. 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.



OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 451 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Stand Up!—Stand Up For Jesus*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*From All That Dwell Below The Skies*”

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman. After church in our BIBLE STUDY we’re discussing the CLC pastoral conference’s response to the WELS/ELS/CLC JOINT STATEMENT. OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS after our Bible Study. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM, BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE: 4:00 PM. FRIDAY: North Aurora Care Center Bible study: 10:10 AM. SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM. NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. VOTERS MEETING (no Bible Study). ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$747.35 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance was 16. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$3,493.80.

ASCENSION DIRECTORY: There is a ROUGH DRAFT of our UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY on the TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Please look it over and make any necessary additions and corrections.

ARISE AND SHINE (20’s & 30’s, or thereabouts, RETREAT) is June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. This is a faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is “Discipl(in)e.” The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, “For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” For information & registration see: ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh – sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com – (414)534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann – joshohlmann@swbell.net – (314) 874-9184 | Kym Stelter – kjstelter@gmail.com – (507) 327-2076.

DORM SUPERVISOR NEEDED AT ILC: ILC is in need of a boys’ dormitory supervisor for the 2018-19 school year. Men who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position who are interested in applying should contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert (steve.sippert@ilc.edu, 715-523-1138) for an application or for more information. The deadline for applications is May 21. ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH of Mountain View, California, invites us to their 50th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 22, 2018.