



MARCH 31, 2024

**The Order of Worship
6 P.M.**

We worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us, his people, and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue between God and us, as he speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. We only do what God specifically commands in the Scriptures in our worship because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation

As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.

God's Greeting

God's Call to Worship John 20:19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Hymn: #357 *The Day of Resurrection!*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Hymn: #361 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his Word, the Scriptures. God commands, "the public reading of Scripture," so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-49 (Bible p.885)

We respond to hearing God's word by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession, typically said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.

Prayer of Confession (in unison) From *The Lutheran Service Book*, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, 2015.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hymn #448 *Union With Thee*

Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world.

Prayer for God's People

At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God's Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God's word with understanding.

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text: John 20:19-23 (Bible p.906)

Title: From Scared to Sent

We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.

Hymn #368 *Jesus, Lord, Redeemer*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

Worship Leader and Preacher: Pastor Zach Siggins

Musician: Carolynne Waddington

Sound: Mitchell Gaskins