

Black Forest Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter/April 18, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen*

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Kyrie P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us
from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that
are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon *Children please stay with parents.* Pastor Ken

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? 2x*
For you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (4x)

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon You Are My Witnesses Pastor Ken

*Congregation please stand.

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***Hymn of the Day** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.
2. In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that He'd never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Response: **Hear our prayer**

MEAL

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-**
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

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 Hymns *See communion instructions*

Insert

*Prayer after Communion

Benediction

*Sending Song

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1. Christ has arisen. Alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our
Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; death's fearful sting
He has come to destroy Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to
save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done; even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

It's so good to be able to see one another. Remember to remain 6 feet apart and as
hard as it is, do not congregate. Please wear your mask.

Holy Communion Instructions-Please keep your mask on as you approach for
Holy Communion. Come down the center aisle and receive a wafer (whole wheat
or gluten free) with open hands. Then an assisting minister will place a prefilled
glass (wine or grape juice) on the altar rail in front of you. Remove your mask there
and have communion. Replace your mask as you
return to your seat.

Offering-the offering box is located by the Baptismal font.

Visitors-If you are a visitor please sign the visitor sheet at the table at the entrance,
tear off and place in basket. Thank you and welcome!

Wiggle Worship at 10:30a-After the children's sermon, kiddos (out of diapers)
can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents following
the sermon to participate in communion with their families. Wiggle Worship is
now open to those 3 to 7 years of age.

*Flowers are given today by Duane & Pam Wagner in Honor of
Freda Fry's Birthday, and by John and Suzana Lacomia in
Memory of John's mother, Betty Lacomia.*