Third Sunday of Easter Affirmation of Baptism 9am Worship & Live Stream Sunday, April 14th, 2024



HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT - GOD'S LOVE

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In-Person Worship: 9:00am Livestream: 9:00am

Welcome Visitors! Please sign our guest book located in the narthex. *Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy

Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preparation / Prelude

Announcements

THE GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 377 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!

Refrain

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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels,

*Greeting

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.**

*Kyrie: pg. 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Hymn of Praise: pg. 187 This is the feast of victory...

Refrain

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

Prayer of the day

Let us pray, 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 WORD

Children's Time

First Reading: 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." This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 4

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.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up-on your bed.

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

⁶Many 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.

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

Second Reading: 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. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: pg. 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel According to Luke 24th, 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." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
 the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

*Affirmation of Baptism: pg. 234

Ada Erlandson, Karli Foley-Nelson, Matthew Lundstrom, Aubrey Minder, and Breken Young.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism: Ada, Karli, Matthew, Aubrey, and Breken.

Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Ada, Karli, Matthew, Aubrey, and Breken the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession:

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change.

Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. We pray especially for Elaine, **Dean, Fred, John, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts...God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at <u>oursaviorschurch.info</u> under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



*Offertory Hymn: ELW # 184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering prayer: Let us pray, Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

Communion Liturgy:

The Lord be with you. And also 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer 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 and Peter 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:

*Sanctus: pg. 190 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy, holy Lord! Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Thanksgiving at the Table: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe! Blessed are you for the creation, for life in which you took delight. Blessed are you for the promise given to Abraham and Sarah. Blessed are you for rescuing your people Israel from slavery in Egypt. Blessed are you for the words of your prophets that proclaim the hope of our salvation. Blessed are you for your mercies on your people of every time and every place. For you came to dwell among us in Jesus, who preached healing to the sick, wholeness to the broken, and good news to the poor. He gave himself up to death on a cross for us, and he burst the bonds of death to free us forever from its terrors.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And again after supper he took the cup, he gave thanks and he gave it for all to drink saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. Amen.

O God, you are breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Bless us with such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: pg. 191 (Our Father who art in Heaven...)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God: pg. 191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, lamb of God.

Communion hymns: #'s (461, 479, 487)

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending hymn: ELW # 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news! Thanks be to God!

"OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS"

Please continue to pray for the following people;

Elaine Hines, Dean Mewes, Fred Hoyer, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

Announcements:

Sunday April 14th 9am Worship Service (Affirmation of Baptism), 10am Fellowship Hour Monday April 15th 10am Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday April 17th 4pm SOS Kids Crew, 5:30pm Wellness Wednesday

Saturday April 20th 9am Morning of Renewal

Sunday April 14th 9am Worship Service (Affirmation of Baptism), 10am Fellowship Hour

Coffee and Conversation: Please join us on Monday, April 15th 2024, at 10:00am. All are welcome!

Happy Birthday! April (15th) Maddie Constant, Heidi Strand (16th) Dakota Pittman (17th) Hallee Place (18th) Dennis Kiefer, Megan Taplin (19th) Stacy Hansen, McKenna Minder, Bonnie Peterson

March Budget Report: Average weekly offering & donations: \$1,422.80. Average weekly expenses: \$3,144.87.



Basics ocal Aids The Evangelism Committee: we will start collecting Winter outerwear for Basics for local Kids on Sunday, April 7th and continue through the month of April. New or gently used and clean items are accepted. Zippers must be in working condition. They collect all sizes from infant to adult. Look for a box in the narthex to leave your donations in. We look forward to sharing warmth in our community. Thank you, Your Evangelism Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! APRIL 21st is the Annual Men In Mission PANCAKE Breakfast, serving from 10am-11:30am. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice, milk, and coffee. All proceeds raised go to THE PIERCE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY. Come, enjoy, and help them out

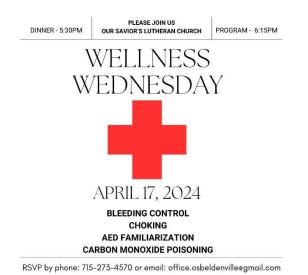
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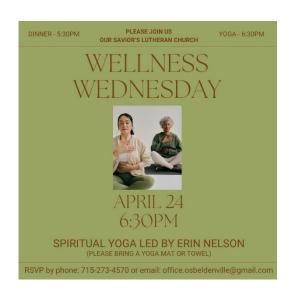


FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of April we will be collecting Baked Beans, Oatmeal, and Canned Fruit.

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

Please spread the word! Volunteers needed at the Pierce County Food Pantry in Ellsworth every Monday 4-6pm for shopping and for stocking shelves every Tuesday and Thursday 9am - noon. Please message or call 715-821-7763 if you or someone you know may be interested.





Youth News!

Join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew! Wednesday, April 17th 4:00 – 5:30 pm. I would like to invite all youth in 1st through 5th grade, along with their friends, to join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew. **Thank You** to Erin Kirchner for preparing and serving the meal for us. *Last S.O.S. Kids Crew for all 5th graders. I would love to see them all there!

Affirmation of Baptism

Full Name: Ada May Erlandson Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Parents: Josh & Jessica Erlandson **Sponsors:** Jerad and Sara Erlandson

Full Name: Karli Rose Foley-Nelson Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

Parents Names: Jennifer Jahnke & Andy Nelson Sponsors Names: Jeff Foley & Kari Gregg

Full Name: Matthew Keith Lundstrom Favorite Bible Verse: Psalms 34: 17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Parents: Keith & Julie Lundstrom Sponsors: Jeff & Kate Smith

Full Name: Aubrey Claire Minder Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 28:20 Remember, I am with you always. Parents Names: Joe and Dawn Minder Sponsors Names: Chad Young, CJ Young

Full Name: Breken William Young
Favorite Bible Verse: Luke 1:37
For nothing will be impossible with God.
Parents: Chad Young, CJ Young
Sponsors: Jared Young, Renee Flynn