

8:00

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD



Easter 3

April 14, 2024

AS WE GATHER:

This weekend we celebrate the ministry of Apple of His Eye (AOHE) Mission Society. We urge you to prayerfully support this Mission Society leading the effort in bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel as a RSO of the LCMS.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Gracious God, you sustained the ministry of the Apple of His Eye Mission Society for 28 years. We thank you for the past blessings and the blessings to come according to your good and gracious will. Bless Steve Cohan today as he brings the good news of our Savior in our worship today and enlighten us in this special ministry to the Jewish nation throughout the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Apple of His Eye Mission Society

✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME

THEME

stand

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Psalm 133:1-3

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
- C** It is like precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
- P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
- C** For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798, vv. 1-3

sit

CONFESSION *[Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.]*

- P** Eternal God who calls us to repentance, we are grateful for the opportunity to answer Your call, to forsake our sins, and to turn to You with all our hearts. Yet we know that repentance is sometimes difficult. We know that there have been times when we have resolved to mend our ways and did not succeed.
- C** We yearn to become better than we have been, not because of *(our merit)* but because of your grace which is more than sufficient for us.
- P** Renew us through your Spirit. Create in us clean hearts, O God, through our Messiah.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

ABSOLUTION *[We rejoice in God’s declaration of forgiveness]*

- P** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as your pastor, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

KYRIE - *Lord, Have Mercy*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

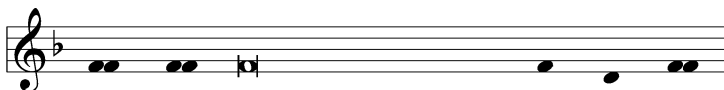
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

BLESSING BEFORE SCRIPTURE

- P** Bless the LORD, the blessed One.
C Blessed be the LORD, the blessed One forever and ever.
P Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who chose us from all nations and gave us His Scriptures.
C Blessed are You, O LORD, Giver of the Scriptures.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:1-10

¹Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*stand***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to You, O Christ.**APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

sit Children’s Message in A202 for children aged 3 through second grade.

(Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)

SERMON HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798, vv. 4-6

MESSAGE

“Behold the Lamb of God”

OFFERING *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

stand

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition: **P** Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
C His steadfast love endures forever.

The prayer concludes:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray,
- C** 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.

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(We come to the altar at peace with one another.)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

sit

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

"The Lamb"

LSB 547, v. 1

The lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
 Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(See page 11 for communion information.)*

HYMNS

“The Lamb”	LSB 547, vv. 2-5
“Jerusalem the Golden”	LSB 672
“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”	LSB 466

remain seated

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you
 and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING ANTHEM

“O Le Aso Lenei” *[This Is the Day]* Hawaiian Blessing
 KIDS KLUB CHOIR Jennifer Bullock, *director*

*O le aso lenei.
 Na faia e le Atua.
 Tatou olioli.
 Ma fiafia ai.*

*[This is the day that the Lord has made.
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.]*

We enter to worship; we exit to witness!

✠ TO GOD BE THE GLORY ✠

✧ Regarding Holy Communion ✧

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

✧ Regarding Thank Offering ✧

To our Guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

To our Members – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

Offerings can be given in the following ways:

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed through the pews;
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on "Give" or use QR code →.



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COMING UP AT OUR SAVIOR - SERMON SERIES AND BIBLE STUDY:

THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE



PHASE 1:
SIN
APRIL 21



PHASE 2:
CONFESSION
APRIL 28



PHASE 3:
ABSOLUTION
MAY 5



PHASE 4:
RESTORATION
MAY 12



PHASE 5:
SANCTIFICATION
MAY 19

☞ Serving this Morning...

Pastor/Liturgist	Keith Piotter
Pastor	Gary Timm
Speaker	Steve Cohen, Founder of Apple of His Eye Mission Society
Organist	Jean Baker
Acolyte	Cami Beyer
Reader	Kristyn Mahler
Children's Message	Jennifer Bullock

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