

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 14th, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Third Sunday of Easter

The Installation of Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Introduction for the Day: The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Let us begin as we live in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. As we enter into the good news that this new dawn brings, may we know the peace that Jesus gives.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God our Creator.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, forgive our sins, so that we may receive and share the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name."

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

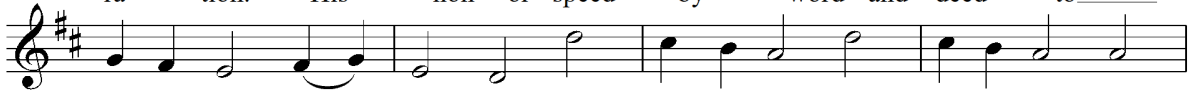
#368 With High Delight Let Us Unite



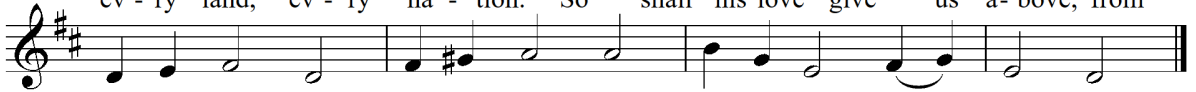
1. With high de-light let us u-nite in songs of great ju-bi-
 2. True God, he first from death has burst forth in-to life, all sub-
 3. Let prais-es ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord ad-o-



la-tion. You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing
 du-ing. His en-e-my now van-quished see; his
 ra-tion. His hon-or speed by word and deed to



Je-sus Christ, our sal-va-tion. To set us free for-ev-er, he is
 death has been death's un-do-ing. "And yours shall be like vic-to-ry o'er
 ev-'ry land, ev-'ry na-tion. So shall his love give us a-bove, from



ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev-'ry na-tion.
 death and grave," says he, who gave his life for us, life re-new-ing.
 mis-er-ry and death set free, all joy and full con-so-la-tion.

Opening Litany for the Third Sunday of Easter & Apostolic Greeting

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples that by your death you saved us from sin.

Open our minds to understand the depth of your forgiveness.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples that they had been given the mission to spread the Good News.

Open our minds to understand that we, too, have been given the power to proclaim your Good News.

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Celebration Anthem

An African Worship Song by John Paradowski and Joe Martin – Senior Choir

“An African Worship Song” is based on the Ghana folksong, “Nanuma.” Although the origin of the African text is unknown, the original song is sometimes used as a greeting in Ghana. The term “nanuma” has no precise definition in English. Some say that the word means “beautiful.” A loose translation for the phrase, nanuma wyeeay is: “As we journey through life, are we doing enough to love and care for others?”

(Lyrics on next page)

Nanuma wyeeay, nanuma.

We come to worship now, nanuma. We come to worship now, nanuma. We praise the Lord most high, give thanks and glorify. We come to worship now, nanuma.

We sing a song of praise, nanuma. We sing a song of praise, nanuma. With heart and soul and voice, creation now rejoice. We sing a song of praise, nanuma.

We pray with humble hearts, nanuma. We pray with humble hearts, nanuma. Lord, give us strength today and help us know Your way. We pray with humble hearts, nanuma.

Sing all creation! Sing jubilation! Amen!

We go to share God's love, nanuma. We go to share God's love, nanuma. Let peace be multiplied, may joy be magnified. We go to share God's love, nanuma.

We go to share God's love, share God's love.

Word

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

After hearing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

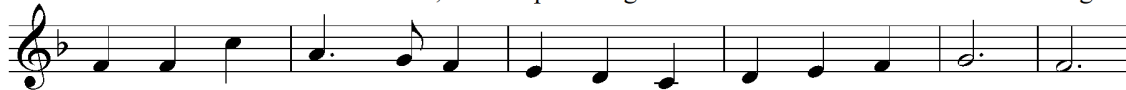
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!



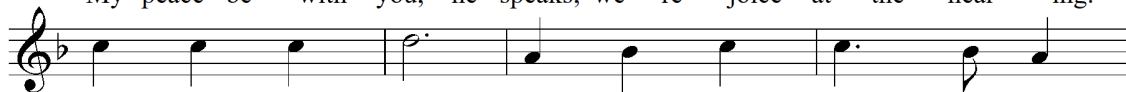
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The earth has been sha - ken!

2. Christ is a - ris - en, dis - pell - ing our doubts and our fear - ing.



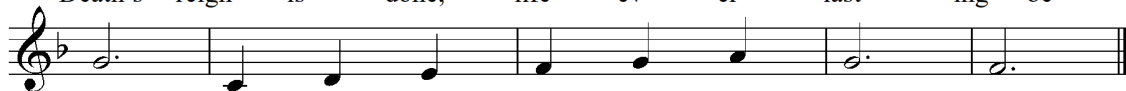
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! The tomb is for - sak - en!

“My peace be with you,” he speaks; we re - joice at the hear - ing.



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be -

Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be -



gun! We from our graves shall a - wak - en!

gun, Marked by his bless - ed ap - pear - ing.

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Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O risen Lord!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O risen Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bishop Paul Erickson

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Service of Installation

Presentation

Having been authorized by the church to install **Kevin Kretzmann Farrar**, our co-worker in the gospel, as **Lead Pastor**, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of **Saint Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, have called **Kevin Kretzmann Farrar**, as **Lead Pastor**. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

Address and Questions

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Kevin, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds: **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

People of God, will you receive **Kevin** as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Kevin, the office of **Lead Pastor** is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Pastor Kevin, in 2018 you were ordained as a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and now on April 14, 2024 we call you to be our **Lead Pastor** to proclaim God's Word, to baptize new members into the church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's grace to us, and to preside at our celebrations of the Lord's Supper. Scripture reminds us: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."*

(Pastor Kevin's family is invited to stand.)

To the family of Pastor Kevin who are gathered together from near and far we recognize that you have been greatly involved in support of Pastor Kevin's ministry.

We give thanks to God for your participation in the life and ministry of Pastor Kevin and welcome him and you into the family of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

We move to the Baptismal Font

You are called among us to lead us to the waters of Baptism and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. At this font you will baptize infants, teens, and adults. The gift of new life in Christ comes from God. Not only will you baptize, you will teach us, share the good news with us, confirm us, and share in our lives.

By the grace of God I seek to lead others to Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**We thank you for presiding at the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Thank you for being a significant part in our lives. For your ministry with us we gladly say:
"Thanks be to God!"**

We move to the Pulpit

You are called among us to lead us to the Word of life, Jesus Christ, through sermons that you preach in our midst. In this pulpit you will proclaim the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. You will challenge God's people to live out the Gospel mission in our daily lives.

By the grace of God I will encourage you with the story of Jesus. It is his life, death and resurrection that sets us free from all fear.

**We thank you for your preaching ministry. For your ministry with us we gladly say:
"Thanks be to God!"**

We move to the Altar

You are called among us to lead worship and preside at the Meal as we gather together as children of God. At this table you will preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion. The meal is the Lord's, and this congregation has been a provider of this meal so that young and old could be fed with the living presence of Christ.

By the grace of God I am overjoyed to lead you in worship and share with you the forgiveness of sins and the proclamation of everlasting life through the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for presiding at the sacrament of Holy Communion. For your ministry with us we gladly say: “Thanks be to God!”

Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Kevin, please know that you are surrounded by our love, our prayers and our best wishes for your future ministries in the life God has given you to live. Over the years we will share tears of sorrow and tears of joy. We will celebrate the birth of babies and mourned the death of dear saints. You will proclaim the good news of the resurrection and lead us in prayers for comfort and strength. Through it all we will be blessed with memories that will last in our hearts forever.

We thank you for being with us. Eternal God, we thank you for Pastor Kevin. May he bless us with much and we wish for him your blessings for the years ahead.

People of God, I present to you Kevin, your Lead Pastor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

Please be seated.

Remarks

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Cards may be placed in the offering plate to be included in the prayers of our prayer chain members.

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.

...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.

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering Hymn

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris- tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music Robert Williams, 1781-1821

Offertory Prayer

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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue and Preface

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who_
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na_ in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

We come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

All Are Welcome (Stanza 3)

Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and_

wheat: a__ ban - quet hall on ho - ly__ ground where peace and_ jus - tice

meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and

space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees_ us: All are wel - come,

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.____

Communion Hymn

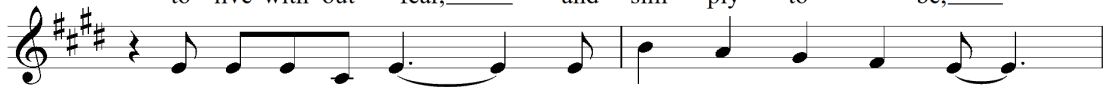
For Everyone Born



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,___
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,___
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,___
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,___
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,___



for ev - ery - one born,___ clean wa - ter and bread,___
 re - vis - ing the roles,___ de - cid - ing the share,___
 a voice to be heard,___ a part in the song,___
 op - press - or, op - pressed,___ with need to for - give,___
 to live with - out fear,___ and sim - ply to be,___



a shel - ter, a space,___ a safe place for grow - ing___
 with wis - dom and grace___ di - vid - ing the pow - er,___
 the hand of a child___ in hands that are wrin - kled,___
 in an - ger, in hurt,___ a mind - set of mer - cy,___
 to work, to speak out,___ to wit - ness and wor - ship,___



for ev - ery - one born,___ a star___ o - ver - head.
 for wom - an and man,___ a sys - tem that's fair.
 for young and for old___ the right___ to be - long.
 for just and un - just,___ a new___ way to live.
 for ev - ery - one born,___ the right___ to be free.

And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of
 jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and
 peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -
 a - tors of jus - tice, jus-tice and joy.

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Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As once you ate in the presence of your disciples, proving to them your presence was real, so have you shared this meal with us. Unite us in your presence. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude