

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Pastor - Rev. Paul Krentz Church (952) 955-1498, Home (952) 955-5097
Preaching Assistant - Rev. Gerald Schwanke 1-320-282-9838

CHRIST COMMUNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

Principal - Jeff Boehlke (952) 955-1419

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Executive Director - Joel Landskroener (952) 657-2251

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

10:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONG: "Celebrate Jesus"

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. *(repeat)*

He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore.

He is risen, He is risen, come on and celebrate, come on and celebrate, come on and celebrate, the resurrection of our Lord. *(repeat song)*

Ending.....Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

(C.1988 Integrity's Music Used by permission CCLI #1561573)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. Holy and gracious God,

C. I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU THIS DAY. SOME OF MY SIN I KNOW - THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS AND DEEDS OF WHICH I AM ASHAMED - BUT SOME IS KNOWN ONLY TO YOU. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I ASK FORGIVENESS. DELIVER AND RESTORE ME THAT I MAY REST IN PEACE.

P. By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise to serve him.

C. AMEN.

VERSES: (Spoken)

P. O Lord, open my lips;

C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

P. Come quickly, O God, to deliver me;

C. COME QUICKLY TO HELP ME, O LORD.

P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

P. Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

C. FOR HE IS OUR MAKER.

SONG: "All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"

Verse: You took, You take our sins away O God. You give, You gave Your life away for us. You came down, You saved us through the cross. Our hearts are changed, because of Your great love.

Chorus: You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise. You did, You're alive! You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again. I know that You will, and all the earth will sing Your praises. All the earth will sing Your praises. *(Verse – Chorus)*

*Ending....*All the earth will sing Your praises. All the earth will sing Your praises.

(C. 2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music Used by permission CCLI #1561573)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-47

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG: "My Redeemer Lives"

Verse: I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin. I believe, I believe;
My shame He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name. I believe, I believe;
I'll raise a banner, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

Chorus: My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives; My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
(repeat verse and chorus)

BRIDGE: You lift my burdens, I rise with You; I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see
Your kingdom come. (*Chorus x3*)

(C.1998 Hillsong Publishing Used by permission CCLI #1561573)

SERMON: Luke 24:13-35 "Can You Recognize Jesus?"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

SONG: "The Power of the Cross"

1 Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then, Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (*chorus*)

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (*chorus*)

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love!

Chorus 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost; We stand forgiven at the cross.

(C.2005 Thankyou Music Used by permission CCLI #1561573)

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)

ANTHEM: "An Easter Chant" Adult Choir 10:30am

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Spoken together)

I believe in God the Father, the creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.
He is our God and we are his people.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for my sin and the sins of all people. His sacrifice of love was done that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day, victorious over sin, death, and the devil. He ascended into heaven. He now lives to come again in power and glory, to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, true God, who brings the gifts of the risen Savior to us, stirring faith in our hearts through His Word and the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. As the Comforter, the Spirit works to keep us in faith, with the whole Christian church on earth, until Jesus comes in glory to take us to be with him forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Spoken together)

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.

BLESSING

SONG MEDLEY: “Worthy Is the Lamb” with “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Thank You for the cross, Lord; Thank You for the price You paid;
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came, and gave amazing grace;
Thank You for this love, Lord; Thank You for the nail-pierced hands;
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus :Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne; We crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious; High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God, the Darling of heaven
crucified; Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

(repeat verse and chorus)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne; Hark how the heav’nly anthem
drowns all music but its own; Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. *(Chorus)*

Ending.... Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. (x3) **WORTHY IS THE LAMB!**
(C.2000 Hillsong Used by permission CCLI #1561573)

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE
PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MAY:
May 8th, 22nd and 29th – 10:30 Service

Luke 24:13-35

"Can You Recognize Jesus?"

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his

glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

1. Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus?
 - A. On the road:
 - B. At home:
 - C. In worship:
2. How does Jesus come to us today but we don't recognize him...
3. What effect does it have on us when Jesus doesn't do things like we think he should?
4. Jesus kept his disciples from recognizing him to _____.
5. Why were the disciples hearts "burning" when Jesus talked to them?
6. What did the disciples learn when they finally recognized Jesus?
7. What happens as Jesus opens our eyes to recognize him in our lives?