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GOD FULFILLED  
WHAT HE HAD  
FORETOLD THROUGH  
ALL THE PROPHETS,  
THAT HIS MESSIAH  
WOULD SUFFER.

Acts 3:18, NRSV

6 p.m. Sat., April 13, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., April 14, 2024  
Sermon: "More Amazing Than a Miracle"



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(6 p.m. Sat., April 13 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., April 14, 2024)

**Servants of God's House**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Marcus Klassen ; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doris Hill

**Usher:** Dallas Schulz

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat., Ron Cason; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Dallas Schulz

**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** "Amazing" is a commonly used word in the English that has a rich history. It came into common usage in the 14th century as a variant of the older root word "amasod," which meant stupefied or confounded or overwhelmed with sudden surprise or wonder. The word "amazing" shows up several times in hymns that we sing—from describing the action of God in the birth of Jesus as "love amazing" (LSB 375:1) to bringing to our hearts and minds that in His suffering to pay the price of our sins, our Lord showed "amazing pity" (LSB 437:2). Two other hymns refer to the "amazing grace" of God (LSB 744:1; 558:2), and in another hymn, the author of the text rejoices that God "has done amazing things to me" (LSB 934:2). The season of Easter is a time for us to be truly amazed and filled with the praise of our amazing Lord!

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

#### **The Ringing of the Bells**

#### **The Hand of Fellowship**

Hymn of Invocation

**"He's Risen, He's Risen"**

LSB 480

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8*

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C: death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C: He has put all things under His feet.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

**C: Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

**C: and You have healed me.**

P: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**C: and give thanks to His holy name.**

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Gloria Patri (Sung)

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**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (Sung) *Mark 10:47*

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**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis- "Glory to God in the Highest" (Sung)

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P: Glory be to God on high,

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And with thy Spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 3:11–21 (Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And

His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

**C: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.**

The Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1–7 (We are God's children now.)

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36–49 (The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (Sung)

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (Sung)

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The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466

Sermon

“More Amazing Than a Miracle”

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

*Psalm 24:1-2 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.*

Offertory Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781 Vs. 1–4  
(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (Sung) *Psalm 51:10-12* Page 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: Marlene Anderson, *Joann Will (Darlene Campbell's sister), Michael Montagne, Deb Wolfe, Don Lantis, Judy Seaman, Steve Segebart, Bernie Attema, Jacob Sulzbach, Vickie Johnson, Ron Will, Carolyn Stuhr, and Kim and Sharon Sparr* and those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Kelsey Zinn, Sophia Huff, Gabrielle Wagner, Anastasia Morgan-Baker, Joyce Segebart, Alyce Strong Davis, Dianna Anderson and Patricia Murphy. Lord in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen.** (*Sung*)

The Closing Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

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