

Welcome To Worship



Sunday April 7th, 2024

PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST:

***OPENING SENTENCES:**

The choice is before us: life or death.

Let us choose life so that we may live.

To Jesus we cry: Save us, oh Lord!

By the mercy of Christ, we are made new.

This is the hope that we proclaim:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

***GATHERING HYMN** **#246** **Christ Is Alive (V. 1, 4 & 5)**

(Our confession is also our act of love for the God who already covers us in grace.)

I Love You Lord

And I Lift My Voice

To Worship You

Oh, My Soul, Rejoice...

CONFESSION of Need (Responsive)

God of light, in Jesus Christ You came among us to shining in the darkness.

We confess that we have not always embraced Your illuminating ways. In fact, often we have loved the darkness.

The ease of hidden truths we avoid dealing with, calling it politeness.

The pride of masks we get to hide behind, while judging others.

The privilege of ignoring the needs around us, using our blessing as shields.

Lord, we confess not only that we have ignored your light, but also that we often simply don't know how to embrace it.

How do we change habits as old as our memories?

How do we face feelings too uncomfortable to name?

How do we help in situations we do not know how to fix?

God of faith, on the other side of Easter we do not want to become the kind of people who expect little, and hope for less. Therefore we confess that;

We are Christians, still in need of a savior.

We are people of resurrection, still in need of new life.

We live in your glory and still need your light.

Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ the Lord. Through Him we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

*Take Joy My King In What You Hear May it be a sweet, sweet song
In Your Ear.*

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (responsive)

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE HYMN #250 In The Bulb There Is A Flower**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

READING 1.....Psalm 133:1-3

READING 2.....1 John 1:1 -2:2

Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

***SERMON.....Light, Sin & Fellowship:**

SILENCE FOR CONTEMPLATION

***CONTEMPLATION HYMN: #306 Blessed Be The Tie (V. 1,3 & 5)**

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

Communion:

- Invitation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Prayer



***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**



A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Sunday- April 7th , 2024

10:45 am **Worship**
11:45 am **Congregational Meeting & Potluck**

Ushers & Greeters.....Marlys Mjoen & Sandy Perkins
Organist..... George French
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Marsha Odom
Communion Servers & Prep.....Bill & Gloria Watro/Merrie Nelson

Wednesday –April 10th , 2024

6:00pm Bells of Praise.

Thursday April 11th, 2024

1:00pm- New Book Study
“David”

Next Sunday- April 14th , 2024

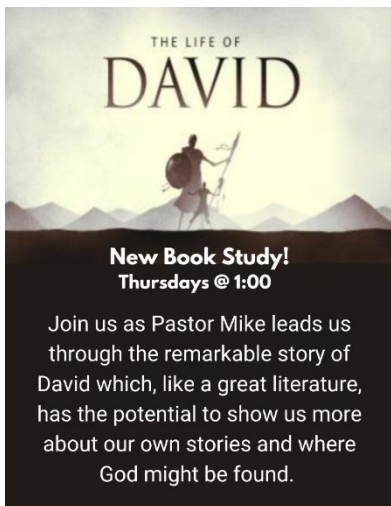
10:45 am **Worship**
11:45 am **Coffee Fellowship**

Ushers & Greeters.....Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder
Organist..... Caleb Mendez
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader..... Lynne Mullins

Special Announcements!

New Book Study!

(Starting Thursday @ 1:00)



Pastor Mike will lead us through the Books of 1 & 2 Samuel & 1 & 2 Kings, tracking the remarkable story of David's life. We will explore why he is such a foundational figure in scripture as well as how the Shakespearean levels of emotional depth in which his story is written helps us understand what it means to be God's people among the tragedy and tribulations of our own life.

This Sunday (April 7th)

Annual Meeting & POT LUCK LUNCH!



Following Worship we will meet and then eat! We hope everyone will bring a dish to share!

Easter Word Search

N L P T K V C L H C K J F R B C V
M K J E S U S G P R D W K N M R K
Z E J D W T K M G O W P I M L J R
T B S L R L R Q J S B L N L X C I
G H N S L E L N E S E R G V R H S
V M I Q I C S C T G L T L O O K E
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C Y X H D F H A R R R N Y F N Y T
W M L B I D G D Q R O A N H B N P
H J B R P L A R Y F E O M P X S M
T W C E F M E Y T A I C B L A C Y
P A P L V T K H T T D G T V Q H T
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H N N A K R L V R W R O U W O W C
Z N E L N N L N J W R T N S L N K
N V J S V A E M P T Y T O M B W K
H O P E S K G O O D F R I D A Y W

Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day

