



## Welcome! It is a joy to worship with you today...

In the shadow of Mount Si sits a small country church, wonderfully illuminated by the light of God. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person with all your complexities, gifts, questions, and challenges. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. We believe our mission is to serve, reach out and grow in grace. ALL are welcome to join us in this quest.

### **If you are a first-time guest, a member, or a regular attendee, we are glad you are here!**

Guests are encouraged to fill in a welcome card located in the entry to the Sanctuary or pew racks so we can keep in touch or answer any questions you might have. Please place cards in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

**The Lil' Mount Si Nursery is located at the back of the sanctuary.** We welcome all children into our nursery. If you have any questions, please ask an usher

**Pick up a Rainbow Bag for your child (ages 1-5) in the Narthex on the way in to worship.** The bags are filled with quiet activities for your child during church service.

**If you would like additional information on our programs and ministries,** you will find our monthly newsletter and brochures available in the narthex as you enter the building. We are glad to share more information and help you find a place which fits your gifts and affinities in God's ministries here at Mt. Si—or, possibly, your passions will help begin an entirely new ministry at Mt. Si.

**MT SI LUTHERAN**  
**March 31, 2024 – 9:30am**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, as we begin the great fifty days of Easter celebration. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

**INTRODUCING THE SERVICE**

This Easter we reverse what we did on Maundy Thursday when we celebrated Jesus' last supper and anticipated his crucifixion and death. Today, we return signs of hope and joy to our sanctuary as we celebrate God's good gifts and as joy pours back into the world and back into our hearts with Christ's resurrection.

PRELUDE                      *Christ is Risen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS    Pastor

**RESTORING THE WORSHIP ELEMENTS**

THE GIFT OF CREATION: LIGHT    Nellie S.

*The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters: Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. Gen. 1:2-3*

SONG                              *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*                              Red Hymnal #365

THE GIFT OF BAPTISM: WATER    Kaelynn S.

*And Jesus came and said to them, "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*

SONG                              *Grace Flows Down*

THE GIFT OF GOD'S PRESENCE: THE BIBLE

Judah T.

*You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you. 1 Peter 1:23-25*

SONG

*Thy Word*

THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE: FLOWERS

Nellie S.

*Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Matthew 6:26-29*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Kelsey H.

L: Let us pray, O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Christ forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Jack B.

L: Our first lesson is adapted from Isaiah 43

L: But now thus says the LORD,

who created you, who formed you:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

**All: Thus says the LORD,**

**who created you, who formed you:**

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

L: For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

You are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you,

**All: Thus says the LORD,  
who created you, who formed you:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

L: Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**All: Thus says the LORD,  
who created you,  
who formed you:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

L: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor

Our Gospel lesson comes from Mark the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised;

he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SKIT *The Cracked Pot*

REFLECTION Pastor Krista

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS

CONFIRMATION RITE Red Hymnal pg. 234

SONG *Go Make Disciples* *taught by Kaelynn & Nellie*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lector

*The Assisting Minister will offer prayer petitions.*

*After each petition please respond, “**hear our prayer.**”*

SHARE THE PEACE Lector

A: The peace of Christ be with you always!

**All: And also with you!**

A: Please share a verbal sign of peace with one another. If you are watching at home, share a word of peace in the comments!

OFFERING

*At the close of the Peace, the offering plates are brought forward by the ushers. You can pass your offering to the center aisle to be collected or place your offering in the plate as you enter the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Mt Si.*

COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread...Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup...Do this for the remembrance of me. Lord, you are holy indeed. Send now your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine and all who gather at your table. By your Spirit strengthen and enliven us that we might serve all in hunger and want; and make of us the body of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the holy spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

P: Come to the banquet, for all now is ready!

All those watching from home, hear now these words to you, “This is the body of Christ, take and eat.” *Please consume your bread or wafer* “This is Christ, given for you, take and drink.” *Please consume your drink*

Those gathered in person are welcome to come forward to receive the communion elements. Pre-packaged communion is available upon request.

#### COMMUNION SONGS

*Alleluia Sing To Jesus*

*Red Hymnal #392*

*You Gave Your Life Away*

*Praise*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Life-giving God,

**All: In the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

#### COMMISSIONING OF BELIZE MISSIONARIES

*All members of our Belize Mission are invited to come forward for a commissioning and blessing*

#### BLESSING FOR PASTOR KRISTA

*Pastor Krista is leaving for Belize on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will begin her sabbatical as soon as*

*she returns from the mission trip. She will be back from sabbatical on July 17<sup>th</sup>.*

## BENEDICTION

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## SONG

*Now All the Vault*

Red Hymnal #367

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*You are invited next door to our Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship today. If you are unfamiliar with the buildings, we're happy to guide you. It was a joy to worship with you today!*

## Serving Today

Lectors: Nellie, Kaelynn, Judah, Kelsey, Jack and Lisa

Ushers:

Communion Assistants: Courtney, Lisa, Kaelynn

Sound/AV: Terry and Mike

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship** – All are welcome to the fellowship hall following worship today to celebration our confirmands and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship.

**Worship** next Sunday is at 9:30am with intergenerational education and coffee hour following worship.

**Day of Service** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – We will serve again at Encompass Learning Center in North Bend. There are two time slots available, 10-12pm and 12-2pm. Other churches and organizations will be serving throughout the valley. Last year over 800 volunteers came together to serve the community! See link to sign-up in our weekly News From the Pews e-letter.

**Sabbatical Information** – There is a bulletin board just outside of Pastor's office where you can find information about the plan of care for worship, pastoral care, office administration and more. The schedule for who is preaching can be found on this board as well as a "who to ask" chart if you have questions about anything such as who to call if a lightbulb needs changing to who to call if you'd like to reserve a room at the church for a meeting or celebration. When in doubt, you can always reach out to the Sabbatical Team: Lisa Sampson, Dave Spurling or Jack Boller and they will assist you.

**For Pastoral Care:** Please contact Pr. Lara Forbes via email at [pastor@salc.church](mailto:pastor@salc.church) or by phone at 425-505-5590

**April Newsletter:** The April newsletter is out for pick-up today!