

# Martin Luther



*The priest is not made.*

*He must be born a priest; must inherit his office.*

*I refer to the new birth - the birth of water and the Spirit.  
Thus all Christians must become priests, children of God and  
co-heirs with Christ the Most High Priest.*

*- Martin Luther*



April 18, 2021  
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer*  
1800 W. Maple  
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**April 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Theme: We Are The Royal Priesthood**

**As We Gather**

Thereupon the confessor is to say: “God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.” Let the confessor say [further]: “Do you also believe that my forgiveness is God’s forgiveness?” [Answer:] “Yes, dear sir.” Thereupon he may say: “Let it be done for you according to your faith.’ And I by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ forgive you your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace.” **Martin Luther - The Small Catechism 1529**

**Prayer Before Worship**

O Lord our God, help us to faithfully use the gift of Thy pure Word, and give Thee heartfelt thanks for the same by word and deed. Grant us grace to hold fast the treasure delivered to us, and never to part with it for the sake of any earthly good, whether money, power, pleasure, honor, or favor with men, but faithfully to contend for this treasure until death. And since all struggle for purity of doctrine is useless without struggle also for purity of life, help us who have the true faith to live truly Christian lives, that our light may shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven. Hear us for Jesus’ sake. Amen. **Prayer written by C.F.W. Walther, first President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**

**Prelude** Rick Helderop, organist

**Call to Worship** I Know Who I Am - Houghton/Tomlin  
Praise Team and Chancel Choir Quartet:

Michele Fredericks, Amy SeGraves, Julie Noe, Alison Ristovski,  
Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves, vocalists; Brian Buckmaster, drums;  
Greg Weipert, guitar; Patricia Fisher, congas/bongos; Dale Anderson, bass;  
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## Opening Hymn 262 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty Fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil Foe now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might are His dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not His equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
3. Tho' devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none, he's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

### Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

**C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

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

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

**C:Amen.**

## **Children's Message -10:30am**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 19:3-6

(God speaking to Moses at Mount Sini)

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

### **Epistle Reading**

1 Peter 2:9-10

(A Royal Priesthood)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## **Gospel Announcement**

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

(The Great Commission)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Sermon Hymn**

I Know My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

## **Sermon**

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-10

"The Priesthood of all Believers"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Communion Liturgy**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: 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;

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)**

#### **The Pax Domini**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: Amen.**

#### **The Agnus Dei**

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

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

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

- ✠ The wafers are in plastic bags with 1 to 3 wafers in each bag.
- ✠ The wine is in individual plastic containers with lids.
- ✠ Each family unit will be invited forward by an usher to receive the elements after they are blessed.
- ✠ We will have two tables to serve two groups at a time.
- ✠ Pastor or Elder (masked) will bring the appropriate count of the elements to the table. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. You will then proceed to serve yourself the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ✠ Once done, you will take plastic bags and the containers with lids and place them in the receptacle that will be near the tables and you will go back to your seats.
- ✠ We will do this in a most reverent manner. I know it will seem strange to celebrate the Eucharist in such a different way than we are accustomed, but our goal is to be as safe as we can and not put anyone's health in jeopardy.
- ✠ If you do not feel comfortable receiving communion then please do not come forward. We want our worship environment to feel safe for all.

## **Communion Anthem**      I Have a Hope - Walker

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Rick Helderop, organ

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

## **Easter Proclamation**

**P:** Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

**C:** He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

## **Closing Hymn 451**    Stand Up! - Stand Up For Jesus

(Favorite hymn of Bonnie Moore, Patty Raezler, Ron Beyer,  
Myrna Orava, Donna Hollis, Tom Gray)

1. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross!  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day!  
Ye that are men, now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

Rick Helderop, organist





Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Schuele/Polakowski family in memory of Rob Schuele and Laura Polakowski.

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### Ushers

9:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark,  
Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke, Bill Leahy, Mike Raezler  
10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, Jack Davis, Scott Kamm, Brian May,  
John Mills, Walt Sweitzer, Greg Bloom

### Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Don Meier, Brian Fish and David Hardoin  
10:30 - John Mills

### Acolytes

9:00 - Quinn Elliott and Tommy Lewis  
10:30 - Tyler Glime and Giasella Lucas

**Thank you to our altar guild team members, usher team members, AV team members, acolytes, musicians, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes each week to make our services happen.**