



SAINT DAVID'S
REFORMED CHURCH

The Lord's Service
Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

“Tell among the peoples his deeds!”

Welcome visitors!

If you're visiting with us today, please take note of the following items.

Theology and Doctrine: St. David's is a Protestant church, standing in the tradition of the Reformation era. We belong to the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC), and our officers subscribe to the Westminster Confession. When the word “catholic” is used in our creeds, it is a reference to the universal body of Christ, not to any one denomination.

Liturgy: Our worship is based on heavenly worship as depicted in Scripture. This is how the universal church has worshiped historically. Everyone has a part to play in worship, so we encourage you to participate by following along in your bulletin.

The Lord's Supper: We celebrate the Lord's Supper (communion, the eucharist) every week, which is the eating of bread and drinking of wine. All faithful, baptized trinitarians (including children) are invited to partake with us.

Nursery: We encourage all of God's people to worship together as one body of Christ (adults and children), so we do not provide Children's Church during worship. However, a nursery room is available if your child becomes restless. It is located in the Community Center library. At the back of the sanctuary: walk down the steps, follow the hallway, and turn left. Audio-feed is available.

Sunday School: Immediately after worship, there will be a brief time for fellowship, then a Sunday School class (all ages) will be held in the sanctuary. Sunday School is an informal time where we have Q&A and biblical or topical lessons.

Fellowship lunch: On the second Sunday of every month, after Sunday School, we share a potluck meal together.

Singing and Prayer: On the last Sunday of every month, instead of Sunday School we have a singing and prayer service. This is a time for us to practice singing and learn new songs, as well as share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Restrooms: Restrooms (with changing stations) are located in the hallway near the parking lot entrance.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn ~ *Instrumental* ~ Page 196 [meditate silently]

Call to Worship: Psalm 9 (vv. 1-2, 11)

*Hymn ~ *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound* ~ Page 272

*Salutations and Prayer

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you

And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Peter 1:3

He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Luke 24:34

*Prayer of Adoration

*Gloria in excelsis ~ Page 396

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Glory be to God on high!

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, heavenly 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.

Confession and Absolution [kneel forward]

Purification offering

Most merciful God, *you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not given him the glory, honor, and allegiance that he deserves. We have strayed from his ways and have broken his commandments. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be faithful and obedient to your Son, the ruler of the world and the head of the church. Amen.*

*...Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

*Please stand

Holy Spirit.

Amen!

***Sursum Corda and Proper Preface**

Ascension offering

Lift up your hearts

We are lifting them up to the Lord!

Hebrews 10:22

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is proper and right to do so!

Psalm 92:1

...We laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing...

***Sanctus**

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, Revelation 4:8

unison

fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are

full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

***Hymn ~ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ~ Page 292**

Scripture Readings

First reading: Acts 4:32-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 148

Praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of Yahweh!

For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise Yahweh from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and mist,

stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise Yahweh!

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

***Corporate Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hades. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon: Pastor Adam McIntosh

Tithes and Offerings

Tribute offering

[come forward to place your gift in the offering bag]

Hymn ~ *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* (insert)

***Prayers of God's People**

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Peace offering

[partake as you receive each element]

Words of Institution/Thanksgiving for Bread

Hymn ~ *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior* ~ Page 217

Words of Institution/Thanksgiving for Wine

Hymn ~ *O Worship the King* ~ Page 321

*Doxology ~ Page 437 [hands raised]

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dismissal and Benediction

Nunc Dimittis ~ Page 428

Luke 2:29-32

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared, before the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
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 Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you his peace, both now and forevermore.

Amen!

Numbers 6:24-26

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The King of
 2. That Eas - ter morn at break of day, the faith - ful
 3. An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and
 4. That night th'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them

heav'n, the glo - rious King, o'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing.
 wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 spake un - to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 how they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 (<i>Alleluias</i>)</p> | <p>7. No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
 (<i>Alleluias</i>)</p> |
| <p>6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 not faithless, but believing be."
 (<i>Alleluias</i>)</p> | <p>8. How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith hath constant been;
 for they eternal life shall win.
 (<i>Alleluias</i>)</p> |
9. On this most holy day of days,
 to God your hearts and voices raise
 in laud and jubilee and praise.
 (*Alleluias*)