

8:00 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service
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The 4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Divine Service Setting I

Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Opening Hymn *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* **465**

Confession & Absolution **151**

Kyrie **152**

Anthem *"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"* *arr. by Linda Lamb*
offered by the Grace Notes Handbell Choir

The First Reading Acts 2:22-24, 36-39 (NIV)


²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11th chapter.


People: 
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 (NIV)

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 
Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"God Is Our Strength and Refuge"

see insert



Sermon

“Redeeming Rest: Jesus’ Great Invitation”

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week’s sermon online at www.smlcs.org, scroll down to the bottom and click on “Watch the Live Stream.”

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Point #1: When we rest, we set an _____ for others. (Mark 6:31)

Sermon Point #2: When we take Jesus up on His invitation to _____, we are making _____ to explore how wonderfully God has created _____ and the _____ around us.

Sermon Point #3: As we take Jesus up on His invitation to rest, you’ll discover that You get _____ done in _____ time.

Sermon Point #4: As you take Jesus up on His invitation to rest, you’ll have time to _____ and _____.

Apostles' Creed

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Offering

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*arr. by Larry Shackley
offered by the Sanctuary Choir*

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Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

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People: Hear our prayer.

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arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

