

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Salvation is found nowhere else save in the death and resurrection of Christ. The fact is, every human is a sinner. Those who believe otherwise have deceived themselves. Yet, today everyone can know complete joy because of Christ's atoning sacrifice. This sacrifice secures eternal life for all peoples. In Christ, we have this confidence and peace. Today through Word and Sacrament, Jesus invites worshipers to hear, touch, and see Him.

## PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune Duet"

Jeremiah Clarke

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*Please stand*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

## INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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Leader: You fill us with joy in Your presence, O Lord,  
People: **with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.**

Leader: I will praise You, O Lord, for You lifted me out of the depths  
People: **and did not let my enemies gloat over me.**

Leader: O Lord, my God, I called to You for help  
People: **and You healed me.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Even as we rejoice in the presence of the Lord, we know that we have sinned against Him. Let us search our hearts and confess our sins to Him. Have mercy on us, O God,  
People: **for we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our speech, and in our actions. We have claimed fellowship with You, yet we continue to walk in the darkness of sin. We have been hesitant in our witness, and slow to forgive as we have been forgiven. For these and other sins, even those of which we are not aware, we ask for Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us, and for His sake forgives all of our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, with great joy I tell you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Live in joy and service to God and to one another.  
People: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

952 Celtic Alleluia

### Refrain:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor:* Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen;  
He has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers. **Refrain**

*Cantor:* Christ is the firstfruits from death, filling the church with his glory!  
Darkness vanishes in the light of his power. **Refrain**

*Cantor:* The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed  
I shall never die, I shall live, telling God's deeds. **Refrain**

*Cantor:* The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen.  
Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes. **Refrain**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**People:** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# EXCHANGE OF PEACE

## WELCOME

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–21

*(After healing a lame beggar, Peter proclaims repentance and forgiveness to the crowd.)*

<sup>11</sup> While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–7

*(God has loved us and called us His children.)*

<sup>1</sup> How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*“Good News Celebration”*

Dale Wood

*Please stand*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36–49

*(Jesus appears to His disciples and sends them out with a message to proclaim repentance and forgiveness to all nations.)*

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

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<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

**483** With High Delight Let Us Unite

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*"The Truth of Jesus for All People!"*

*Luke 24:46-47*

*Please stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*"With High Delight Let Us Unite"*

setting by Charles W. Ore

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** L: Lord, in Your mercy, P: **hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (tune: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of Sabaoth adored,  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim; Shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the heights; Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes; In the name of Christ, the Lord.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI *(tune: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today")*

**Christ, You take away our sin. Grant us mercy, peace within  
Christ, our Shepherd, guide our ways; Grant us life and endless praise!**

*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia  
725 Children of the Heavenly Father  
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

*Please stand*

### PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

- 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

### POSTLUDE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

setting by Albert Travis

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Duane Maas, Missions Ambassador People of the Book Lutheran Outreach	
Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch	
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Milo Lombard
	11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Acolytes:	5:00 p.m.	Zachary Oliver
	8:30 a.m.	Alex Moore
	11:00 a.m.	Steven Walker
Choirs:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe Ted Laesch & Nate Laesch, trumpet	
Director:	Ryan Meyer & Jen Schmidt	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak & Ryan Meyer	
Radio Announcer:	Leon Steinbrueck	
Elder of the Week:	Gene Weidner	