

# The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #463: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

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

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

*Psalm 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a*

L: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

C: **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.**

L: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

C: **Praise befits the upright.**

L: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

C: **on those who hope in His steadfast love,**

L: that He may deliver their soul from death

C: **and keep them alive in famine.**

L: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

C: **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen.**

## Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (ESV)

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25 (ESV)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-16 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

Hymn #729: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Sermon

*(10:45—Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate message)*

Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

**Heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have given us the promise of eternal life! Fill our hearts and minds with the knowledge of our true wealth and security, so that we would not cling to worldly riches that pass away but share them generously to serve our neighbor and spread Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .

. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**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 highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

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

C: **Amen.**

### Agnus Dei (sung)

*John 1:29*

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### Distribution Hymns

1. #618: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
2. #482: This Joyful Eastertide
3. #480: He's Risen, He's Risen
4. #811: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

### Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

*Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

#### Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1*

P: Let us bless the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

### Hymn #490: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

### Postlude

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