

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14 & 15, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

We may have a tendency to think of repentance as a painful thing, as something to dread and avoid at all costs. After all, repentance means admitting we were wrong. It may be embarrassment, guilt, shame, or pride that makes repentance difficult. Yet you have probably experienced the joy of repentance as well, the relief of confessing your sins, the wonder of grace that flows to us in forgiveness. You may be holding on to a dark secret or a stubborn grudge. Bring your heavy burdens to the Lord today. He has forgiven you and has called you His beloved child.

PRELUDE

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "Father Welcomes All His Children"

LSB 605

Refrain: **Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. Refrain**

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. Refrain**

(Please Stand)

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast”

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world.
People: **Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



FIRST READING *Acts 3:11–21* (After healing a lame beggar, Peter proclaims repentance and forgiveness to the crowd.)

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Pastor: 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.)

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



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.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 159

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466, v.1

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
 Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
 To set us free Forever,
 He is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends Good news to save ev'ry nation.

True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life all subduing.
 His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
 “And yours shall be Like victory
 O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
 His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
 So shall His love Give us above,
 From misery And death set free, All joy and full consolation.



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, in this Easter season You have provided us with the pure joy of Your Son's resurrection and the joy of repentance and forgiveness. Cheer all those who struggle with depression, loneliness, and shame, so that they be assured of Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world where many people do not believe in the resurrection of Your Son. Inspire us to share the joys of Your Son's resurrection with those who doubt and disbelieve, so that they come to repentant joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and musicians so that Your Word of forgiveness and life touch those who do not believe and strengthen the faith of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them with Your healing hand and restore them to health. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “What Shall I Render to the Lord” *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.



✠SERVICE OF 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, our duty, and our delight to give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty God, but chiefly do we praise You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose death has paid the price of our sins and whose life bestows upon us everlasting life. With angels, archangels, with Peter and Paul, and with all the saints in light, we join in praising Your name and singing their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB 463

Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!

At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia!

Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!

All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

**Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

**God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, united with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open eyed my grave is staring Even there I’ll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!**

(Please Stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His Praise, tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia!**



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

LSB 166

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.

CLOSING HYMN “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680

**Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

POSTLUDE

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