

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

11:00 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.

PRE-SERVICE “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709 Instrumental*



WELCOME

OPENING SONG “Glory to God Forever” *Fee/Beeching*

**Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings - yeah, You were, yeah You were!
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!**

(Interlude)

**Creator, God, You gave me breath, so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours.
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

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(Please Stand)

EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

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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 ✠

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)



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.

SONG OF THE DAY “Death Was Arrested”

Kersh/Smith

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

**CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You**

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began **CHORUS**

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began **CHORUS**

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began REPEAT BRIDGE

When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began

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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 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks, give thanks.

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✠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.**

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

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Good, Good Father”

Brown/Barrett

**I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone**

**CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word. CHORUS X2**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us X2**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love. CHORUS X2**

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"You Are God Alone (Not A God)"

Foote

**You are not a god created by human hands. You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.
You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By Your plan, that's just the way it is.**

**You are God alone — from before time began You were on Your throne; You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne. You are God alone.**

**You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.
You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.**

**You're the only God whose power none can contend. You're the only God whose name and praise will
never end.
You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give. You are God —that's just the way it is.**

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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 SONG “You Never Let Go”

Redman

**Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear**

**CHORUS: Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go Lord, You never let go of me**

**And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear CHORUS**

You keep on runnin' and You never let go . . . Singin' CHORUS

**Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You Still I will praise You REPEAT, REPEAT CHORUS X2**

Lord, You never let go of me.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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