

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” -Aaron David Miller

Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

(The choir sings verses 2 and 3.)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text and tune: Public domain

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

**C** Amen.

**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.

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

**The LORD is | good to all,\*  
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

#### Pew Edition

## Kyrie

LSB 204



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter 3

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

## First Reading

## Acts 9:1–22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm

*Psalm 30; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the | morning.**

As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,\*  
“I shall nev- | er be moved.”

**By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain | stand strong;\*  
you hid your face;  
I | was dismayed.**

To you, O | LORD, I cry,\*  
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:

**“What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down | to the pit?\***

**Will the dust praise you?**

**Will it tell of your | faithfulness?**

Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!\*

O LORD, be my | helper!”

**You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\***

**you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with | gladness,**

that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

## **Epistle**

*Revelation 5:1–14*

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and

blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse “Alleluia — II” LSB 952

#### All: Refrain



Choir Verse: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
Death no longer has dominion over him.

#### All: Refrain

Choir Verse: Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road,  
While he opened to us the Scriptures

#### All: Refrain

Text: Public domain. Refrain Tune: © 1985 Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker, admin. OCP Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

### Holy Gospel

*John 21:1–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them,

“Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran-somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79

Text and tune: Public domain

### Sermon "God's Three R's to Recycling" Acts 9:1-19 and John 21:1-19

- I. The Three R's to Recycling
- II. Paul (Acts 9:1-20)
  - How does Luke portray Paul? What is the horror Paul finds out?
  - Why is Ananias hesitant to help Paul?
- III. Peter (John 21:1-19)
  - What does Peter go back to doing?
  - Why does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Him?
- IV. God's Theory to Recycling
  - R \_\_\_\_\_
  - R \_\_\_\_\_
  - R \_\_\_\_\_
    - Who are St. Monica, Margarethe Lindemann, Jeanne Le Franc, Susanna Annesley, Johanna Zschenderlein, and Morrow Coffey? Why are they important?



Do you remember the 3 R's to recycling? Can you recall what they are? They are reduce...reuse...and recycle. Reduce what you use, reuse it when you can, and then, recycle it. Mr. Heid, a chemistry teacher I had in High School, had his own take on what to do with what can't be used anymore, what shouldn't be used, what is broken, or garbage. His was reduce...reuse...and reuse. He didn't believe in recycling, perse, because he was concerned that the time and energy used to recycle would be counterproductive. And so, he didn't have a recycling bin, and would make us reuse old, used paper, and graded assignments. Mr. Heid isn't the only one with his own theory on recycling, though. God has his own theory, too. God has His own practice for what to do with people who are disqualified, defeated, destroyed, and broken. He has his own practice for what to do with people who are *deserve*, and *should* be discarded, cast aside, and thrown away. His theory and practice is seen in Saul and Simon. We know them better as Paul and Peter.

Have you ever said, "I thought you wanted me to do that?" "I thought I was pleasing you. I had no idea." "I thought I was doing good." Have you ever tried to help someone, but ended up doing the wrong thing, and made it worse? Maybe you purchased the wrong ingredient, returned the wrong item, or messed up the measurement. Have you misread a situation, or misunderstood a request? In Acts 9, Paul knows. He says just that. "I thought I was pleasing you. I thought I was doing good."

In verse one, Luke introduces us to Paul: **"But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord...."** Saul is portrayed as a wild, and murderous man, isn't he? He is intoxicated with hatred and rage against the Christians. He has the feel of being volatile, unsettled, and aggressive. He is zealously persecuting, hunting, and killing Christians *for God*. Paul thinks he is doing "good" by stomping out this heretical movement *for Him*. He also thinks He is "good" *before Him*, being righteous and blameless as a Pharisee.

As he is on his way to Damascus to hunt and persecute more Christians, he meets Jesus. A sudden light from heaven flashes around him, blinds him, and a voice says, **"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"** He asks, **"Who are you, Lord?"** **"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."** Could you imagine the horror? Paul thought he was serving God by persecuting them, but instead was doing evil against Him! What Paul thought was good, was, infact, evil. He is then told to go to Damascus, and to wait, there, for more instructions.

Meanwhile, God gives a vision to Ananias, a man whom God will use to heal Paul and help bring him to faith. However, Ananias is hesitant to be that instrument. **"Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. (And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.)"** In other words, why would you want to use him? Look at him! He kills your people and is ready to kill more! He is evil, violent, and a brutal thug. If I heal him, I would be doing *You* a disservice. Let him remain blind. He has what is coming to him." Ananias has a fair point. What will He do with Paul? Let's go to Peter.

Have you ever said, "Man, I have messed up big time." "I wish I could redo that." "If I had a chance, I would do things differently." Ever said that raising kids? Ever said that in marriage, or an old friendship? Ever said that after letting the tongue let loose, or letting that anger blaze? Ever said that after having the opportunity to help someone, and said, "No," because of selfish reasons? Have past actions, or a lifestyle, forever tainted your Christian image in the sight of family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers? Did you do that thing you never said you would do? In John 21, Peter knows. He says these things. "I wish I could redo that. If I had a chance, I would do things differently."

In John 21, the Apostle reintroduces us to Peter, who has returned to his old way of life as a fisherman. He is fishing with his friends, and has a catch less night. As they sit on the still water, a voice cries out from the shore, asking if they have any fish. It suggests to throw the net on the other side of the boat. As they do, a miraculous catch unfolds, and John realizes it is Christ the Risen Lord. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Peter then jumps into the water, and the rest bring the catch to shore. When they arrive, they find breakfast is ready, and eat it with the Risen Lord. Once they are done, Peter and Jesus go on a walk, and a conversation takes place.

Peter is asked: **"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"** It is a good question to ask him. Does Peter love Jesus more than the other disciples? Peter swore an allegiance to Jesus that was bigger than life itself. He boasted a love so deep that even if everyone else was to leave Him for dead, He wouldn't. But, he failed. He did what He said he wouldn't do. He left Jesus for dead. He abandoned Him at

His greatest hour of need, and broke His word. He was a coward and mess-up; he wasn't a leader, but a loser. He disgraced and disqualified himself. Let him fish. What will He do with Peter?

And what will He do with you? We, who have messed-up big time. We, who, if we could, would have acted differently toward our family, friends, neighbor, and Lord. We, who wished we could have held that tongue, tempered that rage, or have realized that what we were doing was *evil instead of good*. We, who have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. What does God do with mess-ups, mistakes, failures, and people who *should be discarded*? Let's go back to the philosophies of recycling. Does He reduce, reuse, and recycle? No. Does He reduce, reuse, and reuse...kind of; getting warmer. God does His own thing. His theory is different. He *reclaims, restores, and reuses*.

God reclaims us as His own as He calls us by name. He doesn't leave us on the garbage heap, or recycling bin, to be carted away. No, He reclaims and calls to Himself those that are His. To the violent and persecuting man on his way to Damascus, He calls out, "**Saul, Saul.**" To the purposeless and failed fisherman, He says, "**Simon, son of John...Simon, son of John.**" He uses their personal names! He calls by name! Isaiah 43:1: "**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**" We aren't Satan's. We aren't sin's. We aren't death's, and we don't belong to what we might find ourselves trapped in, or enslaved to. We aren't prisoners of our past or hostages to our present. We are His-purchased and won through the blood of Christ, and called by the Spirit through water and the Word. We are *reclaimed* as His.

He restores. When we went on vicarage, we received a furnished apartment, and so we left a lot of our stuff back in a storage unit in Fort Wayne. Unbeknownst to us, our unit flooded, and a lot of our stuff got moldy, damaged, and ruined. Initially, I thought it was white dust, but when I brought things home and saw it in the light, a lot of it had to be discarded. So, I set a lot of it by the curb for the garbage man to take. I was amazed how much of it people took, even with a sign saying that they were moldy! I was also amazed how much I later saw on other's curbs. Anyone can pick-up discarded things, but not everyone restores them, or can. But God can, and does.

God doesn't leave us broken, discarded, or stuck in the mire of our sin, past, and failures. He restores us. He showers His grace and forgiveness on His people. Saul is called "brother" by Ananias, which is a term of forgiveness and fellowship. His guilt is erased, and he is welcomed into the communion of saints. Peter is reinstated as an Apostle and called to feed, lead, and guide God's people once again despite his huge failure. God shows His steadfast love and mercy to us, which is what our broken and splintered lives need.

He restores our broken fellowship with Him, and others, by the forgiveness He has won through His Son. He restores our bleak future, hell, and replaces it with Heaven. He restores our splintered lives as He gives us His care, hope, strength, and grace, as we deal with the daily grind of life in a fallen world. He restores and renews us fallen creatures, making us in the image of His Son. He transforms our hearts, actions, thoughts, and words by His Holy Spirit. I daily pray for Him to give me "open eyes, an open heart, and open hands." Open eyes to see the needs of my family, neighbors, and the opportunities He puts before me. An open heart to respond in love, selflessness, and generosity. Open hands to be ready to serve. He daily renews in baptism, where He daily puts to death the old nature, and the new one arises to live before Him in righteousness and purity forever.

And He reuses. God's not done. He wasn't with Paul. Paul became God's "chosen instrument" to bring His name to the Gentiles, and became, arguably, the greatest missionary of all-time! He wasn't done with Peter. He called him to serve His people once again, and Peter is the one who started the Gentile mission. You wouldn't be sitting here, [today](#), if it wasn't for him! And He isn't done with you, and me, either.

God uses our words, actions, and deeds to lead others to His Son. Have you ever heard of St. Monica? Margarethe Lindemann? Jeanne Le Franc? Susanna Annesley? Johanna Zschenderlein? Morrow Coffey? You might not know their names, but they did a great service to the world. You probably don't know them, but you do know their sons: St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Charles Wesley, C. F. W. Walther, and Billy Graham.

Could you imagine a world *without their mother's influence*? Could you imagine a world without them being faithful Christian mothers who prayed for them, who brought them to Church, even when they got nothing out of the service, themselves, and who taught them the faith? Who says that one witness or example, isn't important? Who says one person being reached, isn't? It couldn't be farther from the truth! Imagine if

they kept their mouths shut! Our Christian witness isn't *insignificant*. Who knows what God will do with it, or with who, or when. That witness can even shine on when we are gone from this world!

And so, what is God's theory for recycling? He reclaims, restores, and reuses. Just ask Paul and Peter.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering "Christ Is Arisen" -Jan Bender

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 208

**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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

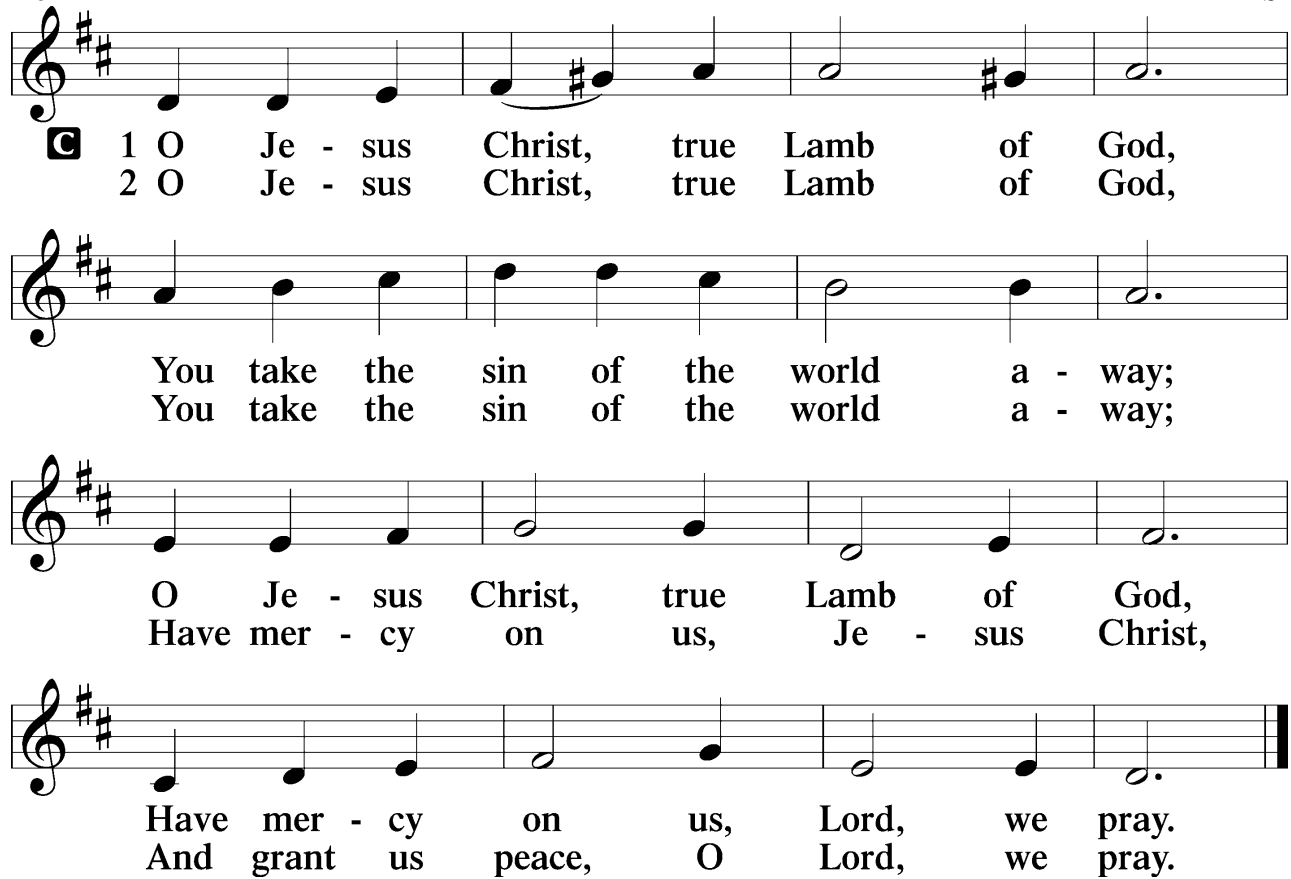
### The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\nabla$  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 cup is the new testament in My  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

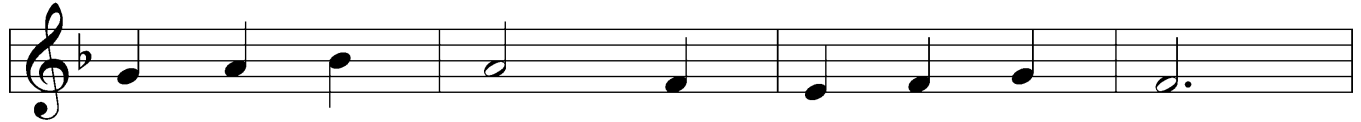
Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.*



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

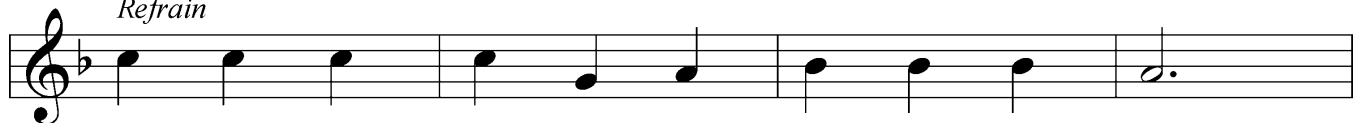


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest His might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

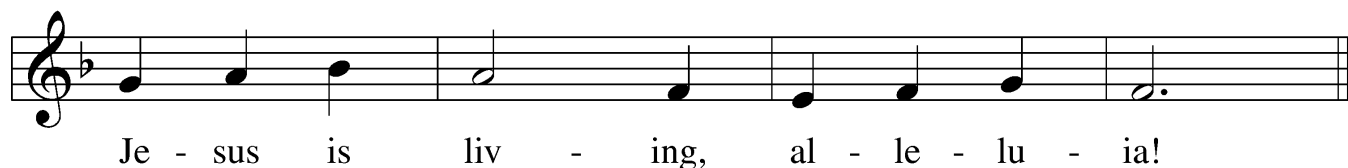
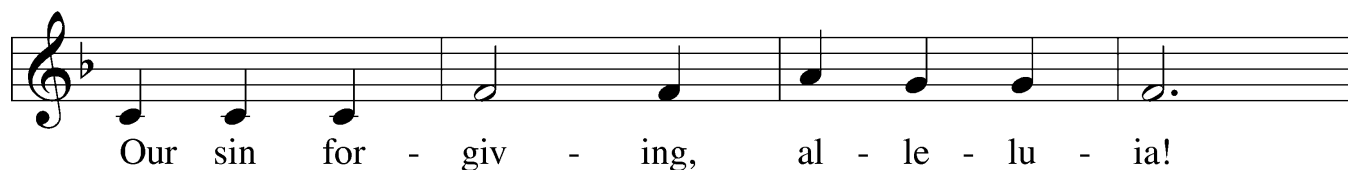
*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, 1922–2010

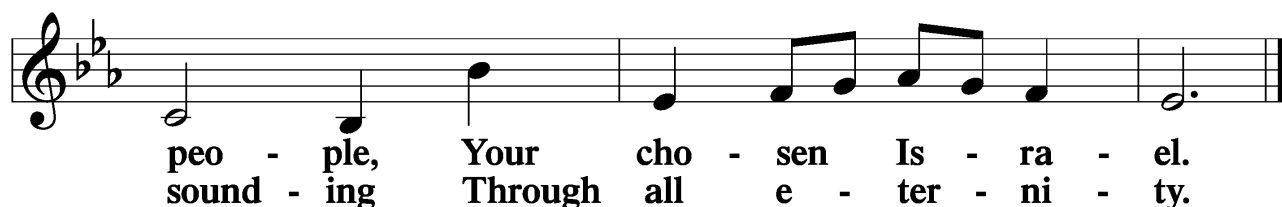
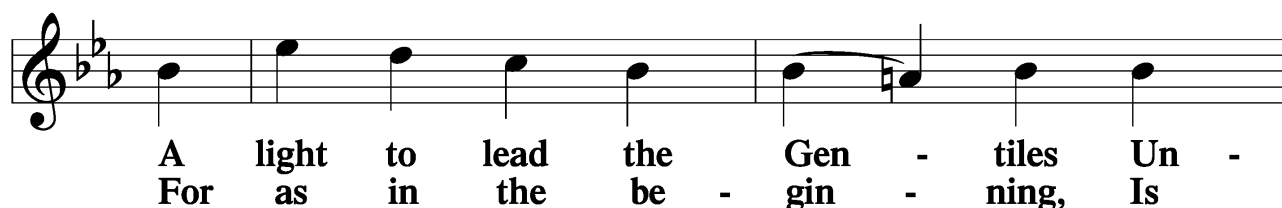
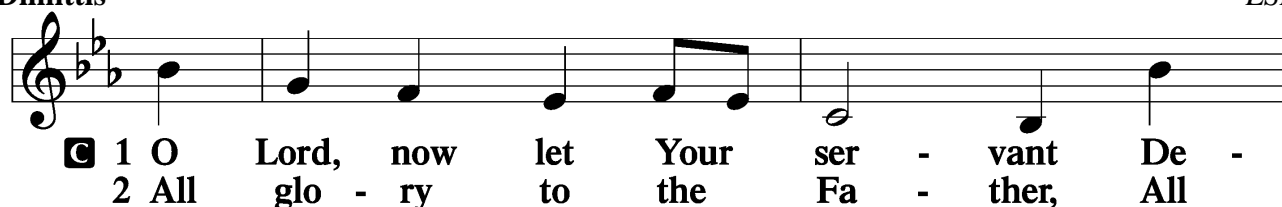
Tune: Tanzanian

Text: © 1977 Howard S. Olson. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License

Tune: Public domain

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 212

- 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: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

LSB 487



- 1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



- God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



- Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!





Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

Text and tune: Public domain

**Postlude** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” -Wilbur Held

### Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.”* Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before – when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** Do you have any updates to your contact information? New address directories will be printed in May, so please let Maria know if you have any updates.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It is time to renew (or begin) your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$19.68 per subscription per year beginning August 2022. Renewals must be to the office by May 15. Checks should be made out to Emmaus.

**JEENA’S BUSINESS** is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. [www.namastebrowsandboutique.com](http://www.namastebrowsandboutique.com)

**ASCENSION SERVICE:** Come join us! On May 25th at 6:30 p.m., Emmaus and Jehovah will be having a joint worship service to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The service will be at Jehovah Lutheran Church and is open to all. Come check out this special service.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Three C’s of Christian Witness” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Competence, Conversation, and Caring-the three C's of Christian witness. (Daniel 3:28)

**LLL ST. PAUL ZONE BANQUET:** Saturday, May 22 at South Shore Trinity (2480 S. Shore Blvd, White Bear Lake). The ladies at South Shore Trinity are excited to serve a meal of meatloaf with all the fixings! Arrive sometime soon after 5:00 p.m. to register and find seats. Dinner will be served at 5:30. To reserve a spot, please call Del Jentz at 651-636-2297 or email [drjentz785@hotmail.com](mailto:drjentz785@hotmail.com). Reservations help immensely. You can pay for the evening when you arrive. The cost for the events is \$10 per person / \$20 per couple. Checks can be made

payable to St. Paul LLL Zone. If a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings (did we mention dessert???) is not enough to entice you to register, consider the facts: The entertainment is always exceptional, our speaker will be extremely interesting and intriguing, and you might win a valuable door prize. The fellowship opportunity with others interested in the effective spread of the Gospel in and of itself makes this annual event a “winner.”