

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

A question arises from today's Epistle in 1 Peter: How do we attain eternal life? Oftentimes the world encourages us to look to ourselves and our own deeds to see if we will inherit eternal life, but that is not where Scripture points us. Scripture points us to Jesus and His deeds on our behalf—His death and His resurrection for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

HYMN “Come People of the Risen King” -Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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1. Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*

3. Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands – find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth cries through ev'ry age, “Our God is all in all.” *Chorus*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: God raised Jesus from the dead

People: and gave Him honor and glory.

Pastor: We place our faith in Him,

People: and we place our hope in His resurrection.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Peter 1:24–25*

Pastor: As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: “The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise 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.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Hallelujah My Father” -Tim Cullen

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Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us Your Son;
Sending Him into the world to be given up for all,
Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41* (The Word cuts people to the heart.)

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 116:1–14; antiphon verse 5*
(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

I love the Lord, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the Lord:*
“O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

The Lord preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the Lord has dealt bountifully | with you.

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears,
my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk be- | fore the Lord*
in the land of the | living.

I believed, even | when I spoke,*
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;

I said in | my alarm,*
“All mankind are | liars.”

What shall I render | to the Lord*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the Lord,

I will pay my vows | to the Lord*
in the presence of all his | people.

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.

Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25* (The Word of the Lord endures forever.)

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a

lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:13–35* (Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” *LSB* 580

1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.

2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.

3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.
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SERMON "One Sentence: Conduct Yourselves with Fear"

CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

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.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

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, 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 Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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.

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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:

And we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, torn for you:

Eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that bring us life,

Paid the price to make us one.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:

Drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond

And to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim:

Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

Around the table of the King.

“The Lamb” *LSB* 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

 Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,

One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" *LSB 477*

1 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.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient pow'rs of evil

In confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

△ 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *1 Peter 1:18-19* – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: With our new photo directory coming up soon, it’s time to update your contact information. If you have a new address, phone number, or email, please let Maria know.

EMMAUS CLEAN UP DAY is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, starting right after our church service. The focus will be on the inside of the building. We will have task cards and the supplies needed to complete that task on a table in the Narthex. Please feel free to dress as needed to be ready to work. Many hands make light work so if we all get busy it should only take an hour or so to get everything done. Any questions please contact Nancy W.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is time to renew your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$23.16 per subscription per year beginning August 2023. Renewals must be into the church office no later than May 15, 2023. Checks should be made out to Emmaus. If you would like to start a new subscription, please talk to Maria.

MEN’S GAME AFTERNOON: We will be having a men’s (confirmation age and up) game afternoon on May 6th, noon-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Food and drink will be provided. Bring any games you would like to play. Todd P will also bring a selection from their collection. Please RSVP to Todd P to ensure adequate food is available. If you miss RSVPing please still come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the spring congregational meeting! We will be voting on boards and officers for 2023-2024 on Sunday, May 21 after the worship service.

LHM ZONE BANQUET: Please join us as we celebrate the ministry of the Lutheran Hour's St. Paul Zone Lutheran Laymen's League at our Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 29 at St. Peter Lutheran (880 Neal Ave W, Afton, MN). Registration and gathering is at 5:00 p.m. with the dinner and program at 5:30 p.m. Reservations help immensely! To reserve a spot, please call Del Jentz at 651-636-2297 or email drjentz785@hotmail.com. You can pay for the evening when you arrive. The cost for the event is \$15 per person / \$30 for couples. Our featured speaker will be President Brian Friedrich of Concordia University, St. Paul.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Bridge Builders" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the "air bridge" that saved a city and the cross-shaped bridge God built to break a spiritual blockade. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

ASCENSION SERVICE: We are excited to invite everyone to a circuit-wide worship service in observance of the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ! The service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension Eve) at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul. Rev. Steven Bielenberg (Pastor of King of Kings, Roseville) will be preaching. Rev. Dr. Joshua C. Miller (Pastor of Jehovah Lutheran) will preside at Holy Communion. Other pastors from the St. Paul Metro Circuit of LCMS congregations will lead other portions of the service. Jehovah Lutheran's Music Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner is inviting those interested to form a choir. We also invite you to stay after the service for coffee and dessert!

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Enter **mn332** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Note: church code and password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

The online scheduling option is not available on the weekends because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. If you would like to sign up today, please visit the sign-up table in the narthex.