

Third Sunday of Easter

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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

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

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 4:3,6a,8*

Pastor: The LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;

People: the LORD hears when I call to Him.

Pastor: Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!

People: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (LSB, #903, verses 1-2, 5)

This is the day the Lord has made;

He calls the hours His own.

Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad

And praise surround the throne.

Today He rose and left the dead,

And Satan’s empire fell;

Today the saints His triumphs spread

And all His wonders tell.

Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Beloved, 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 worthiness 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.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 the 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Holy Father, You have raised Christ Jesus from the dead and bestowed on Him the name that is above all names. Daily strengthen our faith in Your Son, that within this fallen world we boldly bear witness to Him in word and deed. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 3:11–21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. 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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1–7

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies Himself as He is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:36–49*

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: "To the Name of Our Salvation" (The Lutheran Hymnal, #116, verses 1-2, 5-6)

To the name of our salvation
Laud and honor let us pay,
Which for many a generation
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
But with holy exultation
We may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure,
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
Saving us from sin and hell.

Jesus is the name prevailing
Over every name by right;
At this name, in terror wailing,
Powers of hell are put to flight;
God, in mercy never failing,
Saves us by this name of might.

Therefore we in love adoring
This most blessed name revere,
Holy Jesus, Thee imploring
So to write it in us here
That hereafter, heavenward soaring,
We may sing with angels there.

*Translator: John M. Neale (1851, alt.) Author: Unknown (1496) Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH
Source: "Geistreiches Gesangbuch," Darmstadt, 1698*

SERMON: "What's in a Name?" (Acts 3:11–21)

OFFERTORY:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

OFFERTORY HYMN: (8:00 service) "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" (The Lutheran Hymnal, #114, verses 1, 5-6)

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Only name that's given
Under all the mighty heaven
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,
Bursts his fetters and is saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

Text: William W. How (1864, alt.) Tune: GOTT SEI DANK Source: "Neues geistreiches Gesangbuch," Halle, 1704

OFFERTORY BELL ANTHEM: "O Savior for the Saints" Arranged by Hart Morris (2016 Lorenz Publishing Co.) based on two hymn tunes: Festal Song (written by William Henry Walter (1825-1893), and St. Thomas (written by Aaron Williams, 1731-76).

"Rise Up, O Saints of God" (Festal Song) (stanzas 1 and 3):

Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
Led onward by the Son of Man, Rise up, O saints of God!

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” (St. Thomas) (stanzas 1 and 5)

I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv’n
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of hea’vn.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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.

COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATIONG:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION: *(Hebrews 13:20-21)*

Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,

People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB, #549, verses 1, 3, 6)

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
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And crown Him Lord of all.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe
Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians:

Adam Perez and Austin Angerman
Organist: Karen Darby

Lay Readers:

Online Reader – Carol Hancock

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman