

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Vacation Bible School, 2022—Jonathan Loesch

**INVOCATION**

*Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**EASTER GREETING**

*Vicar: Christ is risen!*

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

**OPENING HYMN:** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (Lutheran Service Book, #463)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167

*Vicar: Beloved, 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.**

*Vicar: 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.**

*Vicar: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Amen.**

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169

*Vicar: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Vicar: 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.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Vicar: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**People:** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Vicar:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Vicar:* Let us pray:

**People:** Lord Jesus Christ, risen in triumph over every foe, You have bestowed the Holy Spirit on Your disciples. Grant us strength of faith, that against all opposition we faithfully proclaim Your death and resurrection to all nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 20:17–35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to

those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Revelation 7:9–17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve Him day and night in His temple;  
and He Who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd,  
and He will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*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. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL READING:** *John 10:22–30*

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: Let us confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

## **CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH:** The Apostles' 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!**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** “Rise, Shine, You People” (LSB, #825)

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.

See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,

Now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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**SERMON:** "What's Our Purpose?" (Acts 20:24)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS**

## **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.**

### **PREFACE**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, 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 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 singing:*

### **SANCTUS: page 178**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

### **PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

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

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI: page 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## DISTRIBUTION SONG: "How Deep the Fathers Love"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Great Are You Lord”**

You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart  
that is broken.

And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart  
that is broken.

And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
“Great are You, Lord!”

(Repeat 2X)

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB, #633)**

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB, #710)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

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**COMMON DISMISSAL**

*Vicar: May this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Vicar: Let us pray:*

**People:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## EASTER GREETING

*Vicar: Christ is risen!*

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

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

*Vicar: 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: "The Day of Resurrection" (LSB, #478)

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,

His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father,  
All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One!

Let all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory  
Ascribe to God alone!

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## **DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

### **In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer: Rev. John Selle

Liturgist: Vicar John Cotner

Musicians: Adam Perez, Lauren Brezina, and Codie Templeman

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader – James Sanborn

11:00 Lay Reader – Susan Burton

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch