



# The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday at 6:30pm

Sunday at 7:45am & 10:15am

***Preschool will sing at our 10:15am Service.***

*Don't be afraid to get the word out. We have a great preschool program with ½ day and full day options.*

## OPENING HYMN

## This Day at Your Creating Word (#229)

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

***1 This day at your creating word  
First o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine,  
And fill our souls with light divine.***

***2 This day the Lord for sinners slain  
In might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, raise your people, too,  
From death of sin to life in you.***

***3 This day the Holy Spirit came  
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
With grace to hear and grace to pray.***

***4 This day of light and life and grace  
We gather in our worship-place:  
This holy hour, blest gift of love,  
Give we again to God above.***

*5 All praise to God the Father be,  
To Christ, who set his people free,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.*

**INVOCATION**

*please stand*

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

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By His resurrection to life, grant Your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.” <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 118

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***Grades 7&8 will sing at our 10:15am Service.***

*There is room in our classrooms for all interested in a topnotch, Christian education.*

*Refrain*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

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*The LORD is my strength and my song;\**

***he has become my salvation.***

*The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;\**

***the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!***

*I will not die but live,\**

***and will proclaim what the LORD has done.***

*Refrain*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

*I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\**

***you have become my salvation.***

*The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*\*

***the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

*This is the day the LORD has made;\**  
*let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy Spirit,*  
*as it was in the beginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Refrain*

*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!*  
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## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. <sup>2:1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**VERSE OF THE DAY****Luke 24:32***Using the tune of A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (171)****Christ is a-ris-en, let us sing! Indeed He's risen! Let it ring!******Alleluia! Alleluia!******Our hearts were burning while He talked,******Op'ning the Scriptures while we walked!******Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - - ia!*****Stand****GOSPEL LESSON****Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

**HYMN OF THE DAY****Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus (#351:1-3)***Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.****1 Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!******You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.******Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;******By your merits we find favor; Life is given through your name.***

*2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on you were laid;  
By almighty love anointed, You have full atonement made.  
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven Through the power of your blood;  
Open is the gate of heaven; We are reconciled to God.*

*3 Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you, Seated at your Father's side.  
Crucified this world once saw you; Now in glory you abide.  
There for sinners you are pleading,  
And our place you now prepare,  
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.*

**SERMON**                    *after the sermon, please stand*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*please be seated*

### **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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 SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right ... we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

**Sanctus** *using the tune of hymn 130 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
With angels we cry Holy, O Holy, Holy King.  
Oh, may we ever praise You With heart and life and voice  
And for Your many blessings Eternally rejoice.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Dignus est Agnus*

**This Is the Feast of Victory (#265:1,4-5)**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-80.  
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*Refrain:*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Refrain:*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*Refrain:*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*5 For the Lamb who was slain Has begun his reign. Alleluia!*

*Final Refrain:*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives (#152)

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.*
- 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.*
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.*
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.*
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.*
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

## This Joyful Eastertide (#160:1)

- 1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now is Christ arisen.*