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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship -9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38).
These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

PRESERVICE MUSIC “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” by Hugo Gehrke

WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **LSB 465**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!

(continued)

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

 clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 16:11b; 30:1-3

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** *In Your presence there is fullness of joy;*
- C** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**
- P** *I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up*
- C** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- P** *O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.*
- C** **O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the -f- Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

P In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

C and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C and you have healed me.

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C and give thanks to his holy name.

P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

P In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: **F** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

F *The Lord be with you.*



G And with thy spir - it.

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.*



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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SERMON

"STRIKE 3! YOU'RE SAFE!"

Acts 3:11-21

- I. It's easy to feel like we've struck out in life, that we've failed.
- II. Just as God welcomed those who killed Jesus, God welcomes us, no matter what we've done or failed to do.

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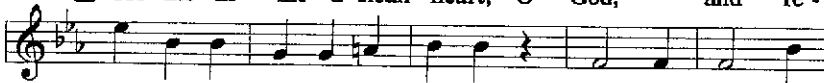
I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERTORY

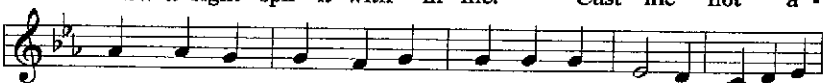
Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God



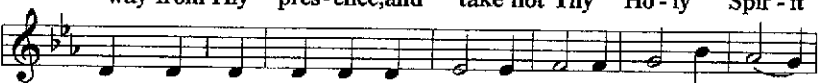
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 John 3:1-7

P Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm. Lord in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your servant Martin Luther, through whom the Christian Church was called back to the truth of the Scriptures and the comfort of the Gospel for the repentant conscience found in Christ alone. By Your Holy Spirit and the conviction of the blessed Scriptures, embolden us to confess faithfully in our time the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to stand unashamed on the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures in the face of all opposition or discomfort. Give wisdom and zeal to our preachers, give resolve and confidence to all Christians, and preserve the witness to Christ's resurrection, that all consciences may be bound up by His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayers.

P Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, [including . . .]. Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation. Lord in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and proper 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 singing:



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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



A - - - - - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



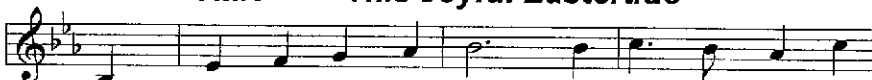
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

(continued)

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
 Our faith had been in vain; But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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CHORAL SELECTION

(Explanation: a paschal rood is a victorious Easter crucifix.)

"Bread of Heaven"

INUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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.



A - men.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

P *The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir - it.

P *Bless we the Lord.*



Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and -I- give you His peace.* Numbers 6:24-26

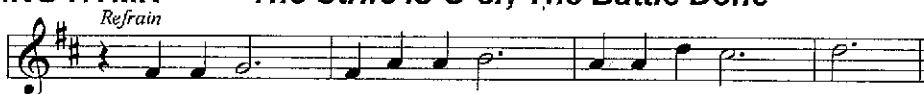


A-men, a-men, a - men.

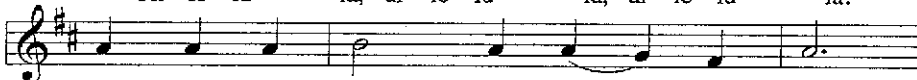
CLOSING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done

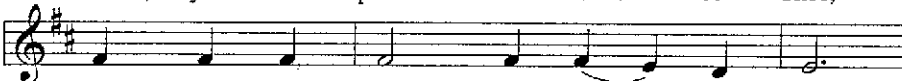
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Al Axford]

POSTLUDE

“Resurrection Morn”

by Henry Balcombe

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte Steve Rolen
 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Sharon Milliken
 Communion Assistant..... Bob Sees
 Counter Carl Kurth
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Special Music: Christ Choristers & Handbells; Beth Buss, Director
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object)..... Al Axford
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
 Usher..... Phil Vandre

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