

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 | 9:45 am | Ascension Lutheran Church



## Words of Welcome

### Opening Sentences

**P** We begin in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** He is the author of life

**G** whom God raised from the dead.

**P** He puts joy into our hearts

**G** and lifts the light of His face upon us.

**P** He has lavished us with love

**G** and called us His own children.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Opening Hymn

LSB 457 | "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Let us confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away from Him and turning back to Him in the love He has shown to us.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

**P** Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

**A** *we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

**P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**G** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

LSB 477 | "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** Risen Savior, Your atoning sacrifice secures our unity with the Father. Open our hearts and minds that we may be clearly touched by Your Word and holy Sacraments. In strife, grant us peace; in doubt, grant us unwavering faith. Empower our witness by the presence of Your Holy Spirit, that Your precious name may be hallowed among all peoples.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading | Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release Him. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the Author-of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"Now brothers, I know that you acted in

ignorance, just like your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But in this way God fulfilled what He had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that His Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you. <sup>21</sup>He must receive heaven-until the times when everything will be restored, as God spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

### Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He is revealed we will be like Him, and we will see Him as He really is. <sup>3</sup>Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared in order to take away our sins and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>Anyone who remains in Him does not sin. The person who keeps on sinning has not seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup>Dear children, do not let anyone deceive you. Whoever does what is right is righteous just as Jesus is righteous.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

### Special Music | "My Redeemer" | arr. Kyle Hill

### Holy Gospel | Luke 24:36-49

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself. Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, He said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in front of them. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to 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 to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: 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 from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what My Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Profession of Faith | Apostles' Creed

**P** Living together in Easter trust and hope, we now confess our faith.

**A** *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.*

### Hymn of the Day

LSB 476 | "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing

bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor

Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion

we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!

We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;

Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!

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### Message

### Response Verses

LSB 476 | "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

4           Who are we who travel with You  
              On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
              Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us,  
              Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us,  
              Host us as our risen Lord!

5           "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
              Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship  
              As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people  
              Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body,  
              Sent to share Your healing grace!

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## Prayers of the Church

**P** Heavenly Father, in this Easter season You have provided us with the pure joy of Your Son's resurrection and the joy of repentance and forgiveness. Cheer all those who struggle with depression, loneliness, and shame, so that they be assured of Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious Father, we live in a world where many people do not believe in the resurrection of Your Son. Inspire us to share the joys of Your Son's resurrection with those who doubt and disbelieve, so that they come to repentant joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Guiding Father, raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and musicians so that Your Word of forgiveness and life touch those who do not believe and strengthen the faith of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Compassionate Father, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, (especially...). Strengthen them with Your healing hand and restore them to health. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Father, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. (Today we remember the families and friends of...). Stand among them and speak Your Word of peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Loving Father, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, (especially...). Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

(Special petitions may be offered here.)

**P** Although we in no way deserve Your gracious hearing of these our petitions, heavenly Father, grant them for the sake of the sacrifice of Your Son, our Risen Lord Jesus, who has promised that what we ask in His name will be heard at Your throne of grace for He has taught us to pray:

**A** *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.*

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The echoes of His Easter joy ring in your hearts and lives. The Lord grant you His ☩ peace.

**G** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Closing Hymn

LSB 465 | "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



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



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



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



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -



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

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### Sending

**P** Go in peace and joy as you serve the Risen Lord! You are free!

**G** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude