

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020



AS WE GATHER Spring in Minnesota is beginning as we see the visual beauty with grass turning green, daffodils in bloom, people starting to plant early greens and our Easter flowers and colors still adding to the floral decorations of our Easter worship season. We are blessed in what we see. And we are most blessed in seeing our Lord present in His Word and, also the Sacraments. Though we know that the Lord is with us, we do not always see him visible and at times we think He is hidden from us. He really isn't hidden from us. He is truly visible in His Living Word and Spirit that is proclaimed, heard and action filled as His instruments of Good News. But to many and even after His resurrection, the hiddenness of Jesus was experienced for just the right time. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus anxious of hearing about the resurrection, but not seeing the Lord caused confusion. However, ultimately, their eyes were opened, and they beheld the risen Savior. In worship, our daily lives, and in difficult times, we seek to see Him for help and assurance of His omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence. God chooses through the proclamation of the Good News to see Him and many times seemingly just at the right times unexpectedly, His light and life is revealed to our mind and heart. Rejoice with me as your worship as Jesus continues to show His faithfulness of His grace and new life to you, me and all who have not yet heard the good news.

† IN DOMINE JESU †
(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

Mui Cheng

WELCOME Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today "

LSB 469 vs. 1-4



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted

P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: death no longer has dominion over Him.

P: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

LSB 469 vs. 5-6

**5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, you give us Your Word and Spirit to fill us with your life. Grant that we continue to be Your strengthened people who tell of Your love to all as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every

one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17–25

(Peter reminds us that we redeemed by the blood of Christ.)

L: ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

L: That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them,

P: "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"

L: And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them,

P: And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him,

L: "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." And He said to them,

P: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, but they urged Him strongly, saying,

L: "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

P: And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,

L: The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

P: Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Savior, Jesus, is Alive"

TUNE LSB 465 vs. 1-3

**My Savior Jesus is alive! Come praise and worship Him on High!
Hal-le-lu-jah! He's my Savior. He is the one who satisfies,
With peace surpassing all our sighs! Shout your praises. Shout your praises.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**On the third day he rose from death. Now bringing life with Spirit breath.
To all sinners now forgiven. What joy we share with all our friends!
Not on-ly them but all He sends. For His glory, tell the story,
Christ is risen! He has triumphed. Hallelujah!**

**Jesus you are our Prince of Peace; now all our fears can be re-leased.
You are worthy, of all praises. Breathe on us Lord with Spirit more!
And make us all in one accord. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is with us, ever present, now for-ev-er.**

SERMON

"Reflect, Reveal, Rejoice"

Luke 24:13-35

Step by Step

APOSTLE'S 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.

OFFERING HYMN**“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

LSB 789

(we are reminded of the offering our lives to one another for the Lord's purposes and our financial gifts for the Lord's ministry bringing God's saving grace in the Word by His Holy Spirit.)



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH After each petition and the words “Lord in your mercy,” please respond in prayer with the words, **“Hear our prayer”**

P: Let us pray for the people of God here and around the world and for all people in their various needs.

(after all petitions, the prayers of the church concludes with these words and response)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **“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

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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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P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission. **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
 (To God be the Glory)

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