

The Third Sunday of Easter

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 466:1-3 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst.
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”



Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **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.**
- P Is this your confession? If it is then repeat after me:
Yes, it is. / I confess my sins. / And I pray for God's mercy.

Absolution

LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]

- P Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you “all your sins.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

† Service of the Word †

Psalms 116:1-9, 12-15

- P ¹I love the LORD,
C **because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P ²Because he inclined his ear to me,
C **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- P ³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C **I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- P ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C **our God is merciful.**
- P ⁶The LORD preserves the simple;
C **when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- P ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C **for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**
- P ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**
- P ⁹I will walk before the LORD
C **in the land of the living.**
- P ¹²What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
C **¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**
- P ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
C **in the presence of all his people.**
- P ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
C **is the death of his saints.**
- ALL** **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.**

Hymn # 466:4-5 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;
He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.
Refrain
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**
P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and pestilence let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**
P For our President, Vice-President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and all public servants that they may have wisdom in this time of crisis and be blessed to lead us out of distress let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**
P For the ill, for those needing and waiting for medical care, and for those in fear of illness, that God would give them strength and that our doctors, nurses and medical workers may be blessed to bring healing let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**
P For those who work in groceries, stores, hospitals, prisons, delivery services and other walks of life that put them at increased risk, that they may be kept safe, that their health may be preserved, and that they may look to God to guard and keep them let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**

- P That the many who feel the shallowness of a life focused only on this world and its pleasures, who search for more than the physical needs and wants of the body, that they may hear the call of the risen Lord Jesus and follow Him to eternal life let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.
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.
- C **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

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. ...

³⁶“Let 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.*” ³⁹*For 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25

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.” [Isaiah 40:6-8]

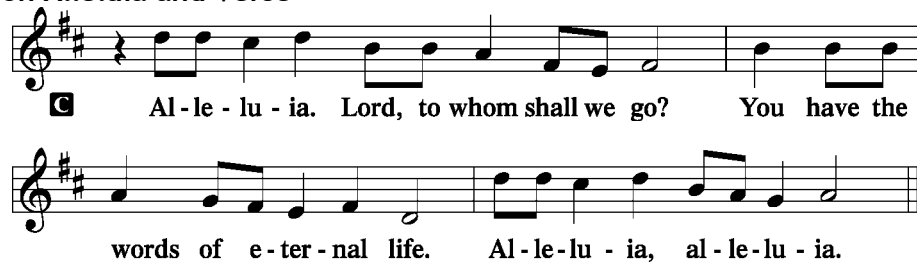
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷And he said to them, “*What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?*” And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸Then 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?*”

¹⁹And he said to them, “*What things?*”

And they said to him, “*Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,*” ²⁰*and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.* ²¹*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. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.”

²⁵And he said to them, **“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”** ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

³²They 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?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵Then 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 # 741:2,4,6,7 “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am

wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern

Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my

fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet’s blast is heard.

7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.

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Apostles' Creed

C 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 T everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

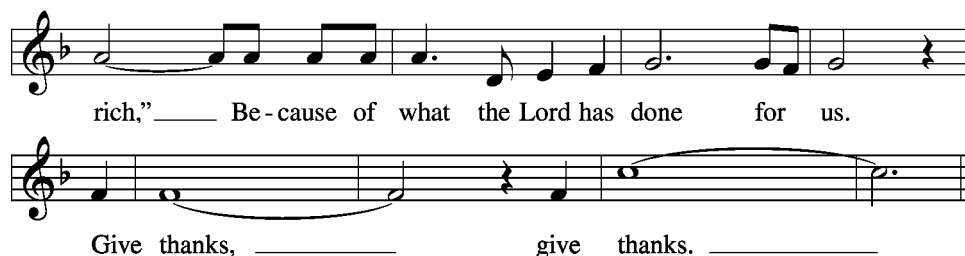
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am



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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
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.**

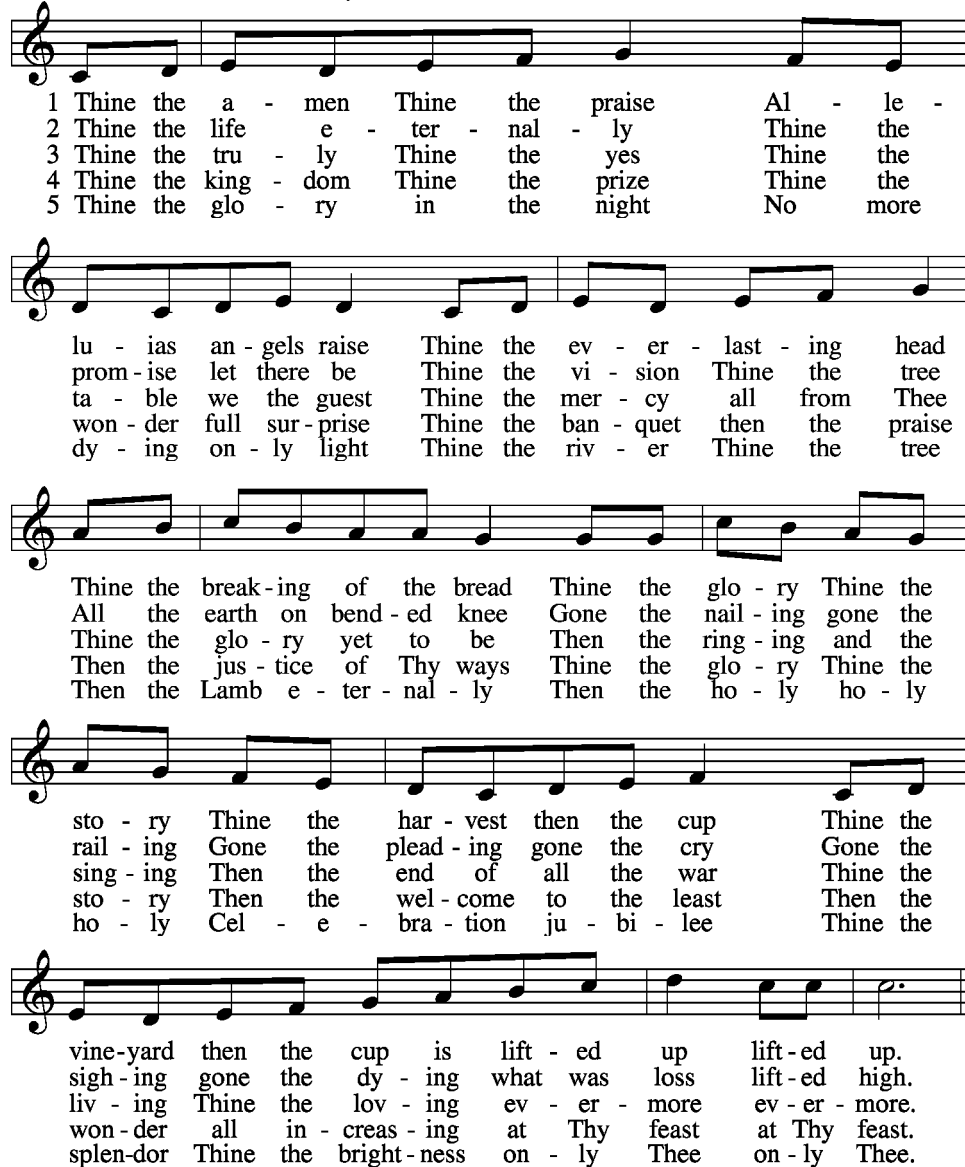
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166 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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Hymn # 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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