

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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✠PREPARATION✠

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jack & Becky – Songs For The Saints – blue folder)

#32 “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lords of Hosts”

#42 “Lamb of God”

#67 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

AS WE GATHER

Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples “disbelieved for joy” (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!” (66:1–2). The prophet Isaiah assures God’s people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: “For the LORD comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.

OPENING HYMN LSB 795 “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?.

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear Gods Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,

let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

P: 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, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

☩WORD☩

INTROIT (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

KYRIE (sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (sung)

- 1. To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2, To You, O sole-be-gotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high-**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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 3:11-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

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.**

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

VERSE (sung)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 men 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 worshiped 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 817 v 1-4 “Earth and All Stars”

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord’s great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at

home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer. Amen.

OFFERING plate will be passed. Please sign the Record of Fellowship folder at this time.

✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SANCTUS (sung)

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav`n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest , sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI –Lamb of God

(sung) **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

Distribution

LSB 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

NUNC DIMITTIS

(sung) **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forevr Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resoudnding Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB 817 v. 5-7 “Earth and All Stars”

SILENT PRAYER

+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Dates to Remember

April 14 – Congregational Meeting after Church/potluck

April 21 – Altar Guild Meeting after Church

April 30 – Meal at the Mancelona United Methodist Church

May 12 – Mother’s Day

BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH SERVICE

Bible Study will meet at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall,

Church Service at 10:30 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rick Burd – cancer treatments

Randy Burd – also cancer treatments

Family of Edith Smith who passed away recently

Deb Sparks – tumors on thyroid

Birthdays

Betty Sell – April 9

Gretchen Heegeman – April 19

Anniversary

Adam & Alisha VanderLoop – April 4