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# **Third Sunday of Easter** **April 18th, 2021**



## HOLY COMMUNION

### IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### 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).

### THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

#### OPENING HYMN

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”*

LSB 463

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

#### KYRIE

*(Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”)*

*Tune LSB 744*

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,  
Receive our prayers and praise,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,  
For your amazing grace.

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

People: **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,  
**People:** **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.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**People:** **and give thanks to His holy name.**

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**People:** **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People:** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Pastor: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 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. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**GLORIA** *(Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing")* *Tune LSB 380*

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| <p>1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br/>"Glory be to God on high!"<br/>God who flung the stars in space,<br/>God who formed the human race,<br/>God the mind and God the cause,<br/>God the source of natures laws,<br/>God of wisdom, power, and love,<br/>God of gods, all gods above.<br/>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br/>"Glory be to God on high!"</p> | <p>2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br/>"Glory be to God on high!"<br/>God who saw your creatures fall,<br/>Loved them still, and loved them all,<br/>Gave your only Son to prove<br/>What is mercy, what is love;<br/>And the Spirit, given free,<br/>Recreates your family.<br/>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br/>"Glory be to God on high!"</p> |
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**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** **O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 3:11-21**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM ~ Read Responsively**

**Psalm 4**

Leader: Answer me when I Call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

**People: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

Leader: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

**People: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

Leader: But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;

**People: the Lord hears when I call to him.**

Leader: Be angry, and do not sin;

**People: ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

Leader: Offer right sacrifices,

**People: and put your trust in the Lord.**

Leader: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

**People: Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord.**

Leader: You have put more joy in my heart

**People: than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

Leader: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**People: for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**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.**

## EPISTLE READING

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 24:36-49**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

***"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"***

LSB 487

**SERMON**

***"Imagine That!"***

*Acts 3:11-21*

## CREED

(Sung to the melody "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise")

Tune LSB 802

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive  
Their being and blessing, in You we believe  
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,  
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.
2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,  
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;  
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,  
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.
3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,  
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;  
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,  
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word.

**People: We bring to You our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.**

Pastor: Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all.

**People: Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order.**

Pastor: Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions ending in... "Lord, in Your mercy,"),

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS**

*(Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy")*  
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;  
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;  
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

*Tune LSB 507*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**AGNUS DEI**

*(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*  
Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,  
You bore the sinner's load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant Your peace.

*Tune LSB 702*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**HYMN**

***"Oh, He's King of Kings"***

*Tune & Text: American Spiritual*

**AGPS 188**

**Refrain: Oh, He's King of kings, Oh, He's Lord of lords!  
Jesus Christ, the First and Last, No man works like him.**

1. I know that my Redeemer Lives, No man works like Him,  
And by His love sweet blessings gives, No man works like Him. **Refrain**
2. Victorious at God's right hand, No man works like Him,  
He calls His saints from ev-'ry land, No man works like Him. **Refrain**

**HYMN**

**“Someone Special”**

AGPS 217

*Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Tune: Carl Schalk*

1. Someone Special, I know who: That Someone, my God, is You! Who could make a world like this  
And a heaven full of bliss, Someone special I must be, Since You made it all for me!
2. Someone Special, that You are, To create the Christmas Star, Heraldng the Savior’s birth, Bringing  
peace and joy to earth. Someone special I must be, Since You made that Star for me!
3. Someone Special, who would give His own Son that all might live, And by Him would set us free  
From all sin and misery. Someone special I must be, Since you gave Your Son for me!
4. Someone Special, who would send His good Spirit for a Friend, Faith Creator, Light and Guide,  
Always standing at my side. Someone special I must be Since You gave that Gift to me!
5. Someone Special —God and man, You were there when I began, You’ll be there when I depart, For  
You live within my heart. Someone special—now I see, That someone is really me.

**HYMN**

**“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

LSB 636

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in, with, and under bread and wine with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world, as we strive not only to see Your love, but also continue to grow in it and be nourished through faith as Your children and rejoice in the grace You give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“The Day of Resurrection”**

LSB 478



**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM SATURDAY**

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**9:00AM SUNDAY**

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