

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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Divine Service III

Hymn: *Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal*

LSB 916

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation (p.184)

Kneel or stand as you are able

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

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.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4 (LSB 4) (responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (p.190)

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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.” ⁴⁰And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and He took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Sit

Office hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia* *LSB 463*

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

Preach You the Word

LSB 586

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

LSB 532

Stand

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *Rise, Shine, You People*

LSB 825

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

Debbie Orth

Megan Neumann

Mel Niemann

Paul Reinhart

Letta Ebben undergoing testing next 2 weeks.

Voters' Assembly today!

Both congregations will have quarterly voters' assemblies today after the service. Bible study will resume next Sunday, April 25.

Voters Assembly at St. John: Things we will be addressing – The Edgar fireman carnival and parade is going to be held this year. The parade is Sunday June 20th they would like us to have our float, we need to discuss if here is enough support exists for the event.

Also the steam show is asking for our support with workers. People who are willing to work at the event should sign up so we can tell the steam show how many if any workers to expect.

Bethlehem Sunday School will be ending on Sunday, May 2nd. We would like to thank our teachers and helpers for the past year! Bart and Brittany Schreiber.

St. John Sunday School will be ending Sunday, May 16.

Last day of Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 28.

Thank You. I would like to Thank my church family for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and driving me to my appointment's. My Family for everything they did for me, while I was recuperating from my broken ankle Greatly Fully Yours Shirley Buss

Bethlehem -St. John Thrift Sale Items:

NO LARGE FURNITURE ITEMS PLEASE due to the large amount of donations for the Thrift Sale there is limited space available. If you have large items to donate call Arlette Molthen @ 715-223-6062 or Janice Brown @ 715-352-3056 to see if it is alright to bring them.

Save the Date Blood Drive at Bethlehem on Saturday, May 1 from 9am to 1pm. Appointments encouraged call 1-877-232-4376 or visit bit.ly/Bethlehem51 to schedule.

Please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet so we have an accurate attendance count for our records.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Ordinary: Those parts of the service that remain constant from week to week. For centuries the ordinary of the weekly communion service were the Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Nicene Creed, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. Countless composers have written complete musical settings using these texts. The parts of the service that change from week to week are called the propers.

From the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer: The Introduction

Our _____ who art in heaven

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to _____
that He is our true Father and that we are His true
children, so that with all boldness and _____
we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.