



3rd Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome – We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice.

Thanksgiving for Baptism, which joins us to the death and resurrection of Christ.

Gathering Hymn – *Christ has Arisen, Alleluia #364*

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
2. For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain.*
3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the grave clothes are lying there." *Refrain.*
4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain.*
5. Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain.*

Greeting, Kyrie and Glory to the Lamb (sung)

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 3:12-21

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all

the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

³But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

A gospel reading according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24:36-48

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day – Lift High the Cross #660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain.*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain.*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain.*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.*

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

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Offering Hymn – We are an Offering #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer – **God of life, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world, for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ, amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (sung)

Christ's Words of Institution

Communion * Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.

Thankful Hearts (sung)

Announcements

- Today we remember Mike Dubowski with flowers and a candle, rejoicing in the eternal life he shares now with Christ!
- Synod Assembly is this Friday and Saturday, April 23-25. Plenary sessions Friday night and Saturday will be broadcast at www.facebook.com/AlaskaSynodELCA/live. Workshops are open to all and will be on Zoom Friday at 1:30 and Saturday at 2:30: Suicide Prevention tactics, funding streams for ministries, coaching, hybrid church (online/in-person), and a toolkit for LGBTQIA+ inclusion.
* **Read more and register at elcaalaska.net** *
- Farmer to Families food boxes are coming to a close soon. If you or a friend could use a box of fresh food to get by, order by Monday at noon and pick up Wednesday between 11-12 or 3-5pm.
- Thanks to the 13 households that signed up with Fred Meyer Community Rewards, you've donated \$35.72 to Lord of Life just by doing your regular shopping! Register your rewards number <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards> and remember, you can give to Lord of Life through www.smile.amazon.com too!

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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