

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: For the third Sunday in a row we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. We take so long, fifty days, for this celebration, because it is almost too good to be true! Surely as time passes, we can take things for granted, even big things. But this Sunday, the joyful and “marveling” disciples join with a formerly lame beggar now leaping and praising God to remind us of how great our hope is to be in the risen Christ. It is not too good to be true! Christ is risen! Our hope is not just for a pleasant, peaceful life in this world. He gives us the hope of a joyful life now and an eternal life in Him, both when He comes to receive us to Himself and at the Last Day when, in our bodies renewed and restored, we, too, shall leap with resurrection joy.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” *LSB* 464

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

The strife is o'er the battle done
Now is the victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia

The pow'rs of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions hath dispersed
Let shouts of holy joy outburst
Alleluia

The three sad days have quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen Head
Alleluia

He broke the age-bound chains of hell
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell
Alleluia

Lord by the stripes which wounded Thee
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee
Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 16:11b*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That our joy may be complete, let us first confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: We confess that we are troubled by our sins and the doubts that arise in our hearts. We can hope for Your grace and help only if we can hear Your Word and the assurance of Your forgiveness. In the name of our risen Lord Jesus, we beg You to speak Your peace to us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.

Pastor: Peace to you! Everything written about Jesus in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms has been fulfilled. By His own authority and command I proclaim the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 30:1–5*

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me. O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

GLORIA PATRI *(sing)*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE *(sing)*

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” LSB 155 vs 1,2 &3

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength
and honor, blessings, and glory are His**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has
begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: (sing) **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Acts 3:11–21 ESV*

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–7 ESV*

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People: (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36–49 ESV*

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CREED Apostles Creed LSB 159

All: 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 there 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 everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB* 461 vs 1-4

**I Know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky
He lives exalted there on high**

**He lives to bless me with His love
He lives to plead for me above
He lives my hungry soul to feed
He lives to help in time of need**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

+ SERMON +

Text: 1 John 3:1–7 (The Epistle Lesson)

Goal: That each and every one present may realize that Jesus is not the means to an end but the end and goal of all that we are today and all that we shall be in eternity.

What Will I Look like When Jesus Appears?

- I. Too many of us are troubled by having only a vague glimpse of our futures.
- II. But God points us to Christ for a “painting” of what we will be.
- III. Therefore, though we may groan in expectation of the completed painting, we wait in trust for that day.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Let us pray for the whole Church. That, inspired with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, she may boldly confess God's name, agree in the truth of His Word, and live in unity and godly love, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our country and those whom God has set in authority over us. That our heavenly Father save and defend our country and grant to all those in civil authority wisdom and strength to know and do God's will; that the hearts of all rulers be disposed to minister justice to all people, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For Matthew our synodical President, our district President, and for all pastors, that they may by both their life and doctrine, proclaim God's true and lively Word and rightly and duly administer the Holy Sacraments; and that all God's people may with meek heart and due reverence hear and receive God's Holy Word, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who are homebound and those afflicted in any way, we pray especially for those who are on our minds and hearts at this present moment That the Lord comfort and help all those

who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow,
need, sickness, or any adversity; and that He
defend them from every evil to body and soul,
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Giving thanks for all God's saints and for all His
servants who have departed with the sign of faith
and now rest in the sleep of peace, that on the
day of the resurrection of all flesh we and all
members of the mystical body of Christ may
altogether be set on His right hand and hear His
most joyful voice, saying, "Come, you blessed of
My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world," 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
Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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 PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
 the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” LSB 531

Hail Thou one despised Jesus

Hail Thou Galilean King

Thou didst suffer to release us

Thou didst free salvation bring

Hail Thou universal Savior

Bearer of our sin and shame

By Thy merit we find favor

Life is given through Thy name

Paschal Lamb by God appointed

All our sins on Thee were laid

By almighty love anointed

Thou hast full atonement made

All Thy people are forgiven

Through the virtue of Thy blood

Opened is the gate of heaven

Reconciled are we with God

Jesus hail Enthroned in glory

There forever to abide

All the heavn'ly hosts adore Thee

Seated at Thy Father's side

There for sinners Thou art pleading

There Thou dost our place prepare

Ever for us interceding

Till in glory we appear

**Worship honor pow'r and blessing
Thou are worthy to receive
Highest praises without ceasing
Right it is for us to give
Help ye bright angelic spirits
All your noblest anthems raise
Help to sing our Savior's merits
Help to chant Immanuel's praise**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank You, O God, for this time of refreshment, which we receive from Your presence in this Holy Meal of the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Now go with us, Lord, that we may be a people of hope until the time for restoring all things; 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

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” *LSB 468*

**I am content! My Jesus ever lives
In whom my heart is pleased
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
God’s wrath He has appeased
Sinc He in death could perish never
I also shall not die forever
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my head
His member I shall be
He bowed His head when on the cross
He died with cries of agony
Now death is brought into subjection
For me by Jesus’ resurrection
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my light
My radiant sun of grace**

**His cheering rays beam blessing forth for all
Sweet conform, hope, and peace
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! At length I shall be free
Awakened from the dead
Arising glorious evermore to be
with you my living head
The chains that hold my body, sever
Then shall my soul rejoice forever
I am content! I am content!**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

**Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kath King, Ushers**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mt Hope Preschool Registration

**Know a 3 or 4 year old? We have open house the week
of April 26th by appointment only.
Please see flyers on the Bulletin table.**

Looking for a car?

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No rust, well maintained, runs good
Asking \$4,900
Contact Frank at 313-383-4883**

Attendance

Sunday April 11th

9:30 am 34

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Jim & Karen Bumgarner – April 20th

Birthdays

Robert Nolan – April 21st

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Family of Tyler Combs, Josh Haney's Friend, Who was called to his eternal rest.

Frances Ladach, Fractured leg

The Birth of Josephine Rose Brown, parents are Brian and Julianne, grandparents Marie and Dave Brown.

Lynn Cuckovich, Niece of Gayle French, surgery on April 5th for returning breast cancer.