

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the Reading from Revelation, John reports that he saw God's throne, where the Lamb is the only One worthy to open the sealed scrolls. Not only is Jesus holy in Himself, He makes holy all those whose sins He forgives because of His own sacrifice. Saul is a prime example. He is called by Christ to take the Gospel to the Gentiles, even though he had been looking for Christians to arrest. In their fishing attempt in the Gospel, the disciples learn that even their physical wellbeing depends on trusting their Savior's guidance. For Peter, that would also mean feeding and teaching Jesus' flock. Made worthy because of our incorporation into the Body of Christ, what are we called to do?

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“God Himself Is Present” *LSB 907*

God Himself is present

Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him

God is in His temple

All within keep silence

Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence

He alone

On His throne

Is our God and Savior

Praise His name forever

God Himself is present

Hear the harps resounding

See the hosts the throne surrounding

Holy holy holy

Hear the hymn ascending

Songs of saints and angels blending

Bow Your ear

To us here

Hear O Christ the praises

That Your Church now raises

**Fount of ev'ry blessing
Purify my spirit
Trusting only in Your merit
Like the holy angels
Worshiping before You
May I ceaselessly adore You
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Incorporating Revelation 5:1–10

Pastor: We have come to worship our great God.

However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Our unworthiness is mirrored into today's Reading from Revelation, as John sorrowfully realized. Then I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a

loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

People: I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.

Pastor: By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God’s throne of grace. And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Pastor: Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: And they sang a new song, saying,

People: "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

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: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf, You made us worthy to approach You in confident faith.

People: Help us by Your Holy Spirit to give You all the praise each day in what we think, say, and do;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 9:1–22 ESV*

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling

with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the

Son of God.” And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

EPISTLE *Revelation 5: 11–14 ESV*

Lector: We echo the countless hosts of heaven in their ceaseless praise of our Lord, the Lamb, for whose sake God shows us mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy on us.

Revelation 5:11–14

Lector: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

Men: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Lector: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

*Women: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever
and ever!"*

**People: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your
peace.**

Lector: And the four living creatures said,

People: "Amen!"

Lector: and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from
the dead will never die again; death no longer has
dominion over Him.

**People: Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us
while He talked to us on the road, while He
opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
twenty-first chapter.

People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 21:1 –19 ESV*

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples
by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this
way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael
of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others
of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them,

“I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love

you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB* 461 vs 1 & 2

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

++ SERMON ++

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB”

Text: Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14 (The Second Reading)

Theme: Works do not make the person worthy, but the person makes the works worthy.

Goal: That everyone listening understand Jesus alone is worthy inherently and that believers are worthy through faith alone in him, which therefore makes their works also worthy in him.

Sermon Outline

1. Only the Lamb is worthy—and you are not.
2. Sinfulness contaminates your nature, making even your good works unworthy.
3. Only one who is pure, perfect, and worthy can make worthy works, and that one is Jesus. Works Do Not Make the Person Worthy, but the Person Makes the Works Worthy.
4. Jesus’ worthiness is yours as a free gift through faith in his bloody death in your place, and that makes your works worthy too.
5. Because Jesus is for us and our free salvation, we can join the countless numbers who sing, “Worthy is the Lamb.”

(Please stand)

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**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.**

(please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, for all members of the Body of Christ as we proclaim His resurrection, and for all people in their various needs. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

People: worthy is the Lamb!

Pastor: Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses to Your victory over sin and death. Direct all who announce the Gospel promise of eternity in Your presence and protect all the newly-baptized as they grow in understanding Your love. Use all agencies of health and welfare, as well as the governments of the nations, so that peace and prosperity may be realized for all people. Grant insight into the world around us through ongoing scientific research so that we may more fully enjoy Your good creation. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

People: worthy is the Lamb!

Pastor: Grant favorable weather, Lord our God, that crops produce bounty and famine be lessened. Remove the shackles of people suffering from injustice and oppression. Surround them with caring instruments of Your love. Accompany first responders at home and armed forces deployed that peace and harmony may break out in all levels of human society. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

People: worthy is the Lamb!

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. In Your mercy, give us strength and opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them health, healing, and comfort. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

People: worthy is the Lamb! Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who alone is worthy of honor and glory for His victory over death and the grave. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on Your rebellious creatures and sent Your only Son to offer the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in His name in the Body of Christ and graciously called saints, we pray that You grant us faithfully to eat

His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together with all the faithful to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE 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

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (sing) 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

“The Lamb” LSB 547

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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 without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks that You have strengthened us with the body and blood of Your Son, who alone is worthy of worship and praise.

People: Use our hearts and minds, our bodies and abilities, to demonstrate His love each day until we see Him in glory face-to-face;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *LSB* 469

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today
Saints on earth and angels say
Raise your joys and triumphs high
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply**

**Love's redeeming work is done
Fought the fight the battle won
Lo Our Sun's eclipse is o'er
Lo He sets in blood no more**

**Vain the stone the watch the seal
Christ hath burst the gates of hell
Death in vain forbids His rise
Christ has opened paradise**

**Lives again our glorious King
Where O death is now thy sting
Once He died our souls to save
Where thy victory O grave**

**Soar we now where Christ has led
Foll'wing our exalted Head
Made like Him like Him we rise
Ours the cross the grave the skies**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n
Thee we greet triumphant now
Hail the resurrection, Thou**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you in need of

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr @ 947-252-0363**

Attendance

Sunday April 24th 9:30 am 41

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

Lucy & Shawn Stamp – May 2nd

Birthdays

Gary Yowler – May 5th

Bill Switter – May 6th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Brandon Lissett – Nancy Dajos Neighbor’s nephew, fore healing after a relapse and is back in the hospital on a respirator.

Rita Merkey, mother of Patti McNeil, who fell recently and broke her hip;

Sally Trout, during the Easter Services she was having a procedure done on her lower back after she fell;

Pastor Raymond R. Pollatz, Jr., Pastor Paul’s brother, suffering with and in the last stages of Parkinson’s;

Randy Gibbs, Pat Bates’ son in law, who was shot in the face a week ago, progressing in his recovery and is home now, praise the Lord, he will need much reconstruction work on his face;

Pat Bates, in her continuing need for blood;

Ruth Pollatz, who had a heart catheterization this past week;

Pat Bates, in her need for more blood