



## **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**11:00 AM — April 18, 2021 — Third Sunday of Easter  
Traditional Worship Service**

## Setting Four—Holy Communion

### INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Stand*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**    *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*

**Hymn 367**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] 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?"<sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>"**You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me | when I call.  
<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**  
<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
and put your trust | in the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**  
<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and | wine abound.  
<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

## SECOND READING

**1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:36b-48**

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look 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.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to

eat?”<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.<sup>44</sup> 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*Sit*

## SERMON

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“The Peace of the Lord”*

**Hymn 646**

## 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 INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

**ANTHEM**

*“Peace Be with You”*

**McDonald**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Hymn 855**

*Stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God of love, 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.**

**HYMN**

*“Be Not Afraid”*

**Hymn 388**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**HYMN**

*“Be Not Afraid”*

**Hymn 388**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**HYMN**

*“Be Not Afraid”*

**Hymn 388**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**Hymn 391**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar Flowers.** *Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Cecilia Dunlap in loving memory of her son, Mikey.*

**Bulletin Covers.** *Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God in honor of our office staff, Stella McGee and Niki Crolley.*

**Processional Cross Flowers.** *Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Rabon & Wright Families in honor of Pam Hoskins for all of her dedication and hard work to our virtual ministry.*

**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Paul Addy, Chris Carrion, Daunte Carrion, John Geiger, Wills King, Jerry Livingston, Lillian Minor, Hanna Monts, Richie Moye, Owen Plane, Susan Stilwell.*

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Norma Riddell, Lottie Gregg, Melvin Manus.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Samuel Davis, Rachel Bundrick, Carolyn Smith, Herman Bouknight, Boyd Steele, Alice Pollock, Elise Harmon, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Hazel Rauch, Matthew Hook, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Judith Gilmetti, Anne Moye, Linda Goodson, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, John Post.

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews.

**The Family Of:**

Penny Timmerman, Tripp Hatley, Jane Eubanks, Mike Shaffer, Christopher Holmes.

***Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.***

***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor  
Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director  
Mrs. Jenny Wright, Guest Musician*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation  
Vicar Gayle Nelson, Intern*