THE THIRD SUNDAY **OF EASTER**

April 26th, 2020



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

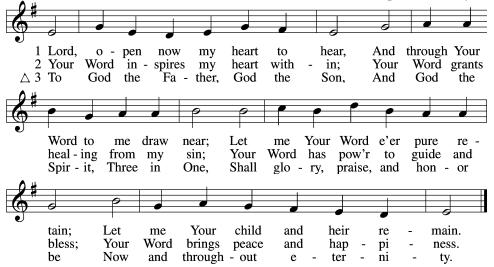
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LIFE THOUGHT

Forgiveness, salvation, everlasting life: the promise is for you and your children (Acts 2:38-39). However these children come to exist; however long they are with us; however little, invisible, incapable, the Lord of Life makes no distinction about durations or locations. He who calls you also calls all the children His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever.

Lutherans for Life

Early service responses are <u>spoken</u>. Late service responses are <u>sung</u>. OPENING HYMN 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



INVOCATION, OPENING SENTENCES, & CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- ▶ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

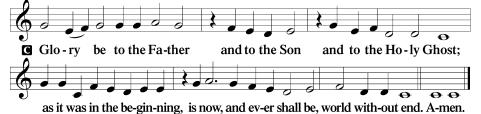
- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in cen - ter Tell - ing the the 3 Je - sus the vine, We the branch - es; Life in the are be si - lent: Death put a -for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor - row, 5 Cit - v of God. Eas - ter sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en forsto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and archer! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has sight! ev _ in bless - ing, our glo - ry: Je - sus our con - stant sur - prise. fu - ture now peo - ple, Gift of the flow - ing to me. o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der. a dorn us in light. an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the T AM! Refrain Je - sus is ris - en and we shall rise: а -Give God Al - le - lu the glo - rv! ia!

- **P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
- **P** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.



INTROIT Ps. 133; antiphon: v. 1

KYRIE



SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY



 P 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.



FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-14

- I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- C Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- C Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- **P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- C The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest;
 for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

G For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

C I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";

I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

C What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

■ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

C I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

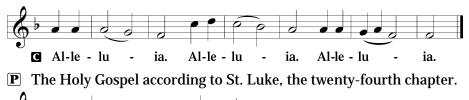
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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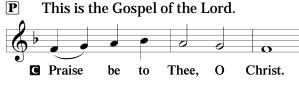
HOLY GOSPEL





That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



NICENE CREED

C 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite 1 With high de-light Let u - nite In songs of great us 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life, 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring То Christ our Lord ju - bi - la Ye tion. pure in heart, All bear your _ part, all sub-du ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie; His ad - o - ra tion. hon-or speed By word and deed 0 Sing Je - sus Christ, tion. sal - va То our set us His death has been death's un-do _ ing. "And yours shall То ev - 'ry land, ev -'ry na _ tion. So shall His free For - ev - er, ris'n and sends To He Is all earth's Like vic - to - ry be O'er death and grave," Saith He, who love Give us a - bove. From mis - er - y And death set



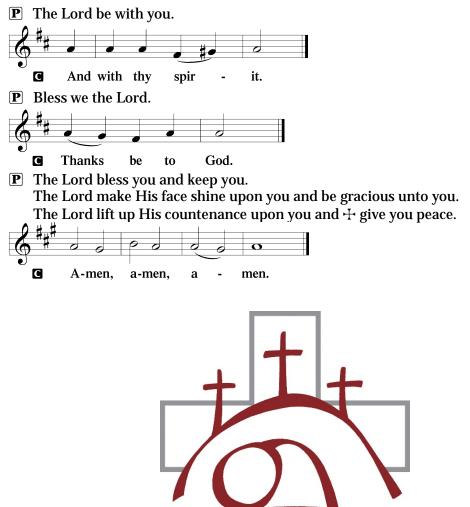
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- **P** ... the promise of our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- **C** Amen.

EARLY SERVICE-LORD'S PRAYER



BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION



HYMN TO DEPART 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized A11 Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of 1 be - fore your day birth, In - deed, from your 2 You were of con -3 But that was washed a - way- Im - mersed and drowned for all of 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame ful - ly is whose dai - ly life is prized The name of And in heav - en, cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with ev er. The wa ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly cov - ered With all that He Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned what-ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de-stroyed And gain His own blood for us suf - fered. For here the flood of Now gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus! You con-stant - ly in - ward from the high-est good, de - nied Him. sin - ful selves em-ployed Ac - cord-ing to all our our na - ture. makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther. 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift 6 So use it well! You are made new— And give God thanks forever! In Christ a new creation! It gives the power to uplift As faithful Christians, live and do In all that you endeavor. Within your own vocation, When nothing else revives your soul, Until that day when you possess Your Baptism stands and makes you whole His glorious robe of righteousness And then in death completes you. Bestowed on you forever!

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