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The Third Sunday of Easter, April 26th, 2020

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Sunday: Divine Worship @ 10 a.m.

Serving the Church today:

Altar Guild: Pastor

Elder: Gerry Grienke

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY: Laura Zacharias, Carol Knudson, Shawn & Connie Seaman, Wally Funk, Geraldine Rosentreter, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kimberly Nachtigall, Jennifer Nault, Bill Shymanski, Cathy Thompson, Aryssa Rowe, Rilyn Rewniak, and all those we name in our hearts.

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Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

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Opening Hymn: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .³⁶ **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.** ³⁷Now 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?”** ³⁸And 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. ³⁹For 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.”** ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, **“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”** ⁴¹So 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.

¹I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

²**Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the Name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶**The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.**

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸**For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰**I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";**

¹¹I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

¹²**What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?**

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the LORD,

¹⁴**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.**

The Epistle Lesson

1st Peter 1:17–

25

¹⁷If 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, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious Blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who 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. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the Truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been Born Again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God; ²⁴for **"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the Word of the Lord remains forever."** And this Word is the Good News that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, **“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”** And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?”** ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.”** ²⁵And He said to them, **“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?”** ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?”** ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, **“The Lord has Risen Indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”** ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the Breaking of the Bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

- 1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.

- 2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,"
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

- 3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

The Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

Offering: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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Offertory

LSB 159

☞ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

Closing Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, although our family of Christ cannot be together in the House of God, I Pray that you are healthy and staying safe in your homes! May God be with you all keeping you safe in His ever loving arms until that day, when we can join together in His House of Prayer to give Him all Glory, Praise and Thanksgiving for His never ending love toward us His beloved children. In Jesus' Name, I Pray. Amen.

Also Just a reminder to everyone, if you so desire, please call the Church from Tuesday through Friday, to make an appointment for Private Confession and Absolution as well as partaking of our Lord's True Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith. Both individual and the common Cup will be made available for you.

To all of you my brothers and sisters in Christ, I dearly miss you my family and I Pray each day that our Gracious and Loving Father in Heaven will Unite us together again very soon. God Richly Bless each of you and urge you to continue to Pray that our Lord, Jesus Christ will reunite us very soon! In Jesus' Name, I Pray. Amen.