

Third Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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GREETING

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people. 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.

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377 (vv. 1, 2)

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

(The assembly is seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

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? 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)

Psalm 4

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.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little 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.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Alleluia**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.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.*(The assembly is seated.)***SERMON***(Please stand as you are able.)***HYMN OF THE DAY***Lord, You Gave the Great Commission**ELW 579 (vs. 1)*

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition **Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**

PEACE **The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389 (vs. 1)

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

(Text: Brian A. Wren; Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789; Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

Announcements

***Congratulations to the Collinsworth, Collett and Rother families on the baptism of their children today.
Aiden Scott Collinsworth – Mikayla Lynn Collett – Adalyn Elizabeth Rother***

Worship plans continuing in the spring will be announced depending upon circumstances, weather, and Covid 19 virus status.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the Glory of God.

We are taking altar flower dedications. The dates available are: May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, June 6th, 13th, and 27th, July 4th, 18th and 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.



We are offering the Prayer Partner Program. If you wish to participate in this program or for details, please take a flyer from the counter in the Narthex or call the church office to get a copy of the flyer.

St. John’s Lutheran Church Labyrinth Ministry Team invites you to walk our labyrinth on World Labyrinth Day, Saturday, May 1st from 1 pm – 4 pm. Come and experience walking in prayer for world peace as others around the world walk their respective labyrinths. Masks must be worn and all distancing protocols will be in place.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John’s when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



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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Allegro

Vivaldi, arr. Kevin Norris

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Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, John Kraft, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Bett Murphy and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Charles Gott, JoAnn Struble, Jay Snyder, John Snyder, Elizabeth Brooks, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, Jean Bartenfelter, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: James Denk

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal