

# Christ Lutheran

April 18, 2021

"See what love the Father  
has given us, that we should  
be called children of God."

1 John 3:1



# Third Sunday of Easter

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Song

**"Beautiful One"** (Praise Team)  
**"Beautiful Savior"** LSB 537 (Online)

## Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

## Song of Praise

**"Gloria in Excelsis"** LSB 204

- 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## **The First Lesson**

**Acts 3:11-21**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Lesson**

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Children's Chat**

What did you learn about God today?

*Abide*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:36-49**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Message Hymn**

**"The Day of Resurrection" LSB 478**  
**"The Day of Resurrection" LSB 478 (Online)**

## **Message**

**"Growing into the Likeness of God's Children"**

## **We Go to God in Prayer**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## The Lord's Supper

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 208

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### The Words of Institution

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** The gifts of God for you, God's people.

**C** **Amen.**

### We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

Psalm 145:14-16

**P** At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!

**C** **The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.  
For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

### Distribution Songs

**"Beautiful Savior"** LSB 537

**"The Way"** (Praise Team)

**"Sanctuary"** (Praise Team)

## The Post Communion Prayer

- P** Almighty and everlasting God,
- C** **We thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**
- P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal.
- C** **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus... be and abide with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

## Closing Song

**"Dance"** (Praise Team)  
**"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"** LSB 490 (Online)

## Postlude

*The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1*

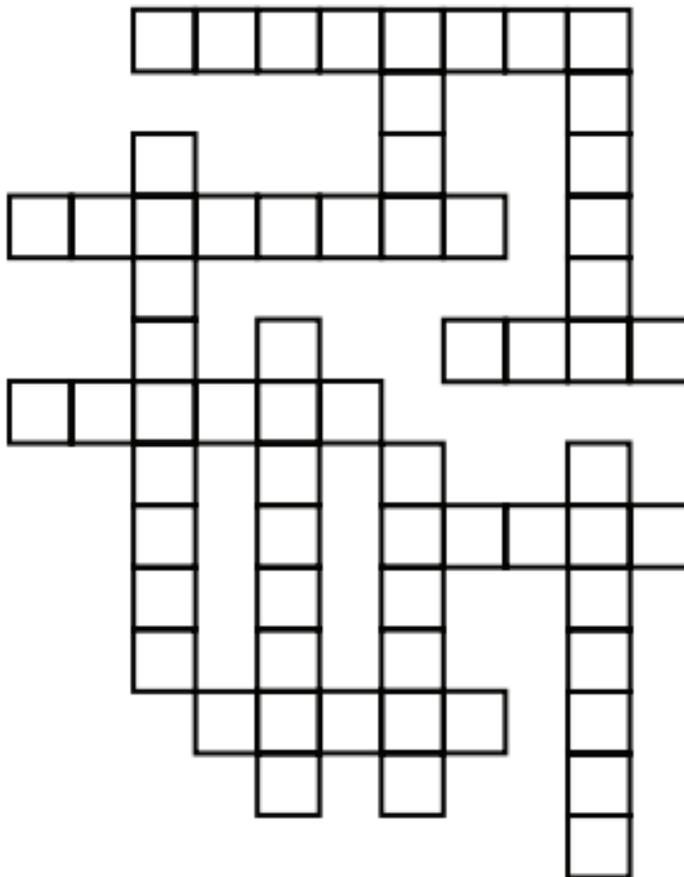
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What was my favorite part of church today?

How can I use this in my life?



Fill-in Word puzzle



RIGHTEOUS  
CHILDREN  
RECEIVED  
ALLELUIA  
MESSIAH

PREACH  
APPEAR  
FATHER  
PEACE  
RISEN

WORD  
LOVE



## The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

**The hymn videos used during worship can be found here:**

**<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6931887>**

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