



Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025



Sunday Worship
9:30AM

Christian
Education
11AM

Wisconsin Synod

OUR REDEEMER

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

WELCOME

The Third Sunday of Easter gives us one more opportunity to focus on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Jesus as Jesus repeatedly appeared to his disciples in the weeks following his resurrection. It is good for us to direct our attention to these appearances since they have the power to replace spiritual blindness with sight.

For parents with Small Children

There is a children's bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

+ Service of Word and Sacrament +

Hymn – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia* CW150

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!**

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!
While, in strange and awefull strife, Alleluia!
Met together death and Life. Alleluia!**

Please stand.

**4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the first-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

We approach our God

+ + + Confession of Sins + + +

P God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

A moment of silence for personal meditation.

+ + + Absolution + + +

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ + + Prayer and Praise + + +

Lord, Have Mercy – Kyrie

- P For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- P For the well being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



Please be seated.

P The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Hymn 141 – *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* CW141

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercé side. Alleluia!**

**2 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**3 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**4 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**5 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

+ + + **Prayer of the Day** + + +

P O God, by the humiliation of your son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and hope of eternal life; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Our God speaks to us from his Word

First Lesson - Acts 9:1-22

To get his attention, Jesus struck Saul blind. Then he not only restored Saul's physical sight but also gave Saul spiritual sight. Saul was given faith in the One who had risen from the dead.

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

³As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to

the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

⁷The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

⁸They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

¹⁰There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying.

¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

¹³Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you

saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

¹⁸Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. ²⁰Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, “Isn’t this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn’t he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²²But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.
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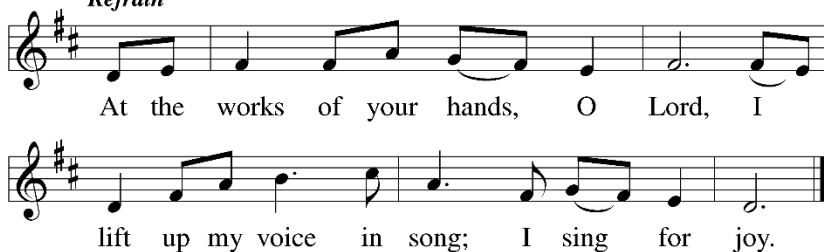
P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 30

Psalm 30 is a psalm of thanksgiving. The psalmist thanks God for saving him from the poisonous, fiery spiritual afflictions of the devil, which are sadness, depression, terror, despair, doubt and the agony of death. Luther.

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

**Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;
praise his holy name.**

**For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;**

**weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

Refrain

**To you, O LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy.**

**Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;
O LORD, be my help.**

**You turned my wailing into dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson - Revelation 5:11-14

While in exile on the island of Patmos, the apostle John was given special sight, the ability to see the spiritual Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹²With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive
power and riches and
wisdom and strength and
honor and glory and blessing.

¹³I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and
ever.

¹⁴The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders bowed down and worshipped. EHV

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Acclamation - from 2 Timothy

P Alleluia. Christ Jesus has destroyed death

C and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel - John 21:1-14

Many of the disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through eyes of faith.

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing."

They replied, "We'll go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus called to them, "Boys, don't you have any fish?"

"No!" they answered.

⁶He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard, "It is the Lord!" he tied his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with

fish on it. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, "Come, eat breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. EHV

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymn – *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

CW165

**1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 That night th' apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**8 Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**9 On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon – John 21:1-14

A Memorable Breakfast with the Risen Lord

Our Confession of Faith - 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Hymn – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

CW157

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Church

P Lord of life, we are sustained by the spiritual food you alone provide, and our lives depend on your powerful Word.

C **As you have gathered us here around the proclamation of your Gospel, make us worthy to**

receive the bounty prepared for us in your Son's death and resurrection.

P Heavenly Father, you have raised your Son from the dead to the praises of all angels and saints.

C Give strength to our hearts and voices as we meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty and speak of the might of your awesome deeds.

P Ever-living God, you raised up Saul from among your enemies, that he would suffer for your name.

C Stir up all those baptized into your name, and call many men to the service of your Church.

P Sustain all who suffer for your Gospel, and continue to confound your enemies with your wisdom.

C Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, one generation of your saints commends your works to another.

C As we have received your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare your mighty acts to the generation to come.

P Lord enthroned in heaven, you have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life.

C Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, and grant them faithful and peaceful reign.

P Compassionate Lord, you are glorified in the sufferings of your faithful people.

C Teach us to trust you through all our trials, and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, that we would know the fullness of your love. -- *Silent prayers.* --

P Eternal Lord, you have prepared a feast again for us on this morning of your Son's resurrection.

C Help us to rejoice greatly in this gift of his body and blood and to receive it to our eternal good.

P All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and has taught us to pray ...

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and forever. Amen!

The Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

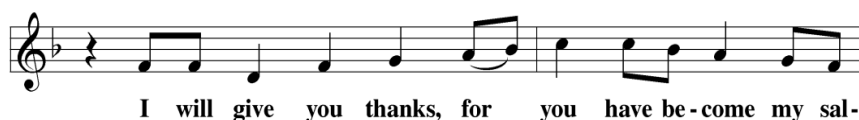


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise, thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy – *Sanctus*



Words of Institution

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

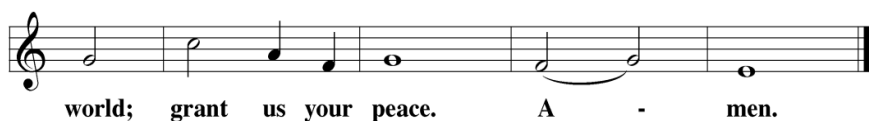
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God - *Agnus Dei*



Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ strengthens our faith as we receive His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. Receiving the Sacrament is a public confession of faith. Therefore, Our Redeemer congregation observes the Biblical principle of "close Communion." We invite only those persons who are members of this congregation or another Wisconsin Synod congregation to commune. Other guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they desire to join our confessional fellowship. Thank you!

After the Distribution, please stand.

We thank our God with Joyful Responses

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Lord sends us with his Blessing

The Closing Prayer

- P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction

- P Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Please be seated.

Hymn – I Love to Tell the Story

**1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do. (*Refrain*)**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

**2 O wonderful redemption!
The price for sin is paid,
salvation is accomplished,
my heart is unafraid,
for God has raised Christ Jesus
to show the work was done;
his glorious resurrection
declared the vict'ry won! (*Refrain*)**

**3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (*Refrain*)**

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We thank Pastor Steve Degner for leading us in worship this morning.

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