

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 April 2024, 10:15 am

### **AS WE GATHER**

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OPENING SONGS**

#### ***“O Praise The Name (Anástasis)”***

*Songwriters: Martin W. Sampson, Benjamin William Hastings, Dean Ussher*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears.  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone.  
Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

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Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord our God.

He shall return in robes of white.  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

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O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

## ***Times of Refreshing***

*Don Harris, Martin Nystrom*

Times of refreshing, here in Your presence;  
No greater blessing than being with You.  
My soul is restored, my mind is renewed;  
There's no greater joy, Lord, than being with you. **(Repeat)**

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## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*This is the day that the LORD has made;*  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;*  
**death no longer has dominion over Him.**

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*Christ has risen from the dead.*

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

*He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;*

**He has put all things under His feet.**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

## **REPENTANCE and RESTORATION**

*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.*

**Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

*We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.*

*A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord’s mercy and forgiveness.*

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people,*

**we admit that are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever.*

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As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We pray . . .*

*O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*[Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.]*

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21**

*"Peter Addresses the People"*

Jane Goss

### **RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 4**

*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!*

*You have given me relief when I was in distress.*

*Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!*

**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

**How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

*But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;*

*the LORD hears when I call to him.*

**Be angry, and do not sin;**

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

*Offer right sacrifices,*

*and put your trust in the LORD.*

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**There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?**

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

*You have put more joy in my heart*

*than they have when their grain and wine abound.*

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## **EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

*“We Are God’s Children”*

*René Hutzell*

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:36-49**

*“Jesus Appears to His Disciples”*

*Pastor Marty*

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

## **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

*Jane Goss*

*(Kindergarten – 5th grade students are excused to attend Children’s Church in the ANNEX)*

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

*Paul Baloche*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You. I want to see You. **(Repeat)**

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing, "holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy. Holy. Holy. I want to see You. **(Repeat twice)**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

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**MESSAGE**

*"A Lesson From the Leaping Man"*

*Pastor Marty Tyler*

Acts 3: (1-10) 11-21

*Sermon Notes*

*Focus Scripture Verse(s)*

*The Law (Shows Our Sin)*

# *Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others*

*The Gospel (Shows Our Salvation)*

## **Main Point:**

*What Does This Mean for Me?*

## **Application:**

*How does what I learned help me share God's Good News?*

## **THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.**

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at [www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving](http://www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving), or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

*Please stand.*

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

### **Love Round**

Love, Love, Love, Love, Christians this is your call.

Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all. **(Repeat)**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*God has called us as His own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by His Spirit through the Word. Therefore, we bring to Him our prayer and praise, for in all times and in all places, He promises to hear our prayers and to answer them according to His gracious will.*

## **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.**

Mathew 6:9-13

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **CLOSING RESPONSES**

*I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up  
**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.***

*O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.*

**O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me  
to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

## **CLOSING PRAY**

*Blessed are You, almighty God, for You sent Your Son into this world to rescue us and make for Yourself an everlasting kingdom and through Your perfect love have given us all we need through the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. In Him, Your love is complete and applied to us as Your children. Enable and equip us with faithful hearts and grant that we continue to be Your strengthened people who tell of Your love to all as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**



# Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others

*Please be seated.*

## **DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE**      *"Speak the Word with Boldness"*      Jane Goss

- Be in the Word: Read Acts chapters 3 and 4.
- Read the new *Portals of Prayer* devotional. Join a small group.
- Be doing good works: Walk your neighborhood (or another) and pray for them and reach out to those you meet.

*Please stand.*

## **BLESSING TO DEPART**

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;*

**and so we are.**

*In Your presence there is fullness of joy;*

**at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.*

**Amen.**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **DEPARTING SONG**

### ***Serve the Lord with Gladness***

*Ernest Lewerenz*

Serve the Lord with gladness, It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel now in ev'ry land  
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.

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Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, work in His employ  
As we build His kingdom angels too rejoice  
Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*

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