

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:00 a.m.**



**Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?  
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special  
gift for visiting with us today!

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Confession and Absolution**

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**Pastor** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

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

**Pastor:** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**People:** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

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

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4–5; 16:11b*

Pastor: “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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

People: **we 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. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

People: **and give thanks to His holy name.**

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

People: **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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.**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
People: **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Pastor: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 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. As His children, 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Collect of the Day

P Let us 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. **C Amen.**

## First Reading

## Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup> While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup>“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

P This the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading**

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P This the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and

amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **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.**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Jesus Name Above All Names**

**LSB 970**

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Immanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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**Sermon**

**The Father's Love**

**1 John 3:1-7**

**Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

**HYMN**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**St. 1: LSB 725**

**Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

**HYMN**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**St. 2: LSB 725**

**God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.**

Pastor: Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, [*including . . .*]. Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

**HYMN**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**St. 3: LSB 725**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

Pastor: Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all.

**HYMN**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**St. 4: *LSB 725***

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 Words of Institution**

#### **Agnus Dei**

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**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **Distribution**

**Handbell Choir      Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise**  
**By Jason W. Krug**

**Distribution Hymn                      The Lamb                      *LSB 547***

- 1      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
        O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
        Faith sees, believes  
        God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**
- ref**    Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
        The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- 2      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
        One perfect final offering.  
        The Lamb, the Lamb,  
        Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**
- 3      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
        As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
        So still, His will  
        On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**
- 4      He sighs, He dies,  
        He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
        He lives, forgives,  
        He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**
- 5      He rose, He rose,  
        My heart with thanks now overflows.  
        His song prolong  
        Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

## The Dismissal

### Thank the Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. he recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, alleluia.

### Post-Communion Collect

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**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Departure Hymn

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

**LSB 525**

1      Crown Him with many crowns,  
          The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
          All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
          Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
          Through all eternity.

- 2      Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
          The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
          Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
          Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
          The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3      Crown Him the Lord of Love,  
          Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
          In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
          Can fully bear that sight,  
But down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes  
          At mysteries so bright.
- 4      Crown Him the Lord of Life,  
          Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
          For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
          Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
          And lives that death may die.
- 5      Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
          Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n  
          The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
          As thrones before him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
          For He is King of all.