

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2023 – 5:30 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!

## Opening Hymn    Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won    LSB 490:1-3

1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died.  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me—

C: **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."**

P: For whoever would save his life will lose it—

C: **But whoever loses his life for Jesus will find it.**

P: Therefore, I consider my life worth nothing.

C: **If only I may finish the race—**

P: And complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.

C: **The task of testifying to the gospel of God's amazing grace!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Magnificent and merciful Father,

C: **Hear my sorry story of sin and rebellion.**

P: I have grown used to my spiritual emptiness and deadness.

C: **I have grown content with my stubborn attitude and my hard heart.**

P: I have settled for something less than being Christ's passionate disciple.

C: **I have sunk deeper and deeper into sin and selfishness.**

P: My spiritual zeal and zest have dried up like a desert.

C: **I have succumbed to a mediocre life and a lackluster faith. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on me!**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus bled for you, Jesus died for you, Jesus lives for you and Jesus is coming for you. Jesus loves you, and Jesus forgives all your sins. In Holy Baptism, you were crucified with Christ.

C: **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me! I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we do not select you. Instead, you select us to follow in your steps, walk in your way, take up our cross, and transform the world. Here we are Lord. Send us again to be your living presence in our world of darkness and death. We pray in your name, Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

4. Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever,  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

**The Old Testament Reading****1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." <sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

<sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Reading**

*Galatians 1:11-16*

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

<sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 10:1-4**

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostle's 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.**

## Sermon Hymn

## O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate  
And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:  
Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died  
And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the \_apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

## Sermon      Developing Passionate Disciples of Jesus      Matt 10:1-4

### The Offering

### Welcoming of New Members

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor:            Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,  
**People:            we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor:            For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may  
see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone. Our hearts to heaven  
and voices raised,  
**People:            we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor:            For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people,  
and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that  
though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures  
forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,  
**People:            we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor:            Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your  
comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Point them  
to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to  
heaven and voices raised,  
**People:            we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor:            For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we  
pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so  
that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of  
loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those  
who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,  
**People:            we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**People: we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

Pastor: For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**People: we bring to God our prayer and praise. 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**

## **The Invitation**

P: This evening we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins. And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

**C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully**



**worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **Pax Domini**

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

## **Agnus Dei**

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C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

- 1      Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
        For round us falls the eventide.  
        O let Your Word, that saving light,  
        Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2      In these last days of great distress  
        Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
        That we keep pure till life is spent  
        Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3      To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
        Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
        To shine Your Word of saving grace  
        Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4      May glorious truths that we have heard,  
        The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
        Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
        Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5      Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
        That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
        Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
        Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6      Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
        Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
        Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
        The Church's glorious confidence.

**C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**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: Jesus says—**  
**C: Go make disciples of all nations,**

**P: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**  
**C: Teaching them to obey everything that he has commanded us.**

**P: Christ is with us always—**  
**C: To the very end of the age!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
3. The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
4. He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia!

Final Ending:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!