

# *Third Sunday of Easter*

## *April 23, 2023*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** April 23, 2023  
**THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN...**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (arr. Rice) &  
"He Will Hold Me Fast" (arr. Wilson)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

**474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN**

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

**Refrain** Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

3 Jesus the vine,

We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth,

Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing:

"O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

5 City of God,

Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life,

Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. *Luke 19:10*

**INVOCATION**

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

**G** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
**P** God raised Jesus from the dead  
**C** **and gave Him honor and glory.**  
**P** We place our faith in Him,  
**C** **and we place our hope in His resurrection.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 185*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

## GLORIA PATRI

*LSB 186*

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## KYRIE

*LSB 186*

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 187*

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**10:00 ANTHEM** “He Will Hold Me Fast” (*Haberson/Merker, arr. Koerts*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:13–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them,

“What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev’ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.  
For like your parents’ flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away— Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

**SERMON** “There was a crooked man...” Acts 2:14a, 36-41

### 596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav’nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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**CREED** Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

*Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction*

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

**CHOIR** "In Remembrance of Me" (Beall/Larson)

## 476 WHO ARE YOU WHO WALK IN SORROW

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead;  
We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom Depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then You opened wide the Scriptures Till our hearts within us burned.
- 3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened In the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor Living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
- 4 Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
- 5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

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## 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

sts. 1–2, 5–8

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

5 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!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.

Alleluia!

7 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!

△ 8 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!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**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 in 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.

**G** Amen.

## 7:30 am 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.

**G** Amen.

## 10:00 am CHORAL BENEDICTION

### 575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

**Refrain** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

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## POSTLUDE “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (arr. Meyer)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

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

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49

Monday: Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday: Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday: Exodus 34:19-35:21; Luke 7:36-50

Thursday: Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31; Luke 8:1-21

Friday: Exodus 39:32-40:16; Luke 8:22-39

Saturday: Exodus 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56

## *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues

Kathy, cancer

Diane, recovery

Jack, ongoing health issues

Lauren's mother, Phyllis

Shirley, health issues

Don, health issues

Georgia, recovery

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Lauren, cancer

Judi and Don

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues

Floyd, health issues

Jerry, health issues

Jean, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

**Our Savior Families:** Tyler & Family, Gary & Laurie, James & Christine, John & Nancy

**Hymn of the Week** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**

William, a child with leukemia

Sally, recovery

Pierce, an infant with leukemia

Georgia, recovery

Margo, health issues

Jim, health issues

Blake

Nate, cancer

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Barb, Healing

Rick, cancer

Jean, recovery

Lisa, health issues

Krystal, healing

Karen, recovery