

# 4/18/2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*475 GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND  
SING* *LSB 475*

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!

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*INTROIT*

*Ps. 30:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b*

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a  
| lifetime.\*

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 be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

## *HYMN OF PRAISE*

### *THIS IS THE FEAST*

*LSB 155*

**☐ This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and  
honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the  
hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His  
reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or

why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

<sup>13</sup>“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for

you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL*      *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

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 un- | der his feet.

*EPISTLE*

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children

now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him,

because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

*COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

*LSB 156*

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened

their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

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

*746 THROUGH JESUS' BLOOD AND MERIT LSB 746*

1 Through Jesus' blood and merit  
I am at peace with God.  
What, then, can daunt my spirit,  
However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me,  
For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me,  
Its rage I may deride.

2           There's nothing that can sever  
              From this great love of God;  
No want, no pain whatever,  
              No famine, peril, flood.  
Though thousand foes surround me,  
              For slaughter mark His sheep,  
They never shall confound me,  
              The vict'ry I shall reap.

3           For neither life's temptation  
              Nor death's most trying hour  
Nor angels of high station  
              Nor any other pow'r  
Nor things that now are present  
              Nor things that are to come  
Nor height, however pleasant,  
              Nor darkest depths of gloom

4           Nor any creature ever  
              Shall from the love of God  
This ransomed sinner sever;

For in my Savior's blood  
This love has its foundation;  
God hears my faithful prayer  
And long before creation  
Named me His child and heir.

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*SERMON: ACTS 3:16 "PERFECT HEALTH  
THROUGH JESUS"*

*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.**

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

### *OFFERING*

### *OFFERTORY*

*LSB 159*

**☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst  
of you, O Jerusalem.**

*PREFACE*

*LSB 160*

**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.**

**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 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*LORD'S PRAYER*

*LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 OUR LORD*

*LSB 162*

**P** 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*

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

*LSB 163*

**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*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

*729 I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS      LSB 729*

- 1            I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
              Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
              Great and free.
  
- 2            I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
              At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
              Trusting now.
  
- 3            I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
              In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
              By Thy blood.
  
- 4            I am trusting Thee to guide me;

Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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*464 THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE LSB 464*  
ref 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!

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*725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER LSB 725*

1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven

Such a refuge e'er was given.

2        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.

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

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

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## *POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE*

*THANK THE LORD*

*LSB 164*

**☞ 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*

**A** 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*

*LSB 166*

**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.

*466 CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA*

*LSB 466*

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show.  
Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain

4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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