



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter  
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**We are glad** to have you worship with us today. We ask members and guests to fill out the **Connection Card**, in the worship folder, letting us know you were here, who attended the Lord's Supper, and/or your ministry needs.

**To our visitors:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.

**For those who wish to take communion in their pew, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated on the center aisle at the end of any pew. We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.**

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:11–21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. 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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that

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

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

## GOSPEL READING

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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

times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*1 John 3:1–7*

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Luke 24:36–49*

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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.”

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



1 Christ is ris - en, Christ is liv - ing, Dry your tears, be un - a - fraid!  
 2 If the Lord had nev - er ris - en, We'd have noth - ing to be - lieve.



Death and dark - ness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.  
 But His prom - ise can be trust - ed: "You will live, be - cause I live."



Do not look a - mong the dead for One who lives for - ev - er - more;  
 As we share the death of Ad - am, So in Christ we live a - gain;



Tell the world that Christ is ris - en, Make it known He goes be - fore.  
 Death has lost its sting and ter - ror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.

- 3 Death has lost its old dominion, Let the world rejoice and shout!  
 Christ, the firstborn of the living, Gives us life and leads us out.  
 Let us thank our God, who causes Hope to spring up from the ground;  
 Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.**

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

*Using the God-given resources we have to help others hear about Jesus*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION

*2 Timothy 4:22 Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

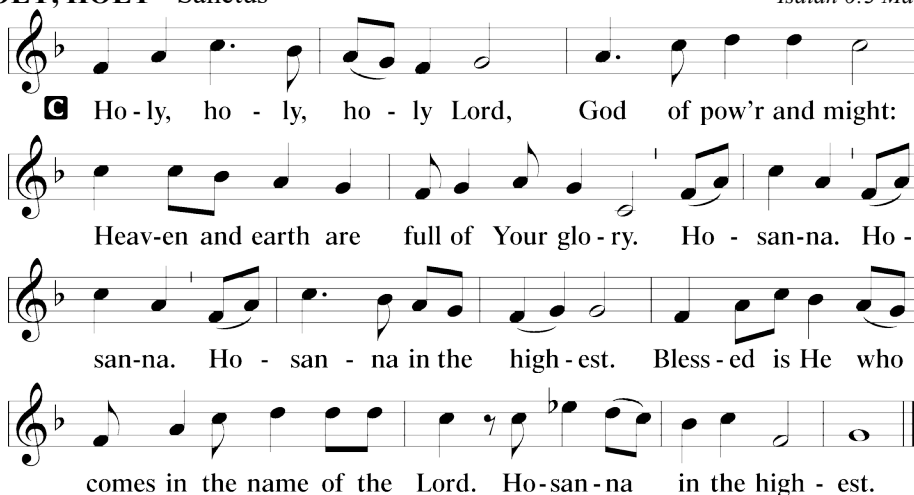
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, who are filled with Your Spirit and guided by Your Word of truth, lift Your name on high and sing Your praises this day. You have redeemed us from hell, death, and the devil through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your forgiven children, we come to Your throne of grace to receive the gift You provide for us, the true body and blood of our Savior. Nurture our faith in Christ as we stand united as one holy people, lifting our voice and singing:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

### PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

## LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**L**amb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN:** "At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

**HYMN:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

## SONG OF SIMEON - Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

**L**ord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

## CLOSING PRAYER

### 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.

### HYMN: “Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life! And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!” Al - le -  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Al - le -  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

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<b>Reader:</b>	Owen Licht
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Andrew Johnston
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