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Third Sunday of Easter

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Lutheran Book of Worship
Holy Communion Setting Two

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE.

Hymns Today: **LBW #143, LBW #559, LBW #135, & LBW #565**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESURRECTION GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77)

Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We confess our sins in the assurance and joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE

John 20:19-21

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

GATHERING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LBW #143)

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 81-82)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



A This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone #9)*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;***

how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"

³Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;*

when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;***

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices*

and put your trust | in the Lord.

⁶**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"***

Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,*

more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸**I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;***

for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 83)

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** (LBW #559)

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84)

Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available
We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards" (LBW p. 86)

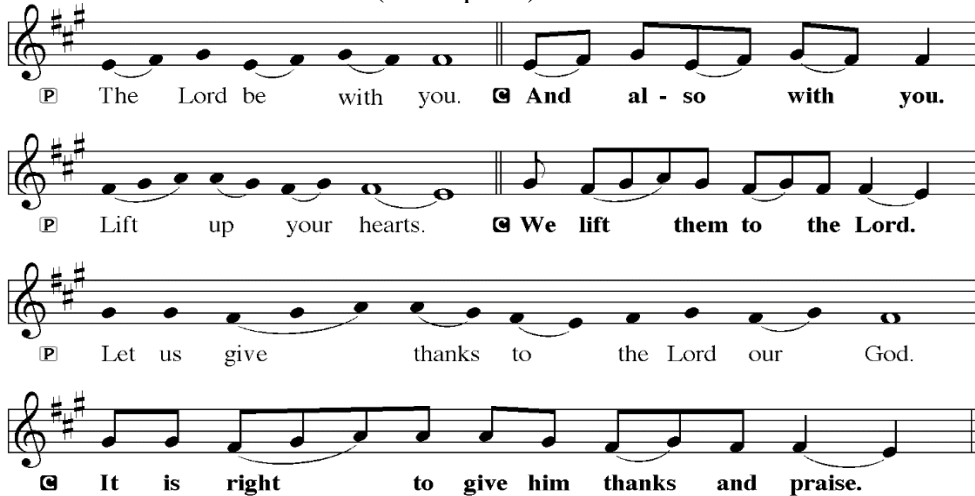


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



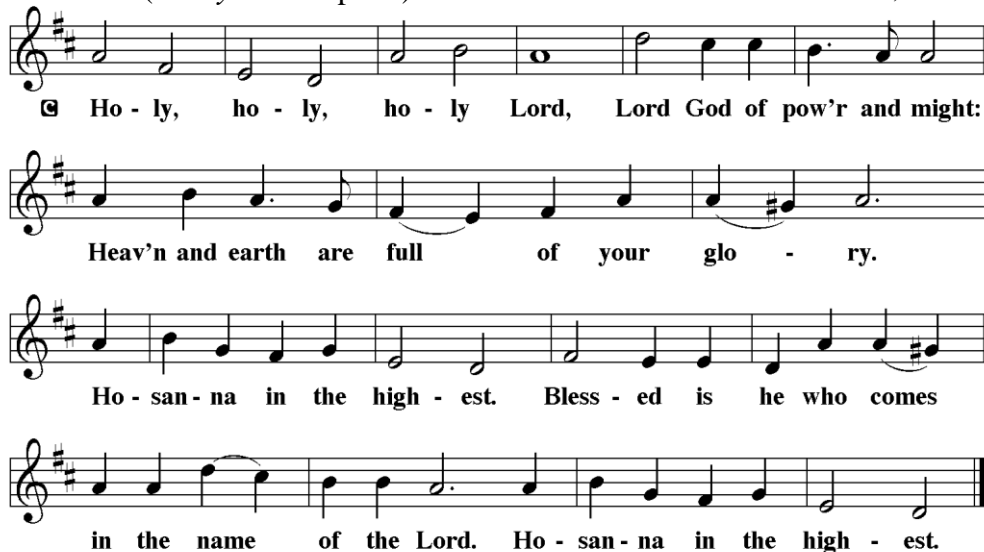
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89)

Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW MDE p. 261) *1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.



☐ 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; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

JESUS OFFERS US HIMSELF IN HIS HOLY SUPPER.

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by families or groups to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by God’s Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray together. **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)



☐ 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.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE.

SENDING HYMN: “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” (LBW #135)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (LBW #565)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace to share this good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus’ name.

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