

Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, A.D. 2024
Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting One

Opening Hymn – LSB 605, *Father Welcomes All His Children*

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

Matthew 28:19b

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE INTROIT (*Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b; chanted by Pastor*)

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.

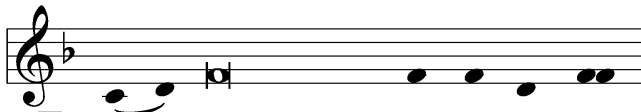
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

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.

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy

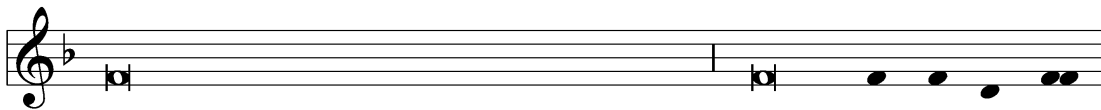
Mark 10:47; LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



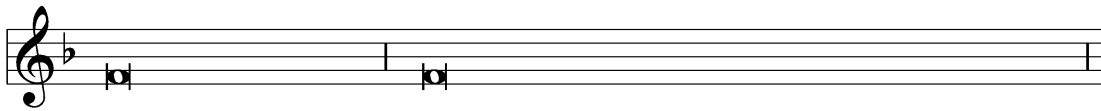
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



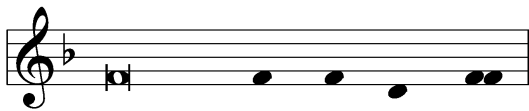
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



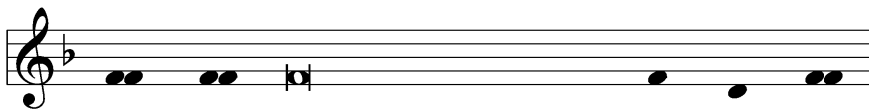
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast 

Refrain

C 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-ty 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

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

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 A - men.

FIRST READING — Acts 3:11-21

- ¹¹ Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John,
all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.
- ¹² So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people:
"Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us,
as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"
- ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus,
whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate,
when he was determined to let Him go.
- ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.
- ¹⁶ And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know.
Yes, the faith which comes through Him
has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
- ¹⁷ Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
- ¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets,
that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.
- ¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,
so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,
²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things,
which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

A This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Matt 28:7; Heb 2:7; Psalm 8:6; chanted by Pastor*)

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.

THE EPISTLE LESSON — 1 John 3:1-7

- ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,
that we should be called children of God!
Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- ² Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,
but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
- ⁴ Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
- ⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.
- ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.
- ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you.
He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia. (*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*)

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

Please rise

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-Fourth Chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶ Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.”

³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

³⁸ And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?

³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?”

⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

⁴³ And He took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The 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.

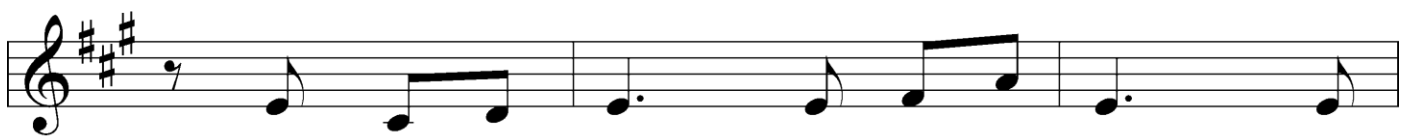
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

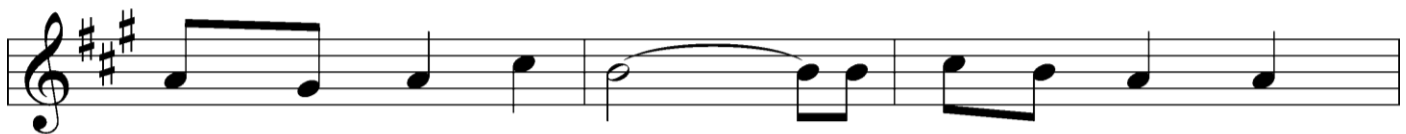
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn – LSB 720, We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2 We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3 Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4 For	You,	O	res -	ur -	rect -	ed	Lord,	Are
5 Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra -	ci -	ous	words	we	hear	From	Him	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	He	trod;	But	in	His	prom -	ise	
may	our	faith	a -	bound	To	call	on	You	when	
found	in	means	di -	vine:	Be -	neath	the	wa -	ter	
realms	of	clear -	er	light	We	may	be -	hold	You	



none	e'er	spoke,	But	we	be -	lieve	Him	near.
we	re -	joice	And	cry	"My	Lord	and	God!"
You	are	near	And	seek	where	You	are	found.
and	the	Word,	Be -	neath	the	bread	and	wine.
as	You	are,	With	full	and	end -	less	sight.

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The Sermon – Thus It Was Necessary

Please rise

OFFERTORY [Organist Intro beforehand]

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Please be seated as Altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper; offerings brought to Christ's Altar

The Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:4]

Prayer Hymn – LSB 531, Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy
 le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it
 free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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Please rise

The Service of the Sacrament



P The Lord be with you.



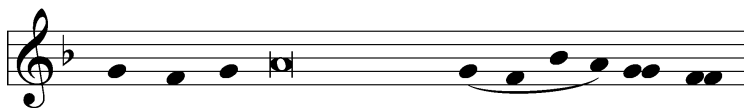
C And al - so with you.



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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

G 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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Please rise

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

G Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE — *Thank the Lord* [Organist pause as Pastor turns to Altar]

LSB 164

G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek 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 COLLECT

LSB 166

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 A - men.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Numbers 6:25-25



Closing Hymn – TLH 507, *Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Rom. 10: 15

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1 Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the king-dom of the Lord,
2 Tell them how the Fa-ther's will Made the world and keeps it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's love, Who for-ev-er doth re-move
4 Tell them of the Spir-it giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n,

Where-so-e'er His breath has giv'n Life to be-ings meant for heav'n.
How His on-ly Son He gave Man from sin and death to save.
By His ho-ly sac-ri-fice All the guilt that on us lies.
Strong and ho-ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do. A-men.

5 Up! The ripening fields ye see.
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of Harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light and learn Thy fear.

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