

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

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

Confession & Absolution

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C** Amen.

AΩ

Hymn #793

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Psalm

Psalm 30:1-5

- P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
 and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- G** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
 and you have healed me.
- P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
 you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- G** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
 and give thanks to his holy name.
- P** 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.
- G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. 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.

¹⁷"And 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 again, 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter twenty-four.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they 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 and 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

Speak O Lord



Speak O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak O Lord, and re - new our minds; Hclp us grasp the heights of Your

Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through c - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak O Lord and ful - fil in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Epistle

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 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #725

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Distribution Hymn

By Grace Alone



Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of
 Your par - don is a gift of love; Your grace a - lone must
 Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a -

plead - ing. Bend down Your gra - cious ear, I pray, Your hum - ble
 save us. Our works will not re - move our guilt; the strict - est
 bound - eth. His help - ing love no lim - it knows; our ut - most

ser - vant heed - ing. If You re - mem - ber each mis -
 life would fail us. Let none in deeds - ber each mis -
 need it sound - eth. Our kind and faith - ful Shep - herd

deed, and of each thought word take heed, who can re -
 boast, but let us own all the Ho - ly Ghost, for He a -
 He, who will set all His peo - ple free from all their

main be - fore You? On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.
 lone can change us: On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.
 sin and sor - row: On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.

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Distribution Hymn #560

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Nunc Dimittis

P Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.

G For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

Which You have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #643

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (st. 1)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.

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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.

Announcements

CCLS - Today, after the 10:15, service Matt Hoehner will be with us to update us on the progress of the CCLS microschool project and answer any questions we might have.

Bible Study - Today 12:30 PM (Zoom). Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Youth Confirmation –Today 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Sunday Evening Prayer - 5:00 PM

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 6:30 AM

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM

Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Congregation Voters Assembly - Sunday, May 2 All members of St. James Lutheran Church are invited, after the 10:15 service, to vote on the final approval for CCLS to start the microschool in our facility.

Calling All Puzzle People! St. James is starting a puzzle library. If you have puzzles you've completed and would like to share, bring them to the bookshelf by the upstairs coat rack. Then feel free to borrow any puzzles there to complete!

Mowers Needed! St. James is looking for volunteers willing to help mow the grass over the coming months. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Joe Rathert via email at joerathert@stjamesglencarbon.org or contact Cheryl in the church office.

Good Shepherd Class of 2021 Fundraisers for Concordia University - Seward, Nebraska Trip

The Good Shepherd Class of 2021 invites you, on **Wednesday, April 24**, to **Firehouse Subs in Collinsville** from 4-9PM and a portion of all sales will help fund the trip. The Good Shepherd Class of 2021 thanks you so much for your support!

Metro-East Lutheran High School is looking for a Head Girls Volleyball Coach, and a Head Cheerleading Coach for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested, please contact Athletic Director Jason Batty at jason.batty@melhs.org or [618-656-0043 ext.134](tel:618-656-0043).



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