

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
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## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!**

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**                      *All Creatures of Our God and King*                      Arr. Keveren

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:**      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C:**      **Amen.**

**P:**      Look, here is water!

**C:**      **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**P:**      Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**C:**      **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

P: Look, here is water!  
C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**HYMN Red hymnal #377**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

C: **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.**

### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

**P:** Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**C:** **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director: Bill Jones *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*  
Text: Delores Dufner Music: Giovanni Giacomo

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

**R:** <sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given 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 by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**R:** The word of the Lord.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 4**

R: <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; You set me free when I was in distress; \have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: <sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

R: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

R: <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

R: <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C: <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 – 7**

R: <sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 24:36b - 48**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be

with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, 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 in their presence. <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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** Pastor Sally Padgett

**HYMN** Red hymnal #368

*With High Delight, Let Us Unite*

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer....**

## OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

### OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #186 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### COMMUNION PREFACE

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

**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.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

**AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146**

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.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
C: **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN #207**

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

C: **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.  
C: **Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #674**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**DISMISSAL**

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church  
C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving Others."**  
P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ Has Risen, Alleluia*

Arr. Vogt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by  
Mike & Jill Patzek in memory of loved ones.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*