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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

LSB 477

1. **Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**
  
2. **Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**
  
3. **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: In the name of God the Father, source of all hope and light and life:

C: **Who has loved us with an everlasting love, who is faithful to His word and to His promises.**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ,

C: **The living word of God, the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

L: In the name of God, the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who brings us into the way, teaches the truth, and works faith within us.**

L: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

C: **Merciful Father, we pray for pardon, peace and forgiveness for our sins, because of the person and work of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died to pay the penalty of physical and eternal death which we deserve. Forgive us and release us from our guilt. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the third Sunday of Easter is from Acts 2:14a, 36-41, pages 910-911:

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from 1 Peter 1:17-23, page 1014:

<sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 25-35, page 885:

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

L: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

L: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,

**C: 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;**

L: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

**C: He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven**

L: and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**C: And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

L: whose kingdom will have no end.

**C: 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.**

L: And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

**C: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
From the gloomy house of death Forth the Conqueror has gone.  
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heavenly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.
3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high,  
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.
4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;  
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;  
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christina Stackle

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Beautiful Savior*

LSB 537

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my Crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

THE SERMON

“Won’t a Good Life Get You to Heaven?”

(I Peter 1:17-19)

VOLUNTARY

**THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**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.**

THE BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ✠ Amen. Amen. Amen.

**THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Abide With Us*

TLH 194

1. “Abide with us, the day is waning,”  
Thus prayed the two while on the way;  
We read that Thou, O Lord, remaining,  
Didst all their doubts and fears allay.  
Incline Thine ear, Thou King of Grace,  
When, praying thus, we seek Thy face.
2. Abide with us; with heav’nly gladness  
Illumine, Lord, our darkest day;  
And when we weep in pain and sadness,  
Be Thou our Solace, Strength, and Stay.  
Tell of Thy woe, Thy vict’ry won,  
When Thou didst pray: “Thy will be done.”

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Cantors: Scott Kennebeck and Anna Renner

Children’s Message: Christina Stackle

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ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of what would have been the 60th wedding anniversary of Herman and Alice Petsch.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUCO radio (850 AM dial) of Peace’s 8a.m. service today is sponsored by Verna Beck and family in loving memory of Paul Beck.

CALL DAY at Concordia Seminary is Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. This is when ministerial students receive the parish assignments and vicars receive their internship appointments. You may access (<https://www.cls.edu/academics/call-day-services/>) before the service. After the service, lists of where the students are going will be posted along with photos of the students and an interactive map showing where they are being sent. Peace has requested a Seminarian to be assigned to our congregation to serve as our Associate Pastor. It is at this service that we will find out if one has been called to Peace.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS have been delayed until October. More details will be coming out later. Thank you for your understanding.