

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand 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 CONFESSIO**

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 3:11-21, page 911: (5, 8, & 10:30)

¹¹While he 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. 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 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from I John 3:1-7, page 1022:

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.

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 36-49, page 885:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, 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."

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 of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Head That Once was Crowned

LSB 532 (Tune St. Anne)

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

THE SERMON

"Jesus' Last Words"

(Luke 24:46-48)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***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** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *✠* Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI**

LSB page 198

✠ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB page 155

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 for ever. 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.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 466, 490, 482, 468

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

✠ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: *✠* And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray. C: *✠* Amen.

L: The Lord be with you. C: *✠* And with Thy spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord. C: *✠* Thanks be to God.

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: *✠* Amen. Amen. Amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee

LSB 632

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5, 8, 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. Tyler Werner

Organist: 9:20: Burnell Hackman, DMM; 5, 8 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Jeanette Mattingly

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Hebrews

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room)

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): Led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Jim and Donna Stabile in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary; from Nelle Rolf in honor of Vicki Rolf's birthday.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Tom and Diane Thomsen to the Glory of God.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES held on Sundays, 6-8:00 p.m., starting April 22.

NEW SANCTUARY "Paid-In-Full" Celebration in the gymnasium Sunday, April 22, 9:00a.m. acknowledging completion of its amortization.

COUPLES CLUB'S TOUR RESERVATIONS ARE DUE: The June 9th LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM TOUR is **DUE today, April 15th.** Please contact Heather Carlson.

LADIES GUILD meeting this Thursday, April 19, at 12 noon. Speaker will be Dave Dippold to share information about the church's security procedures.

LUTHERAN DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM April 22, 1:15pm game. Tickets (\$58 face value) to be purchased from LHSS or GPLS for \$20.

MONARCH JEWELRY SALE offers lots of one-of-a-kind jewelry and gift items April 26, 6-8pm at For The Garden, 6703 Telegraph Road.—Life Ministry

BAKE SALE This year Alaska Missions are taking pre-orders for our 2 popular items: gooey butter cake and fruit pies. Place your orders at the Welcome Center. Delivery will be Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for your support!

YOUTH NEWS: High School 9th Grade Welcome Event will be Sunday, April 29, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and watch for more information!

GARAGE SALE ITEMS now being accepted. (No furniture or TV's please.)

PERRY COUNTY LUTHERAN CHORALE will present a concert at Peace on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00pm. Please come and enjoy this presentation by the Chorale. A reception will follow in the gym.

THE ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL at Peace will feature organist Dr. James Marriott and members of the Peace Music Ministry on Sunday, April 29, at 3:00pm. Dr. Marriott, Music Director of Concordia Seminary will present several of his own hymn arrangements in the afternoon festival.

PART TIME ART TEACHER NEEDED for grades 3-8 beginning fall 2018 at Green Park. Applications accepted through April 16, to Mr. Eggold at GPLS.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018:

Today: 6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups
Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples
5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
7:00 Troop 584 Committee Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Plastic Mat Making
6:00 Property Management
6:30 Peace Volleyball
6:00 Orchestra Rehearsal
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 South County Senior Citizens
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
12:00 Ladies Guild
5:30 ESL Sports
6:00 CPR First Aid Training
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 Security Team Meeting
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat: 7:00 Boy Scout Leadership Training
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 Sunday School Teachers' Mtg
3:00 Perry County Chorale Concert
6:00 Adult Inquiry
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups