



Central Lutheran Church
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Johan Hemlich Roman

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one with you. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, risen Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #391 This Joyful Eastertide *(sung by cantors)*



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor -
 2. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the riv -
 3. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum -



row! my love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this
 er: Lord of all life, from ill - my pass - ing life de -
 ber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in



mor - row. Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his
 liv - er, ber.
 num - ber.



three-day pris - on. Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en; a - ris - en!

GREETING

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

GLORIA – Richard Dirksen

Cantors

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[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?¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.” The word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all

who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung by cantors)*

Handbells

Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*
Repeat antiphon

GOSPEL: **Luke 24:36b-48**

The Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They

gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

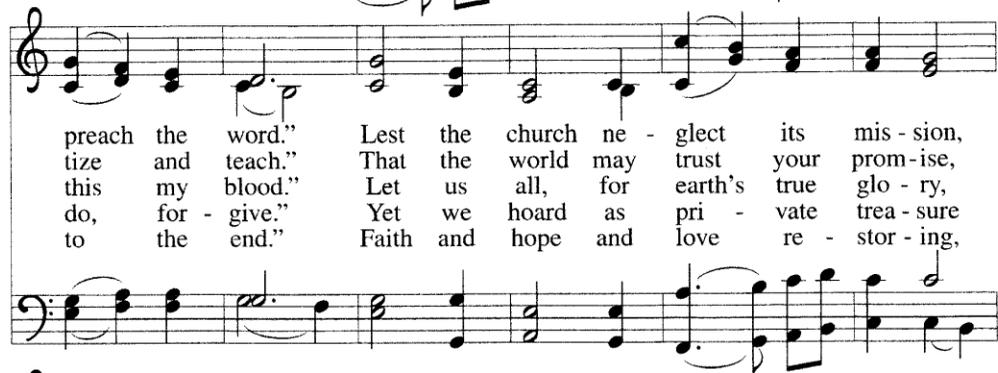
Pastoral Intern Vicar Ben Nickodemus



HYMN OF THE DAY #579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



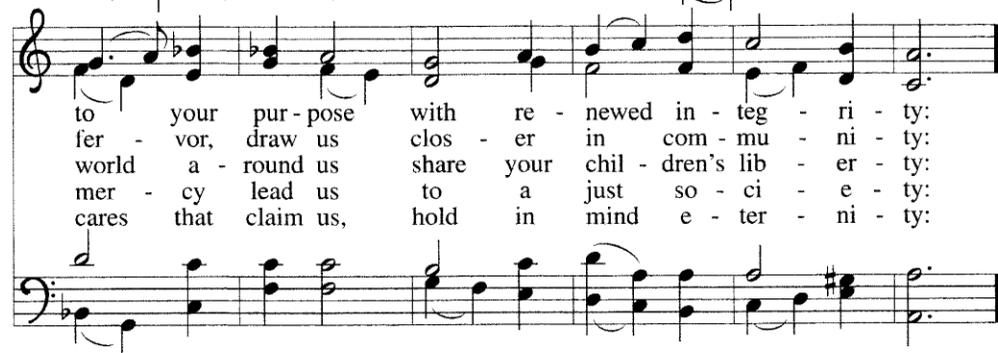
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and the
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us profess our Christian faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

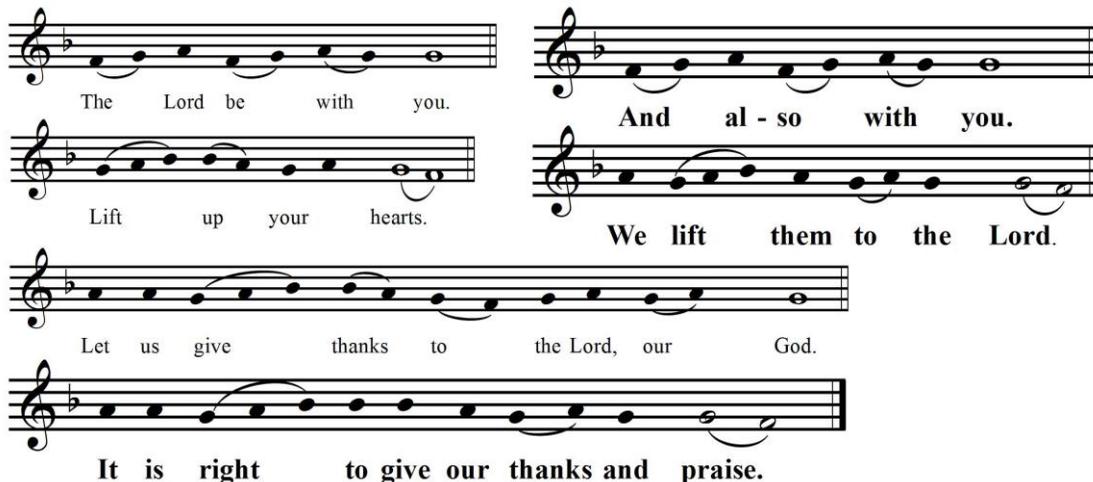
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Lord, God of Abraham* from **Elijah** –Mendelssohn Dylan Bunten

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung by cantors)*



The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

Detailed description: The musical score is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two columns of music. The left column contains four staves of music with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you.', 'Lift up your hearts.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The right column contains two staves of music with lyrics: 'And al - so with you.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea, and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name:

SANCTUS

Organ Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and an organ accompaniment. The organ part consists of block chords, while the vocal line has a melodic contour with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

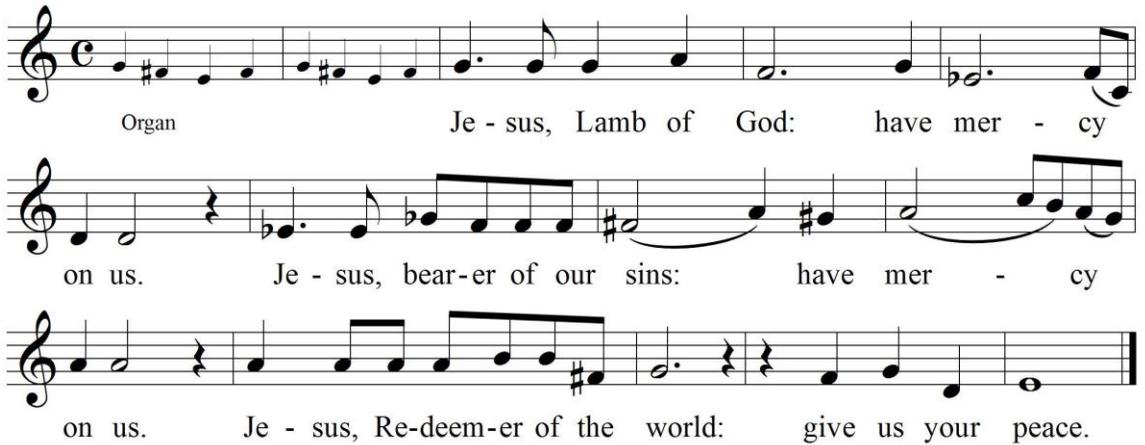
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

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 .

LAMB OF GOD



Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION

Trusting in the promise that comes to us in bread and wine—visible signs of God’s grace and mercy—poured out in Christ’s body and blood, you are invited to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Please wait until you hear these words: “The body of Christ, given for you,” at which time you may take and eat. Likewise, when you hear the words, “The blood of Christ, shed for you,” you may drink from the cup. If you are communing with others from your household, you may commune one another. Otherwise, you may self-administer the elements.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #390 The Risen Christ *(sung by cantors)*



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



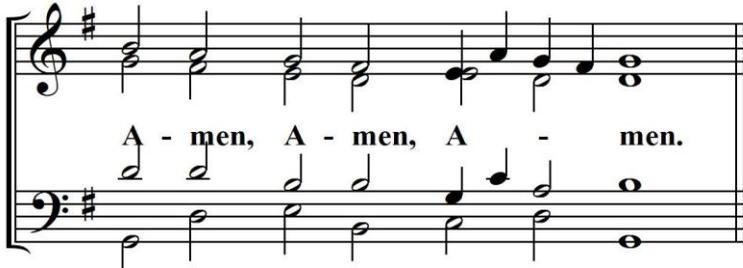
un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

BENEDICTION

May God who has brought you from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Præludium in C, BuxWV 137* Diderik Buxtehude

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Preacher: Vicar Ben Nickodemus

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Blake Balmeseda, Dylan Bunten, David Gustafson, John Shields

Door Monitors: Meg Hicks and Janice Stine

Tech Support: Thomas Stine and Ted Hicks

Webmaster: Chuck Dietz

The readings for next week are:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

Launching Thursday, April 22nd



When: Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Central Lutheran Latte Cart - in the Terrace Room

What: Coffee time and fellowship with friends, sitting socially distanced inside the Terrace Room, Library, or outside on the patio

Why: Because we miss seeing *you!!!*

***Join us for worship as we celebrate Earth Day
Sunday, April 25th***

Then, drop by at noon for ***“The Blessing of the Garden”*** as we prepare for Spring planting and Summer harvesting!



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