

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 11:00 a.m. Service



Jesus opened their (our) minds to understand the Scriptures.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Service – Setting Two
April 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578 sts. 1-6



1 Thy strong	word did	cleave the	dark - ness;	At Thy
2 Lo, on	those who	dwelt in	dark - ness,	Dark as
3 Thy strong	Word be -	speaks us	righ - teous;	Bright with
4 From the	cross Thy	wis - dom	shin - ing	Break - eth



speak - ing	it was	done.	For cre -	at - ed
night and	deep as	death,	Broke the	light of
Thine own	ho - li -	ness,	Glo - rious	now, we
forth in	con - qu'ring	might;	From the	cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Stand

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 167

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Lay your hurts and burdens, worries, and doubts before the Lord, and receive again the love and grace of Jesus.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b

P In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C I extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

C O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

C 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.

P **C** 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.

P In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Kyrie

LSB 168

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/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

11 While [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. 12 And 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? 13 The 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. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And 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. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

A He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1–7

1 See 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. 2 Beloved, 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. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See 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.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day “*Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*” *LSB 589 sts. 1-4*



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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Sermon

Pastor Jeffrey Sippy

**“Jesus Opens Our Minds to Understand the Scriptures:
Practice, Practice, Practice”**

Sermon Text

Luke 24:46; 1 John 3:4-7

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

☐ ☑ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✕ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord Jesus, You opened the hearts and the minds of Your disciples to understand the Scriptures. Open our hearts and minds, too. Grant us free and humble spirits to sit at Your feet and to listen. Grant us free and open spirits to be made holy. Grant that by Your Word we would grow and mature in faith and do as you desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You stepped out of heaven and into our lives. By Your cross You reconciled the world unto the Father and each other. You remove the sin that separates people from each other and You. By Your death on Calvary, You made us children of the Father, and by Your resurrection You give us new and holy life. Grant to us a passion for Your Word and its learning so that we would live as Your disciples and ambassadors, and reaching the next person with Your love and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You entered the Upper Room to meet Your disciples where they were at. You showed them Your hands and side. You breathed life and peace into them. Come to our homes, too, Lord Jesus. Breathe new life and peace into us. Grant an extra measure of Your forgiveness and grace to each of us to give to each other and all. Anoint us with Your Spirit, and grant us patience and kindness and understanding for each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, transform our church – Zion Lutheran in Bolivar and Our Savior in Buffalo – and Your church everywhere. Open our eyes to each other. Give us initiative and courage to reach into each other’s lives. Lead us in righteous and holy practices, to do those things You would have us to do and to learn from each other. Teach us that we cannot reach the lost and unbelieving world, and those different than we are, until we can reach out to each other and practice Your teaching in our daily lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, we are people of Your Word. Your Word commands our prayers for leaders and those in authority. Teach us Your ways. Today we pray Your grace and protection, and Your divine wisdom and guiding to President Biden, Governor Parson, and all elected officials and representatives, as well as pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, employers and all those You have placed in authority in our lives. Deliver us from gossip and slander, and teach us the ways of Jesus. Guide us to be good and respectful citizens and to live our lives with godly peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, You are the great physician. Hear our prayers for those who are sick, hurting, undergoing medical treatments and therapy. Hear our prayers for those for whom our prayers are requested. We pray Your healing, according to Your will, and we pray Your grace that is sufficient for all things [especially for _____, and all others we name in our hearts]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, by Your death You conquered death, and by Your resurrection, You give new life and victory to Your children. We praise

You for our sister Marian Ulven, and we commend her to You and Your eternal Kingdom. At the same time, we pray Your comfort and peace for her family and all who mourn her passing, and we pray You would keep us steadfast and faithful so that we, too, would wear the crown of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering

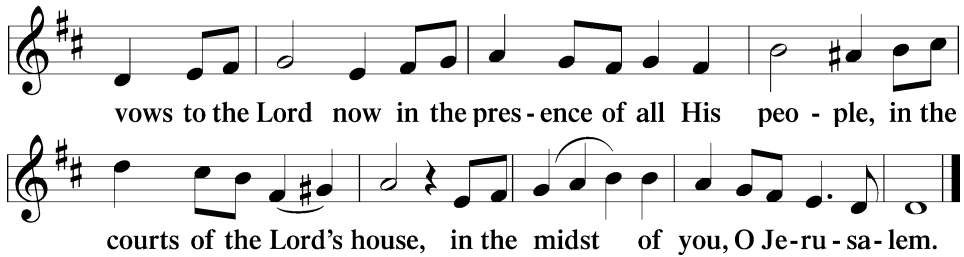
LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn **“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”** **LSB 923 sts. 1-3**

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Announcements

Join Pastor Sippy today at 1:30 – 2:15 in the Zion fellowship hall for a Meet and Greet! Not only will Pastor learn a little of you, you will also learn a little of each other! There are also Meet and Greets planned for Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., and Thursday, April 18, 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Postlude