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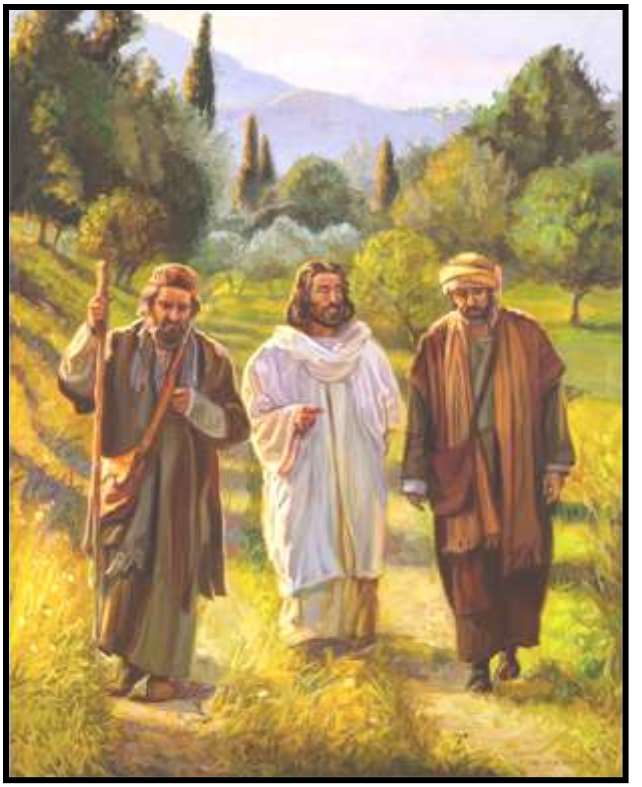
Third Sunday of Easter



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ✠ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW # 479**

* Greeting *ELW page 138*

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.

* Kyrie *ELW page 138*

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

* Canticle *This Is the Feast* *ELW page 140*

C: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast…

2. **Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,**
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast…

3. **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…

4. **For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**
Alleluia.

This is the feast...

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

[36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
[37] 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?" [38] 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. [39] 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." [40] And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." [41] So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *116:1-4, 12-19*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 116.

116 I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
[2] **Because he inclined his ear to me,**
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
[3] The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
[4] **Then I called on the name of the LORD:**
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
[12] What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
[13] **I will lift up the cup of salvation**
and call on the name of the LORD,

[14] I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
[15] **Precious in the sight of the LORD**
is the death of his saints.
[16] O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
[17] **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving**
and call on the name of the LORD.
[18] I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
[19] **in the courts of the house of the LORD,**
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *I Peter 1:17-23*

L: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

[17] 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, [18] knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. [20] He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you [21] 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.

[22] Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, [23] since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 142*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each
other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talk-
ing and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with
them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said
to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other
as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them,
named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem
who does not know the things that have happened there in these
days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him,
"Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in
deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief
priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and cru-
cified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things hap-
pened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They
were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his
body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of an-
gels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us
went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they
did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart
to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary
that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27
And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them
in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

[28] So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, [29] 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. [30] When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. [31] And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. [32] 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?” [33] And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, [34] saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” [35] Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* ELW # 384

* Nicene Creed

ELW page 104

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
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.

Choir Anthem *Brother James's Air*

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz and Jamie Meier.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

ELW page 138

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Setting the Table

Responses *ELW page 144*

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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *ELW page 144*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

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.

Canticle *Lamb of God* *ELW page 146*

C: 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.

Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing

Post-Communion Prayer *ELW page 146*

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

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

C: Amen.

*** Hymn** ***The Day of Resurrection!*** **ELW # 361**

*** Dismissal** *ELW page 146*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Bible Study on First Peter

What does it mean when good people suffer?

Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30am at Good Shepherd
April 22nd through May 20th
Everyone welcome.

Piece Corps Quilters
Stitching together friendships every
Wednesday
from 8:00am until 11:30am.

Hannah Circle

Sunday, May 3rd

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Friendship Club

Thursday, May 7th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment provided by Zimmerman Family.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

May 7th at 6:30pm

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, May 30th 4:30pm



Memorial Day

May 25th

Office Closed.

PILLOWS

If you are in need of extra pillows around the house, contact a member of the Piece Corps they have pillows available.

Office Closed

Monday April 27th through May 3rd.
Office will be open Monday May 4th.
Betty will be on vacation.

Attendance,

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

In-person 7, Online not available

Good Friday, April 3rd

In-person 13, Online not available

Easter Sunrise

In-person 7, Online not available

Easter Festival

In-person 56, Online 105

Spring Promise

Poet: Mary C. Plummer

You promised you would come back again,
With your balmy air and beauty;
You promised to bring the dear little birds,
O, Spring, how well you attend your duty.

'Tis now I feel your near approach,
As I walk along life's pathway,
The chirping birds and fragrant flowers,
The swaying trees, and budding bowers.

The rippling brook and peeping grasses.
Romping boys, and laughing lasses,
Cupid, with her magic power.
Playing upon the hearts of men.

Sunbeams dancing in the places
Where the winter's frost has been;
Tells me, happy, joyous Springtime,
That you're gently coming in.

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