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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Song:**

The Day of Resurrection!

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Remembering that Jesus the Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and was raised on the third day giving us eternal life. We continue with confession and forgiveness.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for Reflection

Gracious Father,

C: As we gather in the presence of the Almighty, we confess our human frailty and our constant falling short of righteousness. We acknowledge our pride, our selfishness, and our failure to love one another as you have commanded. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us the strength to walk in your ways, reflecting your grace and mercy to all. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the glorious light of Easter morning, we proclaim the victory of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice, your sins are washed away. Receive the assurance of forgiveness, knowing that in Christ, we are made new. Go forth in joy, for you are forgiven and redeemed.

C: Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

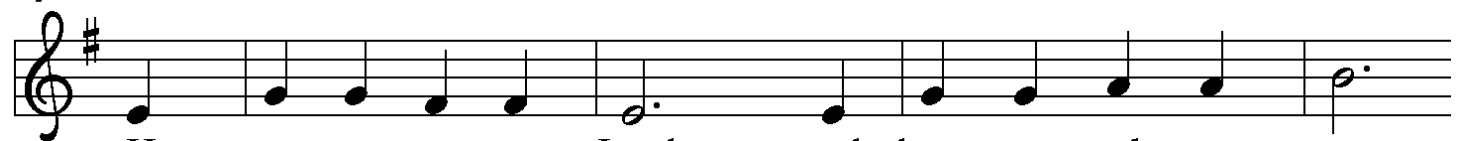
C: And also with you.

GREETING (Please be seated)

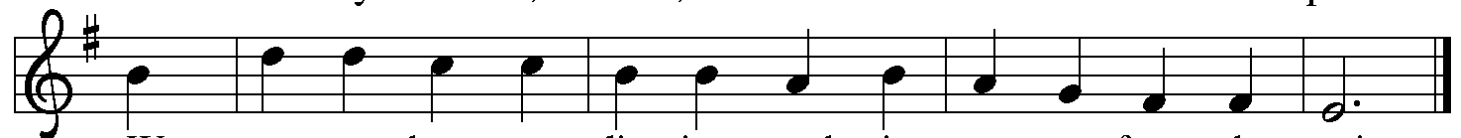
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie:



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise: Come, Let us Join



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Blessing of the Quilts

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. **C: Amen.**

Choir: “All Who Have Jesus”

Children’s Sermon

WORD

The 1st lesson is a reading from Acts, the 3rd chapter:

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

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4 (Read Responsively)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

The 2nd lesson is a reading from I John, the 3rd chapter.

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

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Sermon: The Proof is in the Pudding.

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Hymn of the Day:

Borning Cry

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1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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Baptism of Dash Richard Heidbreder

See Holy Baptism in hymnal on page 227

*** Apostle's Creed – Please stand.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** The Prayers of Intercession:** The congregation's response to "God of grace," is "hear our prayer."

MEAL

Offering: We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts.

***(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Offertory Prayer:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** Words of Institution – Eucharist Prayer**

***The 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.

Distribution of the Elements

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***Blessing after the Meal**

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***(544 verse 1) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.**

***Prayer after Communion:**

Shepherding God, You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing:** (Please Stand)

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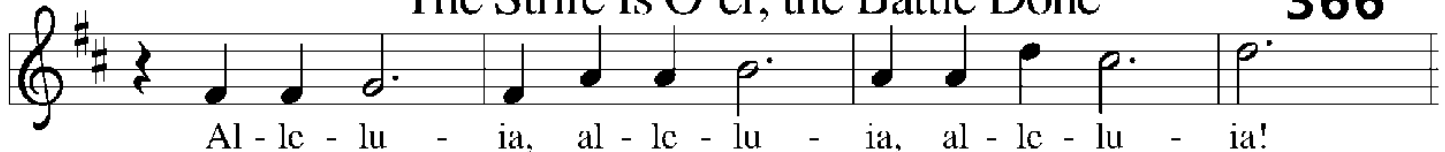
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

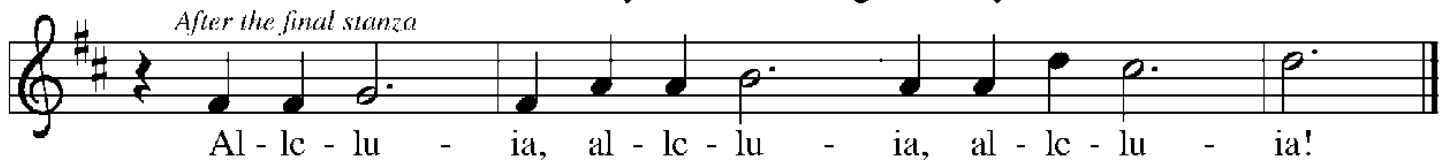
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- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

Presiding Minister

Organist / Keyboard

Song Leader

Acolyte

Audio / Video Technician

Reader

Communion Assistant

Communion ware

Council Member

Greeters

Altar Flowers

Pastor David Viles

Zola Finch

Dan Tschirgi

Oliver Stoermer

Roger Pennell

Donald Weber

Devin Koestner

Audrey Bunch & Rosemary Heidbreder

Kent Nelson

Rosemary Heidbreder & Richard Heidbreder

Kathryn Linsenbardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Today, Dash Richard Heidbreder, Son of Ryan and Ashley Heidbreder will receive Holy Baptism following the hymn of the day. We praise God for this beautiful child who will join the church family as a son of our Father in Heaven.

FISH FRY – today at the Lohman, Community Building from 4pm to 6pm: Adults \$13, children \$7, 5 years old and under FREE. Come out, support your community, and enjoy a great meal.

STARS: will meet on Wednesday with lunch at 11:30. The menu entree will be sub-sandwiches generously filled with a variety of meats and cheeses. For entertainment we will enjoy a Bingo Party with interesting prizes. If you plan to attend, please contact Rose Strobel at 782-4553 by Monday evening.

Kathy Meller would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials, and kind words at the passing of my mother, Edwina Peterman. All of your care and concern was very much appreciated. Fondly, Kathy Meller

The Mid-Missouri Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM with registration and refreshments at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Jefferson City. Bible study and business meeting will occur in the morning. Afternoon program will center on HALO. In kind gifts will be given to HALO including paper towels, plates, Kleenex, napkins, toilet paper and large size diapers. Please let Marie Schepeler know by Sunday, April 21 if you will be attending. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot. All women are invited to attend.

Plastic eggs: It would be appreciated if you could bring back the plastic Easter eggs from this year's egg hunt so they can be used again for next year's hunt. Thank you.

Hymn History – Francis Pott, the author of our sending song “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done,” lived mostly in later 19th Century England. The Pott family business was making vinegar. Ordained as a Priest in 1857, Francis Pott made many translations, and is responsible for editing the widely used “Hymns fitted to the Order of Common Prayer, etc.” Pott did author original hymns, but today’s hymn was translated and arranged from the Latin Jesuit collection “Symphonia Sirenum” in Cologne, Germany. Forced to resign from active Priesthood in 1891 due to increasing deafness, Pott continued with hymn-writing work until his death in 1909. Sources: Hymnary.org and Wikipedia.org

Schedule for Online Services:

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live:

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