

**April 18, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Walk With Us As Disciples of Christ!*  
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# St. Paul Lutheran Church

*WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!*

*Welcome!!*

We welcome all who worship this Lord's Day! We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. As we can be helpful to you, we look forward to doing so. If you would like the pastor to contact you, please mark that on the Record of Fellowship or call the church office.

We ask that the Record of Fellowship be filled out (members and visitors) so that we will have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

We Remember in Prayer

(Please call the church office to remove anyone from the prayer lists.)

## Our members:

**Cynthia Beran, LaVerne Richter, Sue Dittmeyer, Barbara Sladek, Bob Grimm, Ernest Rohlack, Jessica Schmidt, Lydia Dowling, Clifton Filter, Larry Safarik, Pam Mikulencak, Margaret Miller, Pr. Michael Domenech, Mark Lindell, Leon Tieman, Bo Stiles, Norman Fuessel, Elaine Oser, and Our Shut Ins: Pastor Walter Miller, Lomis Weber, Betty Sakewitz, Sarah Click, Bunny Schroeder, James Spinn, Edward Lantzsch, Greg Buetikofer, Harvey Cuzzort, Albert Zeplin, Katy Wilson, Lisa Cox, Dorothy Grimm, Geraldine Cox, Curtis & Rosalie Minzenmayer, Nema Bohls, Melvin Steger, Elda Heselmeyer, Ed Balusek, Ella Kuhl, Clifford Mahlow.**

## Our family, friends, and loved ones:

Rhonda Aicky, Joe & Arlene Wold, Jennifer Thomson, Brett Safarik, Adam Eubank, Merriam Buetikofer, Miriam Hardin, Zane Hyzak, David Martinez, Corrina Sims, Stephanie Hanmann, Abel Robles, Peggy Ging, Verdie Guettler, Sandra & Todd Rice, Louise Gore, Rosa Linda Hernandez, Kirrin Leslie, , Ricky Cain, John Pelzel, Joseph Cerda, Michael Walton, Jose Juan Espinoza, Jessie Mead, Donna Woodworth, Ben & Mary Lefner, Sandy Millner, Garry Grau, Samantha Summers, Jimmy Grimm, Rosie Steamer, Scotty Clifton, Carroll Holmstrom, Reagan Schroeder, Rosalina Martinez, Dana Melancon, John Harper, Bobby Harrison, Pamela Morton, Rosemarie Burney, Denny Hamilton, Jackie Oslick, Darrell Mikulencak, Tina Ausburn, Leslie Lawrence, Jarvis Harry, Lee Martinez, Tricia Van Til, Jacque Frazier, Alma Russell, Ann Zuehlke, Mike Parry, Diana Beran, Rex Anders, Matthew Retchloff, Paula Schwartz, Randy Dykowski, Carole Byler, Kellie Click, Mary Kidwell, Carolyn Wycoff, Glen Shelby, Joshua Bockerstette, Jennifer Neddeau, Julie Johnson, Marie Davis, Abby Alderete, Patrick Jordan, Lisa Heselmeyer, Cliff Peters, Jiana Milam, Kurt Laxson, Chandra Bivens, Jessica Golden, Betty Pickett, Abigail Alexander, Eric Richardson, Brianna Rivera, David Downey, Linda Dlouhy, Margaret Smith, John Blackwell, Rebecca Lucas, Cullen Eschberger, LuAnn Buck, Danithia Joyce, Hunter Williams, Scott Brooks

## WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

*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.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,**

**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you

and † frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

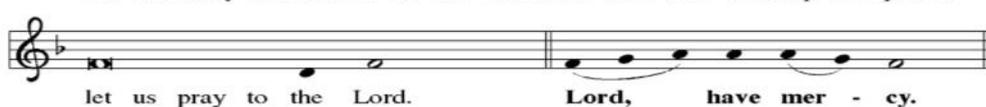
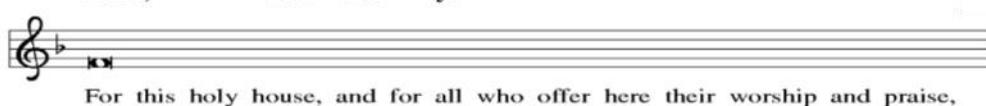
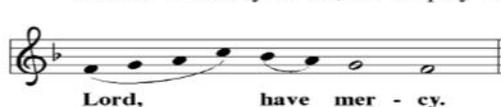
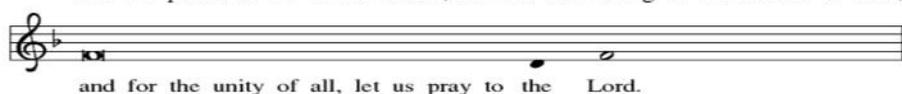
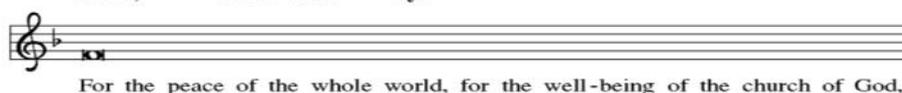
**“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ”**

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



## This Is the Feast



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## WORD

**Reader: Sharon Naiver**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

**<sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 24:36b-48**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

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

*Please be seated.*

"Jesus Loves Me"  
Children's message

Congregation

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Lord, you give the Great Commission"**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

### **CREED**

#### ***Apostles' Creed***

**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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration (*local concerns for creation may be named*). Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (*especially*). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries; Cheryl Kruckemeyer in Tanzania, Tamara Macinis serving with the World Mission Prayer League and for our sister congregation at Hope Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us (*especially*). Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

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

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has three measures: 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff has three measures: 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who'. The fourth staff has three measures: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### 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.**

## COMMUNION

### Lamb of God

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

## Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

“Christ is Alive”

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#### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Altar  
Flowers*



*Alter Flowers given by Linda Zuehlke*