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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

### **Lutheran Worship**

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

### **As we adjust to live worship**

We are taking many precautions to make our regular Sunday service as safe as possible. In keeping with our Governor's mandate, please wear a facemask while inside the building. Masks are available on the table by the bulletin announcements, if you forget your mask. If you socialize before or after the service please do so outside or in the fellowship hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding worship or ministry please inform Pastor or our elder, Ken Leib.

HYMN: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He  
 2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And  
 3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To  
 4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With  
 5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice; let  
 Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his  
 Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the  
 Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
 tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.  
 scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.  
 which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

*Stand*

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.


He is

"the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

M: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**C: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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.**

*REFRAIN*

## SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Verse of the Day:

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.  
Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road  
and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32 cf. NIV)**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no  
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's  
 heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where  
 I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and  
 me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor  
 gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -  
 he is gone, Live and reign with him in -  
 act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry  
 pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -  
 trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;  
 heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!  
 giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;  
 ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;  
 por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 "Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt.  
 Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.



**Jesus – the Word of Life, Light, and Truth**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord our God, what great and wonderful blessings have been prepared for those who love and trust you. Give us such love and trust that we, through your Son Jesus Christ, may obtain those glories which you have promised to your people by your faithful Word.

We thank you for the grace which sent Christ the Good Shepherd into the world to lay down his life for the sheep, to ransom us by his blood from the power of evil, to redeem us by his holy sufferings, and by his cross to liberate us from the fear and bondage of death. We praise and bless you for his resurrection and the glorious promise that all who hear his voice and follow him shall, in the likeness of his resurrection, also be raised to eternal life.

Direct our path through the sin, strife and uncertainty of these times, O Lord. Grant us true faith and a godly heart. Strengthen the sick, support the weak, supply the needy, and show yourself a very present help in every trouble.

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here*

And finally, when our last hour shall come, because our eyes have seen your salvation, let us depart in peace according to your Word, and receive us into everlasting glory, to be numbered with those wearing the white robes of holiness, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

## **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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN: LORD, SPEAK TO US THAT WE MAY SPEAK**



1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan-d'ring  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part, And wing our words that  
 ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, abr., alt.  
 Tune: CANONBURY (LM) Robert A. Schumann, 1810–56, adapt.