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Third 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) Join us after the service for coffee. Join us for Sunday School at 10:45 and Adult Bible Class at 11:00 am.

***HE LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE***

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That's how the disciples felt after this death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus. But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

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.

**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.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

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.

**Amen.**

**939 O LORD, OUR LORD**

**Refrain            O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**1            Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.  
You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;  
you make us pure and holy in your sight.  
You did not spare your only Son,  
but gave him up for us all. (Refrain)**

**2            O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,  
you came to live with us;  
you made your Father known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.  
You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! (Refrain)**

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**THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **FIRST READING**

**ACTS 2:14A,32–41**

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:  
<sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup>Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.” ’

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup>When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, “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. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup>With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<b>PSALM 116B: I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD</b>	<b>PSALTER PG 609</b>
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## SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17–21

<sup>17</sup>Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup>He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13–35

<sup>13</sup>Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup>but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup>He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup>but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup>In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup>but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup>Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

***HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN***

**459**

**SERMON on ACTS 2:14A,32–41**

**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.**

**Offering** (*At this time our usher will bring our thank offering to the Lord.*)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

*Be seated*

### **980 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow**

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow down Emmaus' barren road,  
hearts distraught and hope defeated, bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you, we who also mourn our dead;  
we have stood by graves unyielding, eaten death's bare, bitter bread.**
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey, walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown stranger, can you fathom depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told you how our dreams to dust have turned,  
then you opened wide the Scriptures till our hearts within us burned.**
- 3 Who are you? Our hearts are opened in the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus; on our hearts your image trace!**

- 4 **Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font you claim and name us, born of water and the Word;  
at the table still you feed us, host us as our risen Lord!**
- 5 **"Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make the Church your servant body, sent to share your healing grace!**

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*Stand*

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

***HYMN: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE***

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