

"Easter Is for Children"

† The Third Sunday of Easter †

April 18/19, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Trinity Lutheran Church

824 Wisconsin Avenue Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

920-458-8246 www.trinitysheboygan.org

Prayer Upon Entering: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome: We cordially welcome you the Lord's Service to us this day. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, the following suggestions may be helpful to you:

- The Divine Service is printed in its entirety in this booklet. During the pandemic, please practice physically distancing as you enter, as you go to the altar for the Lord's Supper, and as you leave. Masks are available at each entrance if needed. You may either stand or kneel for the Lord's Supper.
- Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- The Music Room, the room to your right before entering the sanctuary, is available for parents with small children who need to step out during the service. The service is televised in the Music Room.
- The time before the service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time. A booklet entitled, "The Divine Service" located in the pew rack may also assist you in understanding worship at Trinity.
- Please turn off all cell phones and refrain from taking pictures during the service. Thank you.
- Visitors, please sign the guest registers located in the Narthex.

Guests and the Lord's Supper: If you desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

THE PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. John M. Berg THE ASSISTING MINISTER: Rev. Timothy J. Mech

THE ORGANIST: Dr. Samuel Eatherton

THE CHOIR: (8:00) Männerchor, (9:30) Kleinechor, (10:45) 7th Grade Handbell Choir, 5-8th Grade Choir; Lois Eatherton, director.

THE COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (8:00) Dustin Krystowiak, Hans Otten, (9:30) Chad Hamilton, Adam Glatzcak, (10:45) Jerry

Toerpe, Tony Smith, (6:30) Jeff Roethel, Craig Kaiser

THE SOUND BOOTH TEAM: Ron Mueller, Hans Gruben, Tom Kelly, Joshua Rach, Robert Wiltzius

Our Calendar for April 18 - 25, 2021

Sunday, April 18

8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service

Monday, April 19 6:30 pm Divine Service

Tuesday, April 20

8:45 am Women's Bible Study (FH & LR)

The Lutheran Hour

Broadcast Sundays at: 6:30 am WTMJ 620AM 5:00 pm WJUB 1420AM

> Morning Meditations WHBL 1330am 7:26am & 10:45am Trinity - Town Wilson

Thursday, April 22

9:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)

Friday, April 23

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FH)

Sunday, April 25

8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service

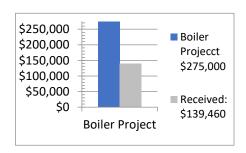
Wednesday, April 21

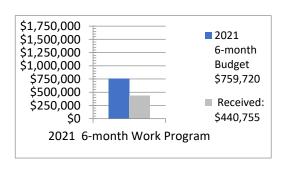
8:30 am Adult Bible Study (FH)

10:00 am Trinity Chapel

11:00 am Sunday Service TV Broadcast (Spectrum 990 & U-verse 99)

3:30 pm Midweek Confirmation Class





Prelude: (8 & 10:45) (9:30)

Confession and Absolution

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

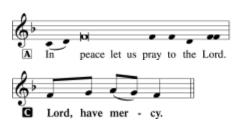
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005822

Kyrie



LSB 152





LSB 155





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Psalm (10:45) Hallelujah Canon

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Praise Him to the heavens, praise Him in the heights, Praise Him, all His angels, all His hosts; Praise Him, sun and moon, all you shining stars; Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Text: Psalm 150

Setting: W. A. Mozart, arr. Hal Hopson

Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made glo For Christ a gain is free; In rious vic to ry gloom shall shake, No shall No er foe ev er take ev Grim death with all its might Can not soul af - fright; my



light Our When to the realms of spir - it its flight. wings tri - umphed who strong o'er He save Has the grave. is to The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won. Ιt is pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

Organ 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain; Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain. My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me. Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

> Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

Sermon

Theme: "Easter Is for Children" Text: Luke 24:36-49

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

7 He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold, Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold: "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared; Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

Text and tune: Public domain

to - day

the

with-in

is done;

the tomb;

im - part!

are shorn;

my heart.

to scorn.

glo - rious sun.

is turned to gloom.

laugh

Offertory LSB 159



Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

*





Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

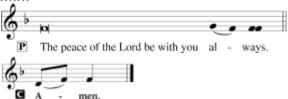
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

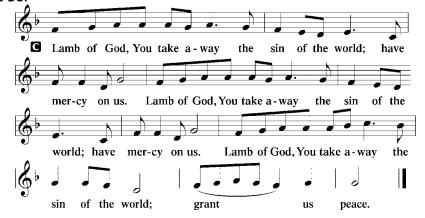
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as

Pax Domini LSB 163



often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei LSB 163



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

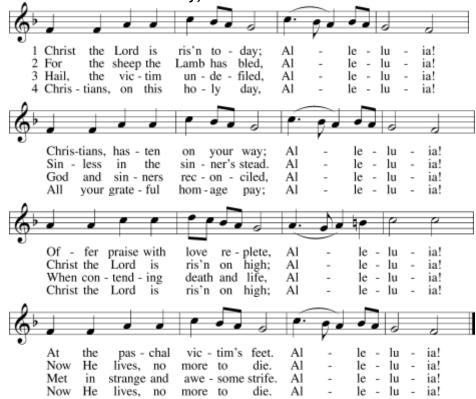
481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



Tune: Public domain

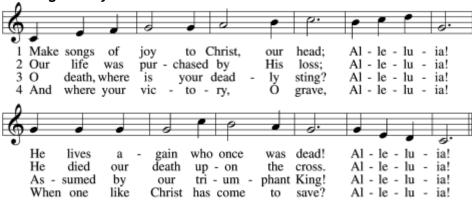
Text: © 1995 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005822





Text and tune: Public domain





Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia! △ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
Alleluia!

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Tune: Public domain Text: @ 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005822



Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164





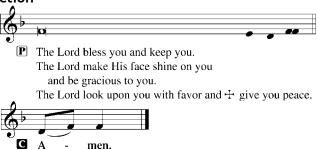
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166



482 This Joyful Eastertide



Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude: With High Delight S. Eatherton

Acknowledgments: Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book. Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House.

FLOWERS GIVEN THIS SUNDAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

† For blessings received by Howard & Sue Gensch as they celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary

GIFTS GIVEN TO TRINITY'S BOILER FUND:

- † In loving memory of our grandson, Gabriel Carpenter by Dennis & Linda Christian
- † In loving memory of Dale Slimmer by his wife Suzanne
- † In loving memory of Walter Stielow by his wife Adele
- † For many blessing received by Orva Tetschlag
- t by David & Sherri Schoening
- † by John & Kathy Hermann
- t by Leroy Nennig
- t by Joan Landwehr
- t by Barb Wegner

COVID-19 GUIDELINES: Both the Sheboygan County Health Department and the CDC recommend wearing a mask while with other people. Masks are available at each entrance. Trinity will continue offering three Divine Services (8am, 9:30am, and 10:45am) through May 2nd. On Sunday, May 2nd, we ask that you attend either the 8am or 9:30am Divine Service if you are not related to one of our confirmands. Confirmation is Sunday, May 2nd at 10:45am. Starting on May 9th, Trinity will go back to two Divine Services on Sunday (8am & 10:45am) and one Divine Service on Monday (6:30pm).

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: A study of the scripture readings and hymns will be available on our website after Monday on our "Recorded Services". This study is led by Pastor Mech, Pastor Berg and Sam Eatherton. New session will follow weekly on Mondays.

NEAT REPEAT SALES:

4/20-4/24 Kitchen Items 50% off

4/27-5/1 Linens 50% off

5/4-5/8 Toys, Games & Puzzles 50% off

5/11 30% off everything in the store (2nd Tuesday of the month)

5/12-5/15 CDs & DVDs 50% off

n church canatuawy Dlagga kaon aur

PROFESSION OF FAITH: for our Confirmands is Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 pm in our church sanctuary. Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers as they prepare for this important milestone in their faith life.



TRINITY LWML HAS BEEN INVITED TO HOLD OUR MAY FELLOWSHIP AT LUTHERAN HIGH on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Besides having a tour of the newly built Worship and Fine Arts Center, Paul Gnan will lead us in Bible study and share about their ministry of "Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time. If you would like to join us at LHS for our May Fellowship, please RSVP by printing your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the LWML bulletin board or contact Diane Meyer.



SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The TV Series "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier;" The Historical Reliability of John's Gospel; The Word "Resurrection" in the Bible; The Calling of the Prophet Isaiah and more. You can listen at your convenience at <u>issuesetc.org</u>, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LUWISOMO SUMMER 2021 - COVID ADJUSTMENTS: Responding to input from the vast majority of LuWiSoMo families and campers regarding interest in return to traditional camps this summer, given the current status of COVID, LuWiSoMo shifts its focus for Summer 2021 to expanded camp options for individual families and smaller groups of families, and limited Joyful Hearts offerings for fully vaccinated Joyful Hearts campers, volunteers and staff, with plans to return to full summer camps and maybe more for Summer 2022. Read the **full announcement** from the LuWiSoMo Board of Directors and learn more at **www.luwisomo.org**.

SWD STUDENT FINANCIAL AID: Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information and the two applications required to be considered for Financial Aid, visit the SWD website - swd.lcms.org - under Resources. The deadline is May 15.



Important School Information & Reminders

SCRIP DATES: Scrip order dates are: April 25 and May 9 & 23. Pick up dates are April 30 and May 14 & 28.

OUR CHILDCARE PROGRAM HAS 5 OPENINGS FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD STARTING AUGUST 23RD! We offer care from 7:00am-5:30pm in a small, Christian environment. We are priced competitively so that we can better serve our school families and community members. If you know someone who is looking for 2-year-old care, please contact our Childcare Director, Mrs. Ann Rahn (rahn@trinitysheboygan.org).





TRINITY'S LANDSCAPE SPRING CLEANING

Join us for a day of cleaning up and sprucing up the landscape around our church, our school and our Ministry Center! Clean up day is Tuesday, April 20th beginning at 9 am.

WE NEED YOU!

Please, contact Chris Short, 458-6331, if you are able to help.

Thank you!



CONGREGATION AT PRAYER & DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Invocation

Introit (front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer

Prayer/Devotion

DAILY READINGS: LSB #300 **Sun:** Ex. 32:15-35: Luke 6:39-49

Mon: Ex. 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17 Tues: Ex. 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35 **Wed:** Ex. 34:29-35:21; Luke 7:36-50 **Thurs:** Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31;

Luke 8:1-21

Fri: Ex. 39:32-40:16; Luke 8:22-39 **Sat:** Ex. 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56

In Our Prayers This Week:

† Steve Heronemus and his family, living with ALS

- † Debra Kelm, management of an illness
- † Brendon Cullen, extended physical therapy
- † Bernadette Strate, sister of Tom Hoem; Sue Mack, cousin of Beth Riemer; Christina Newton Ray; Jennifer Pralle, sister of Katherine Pape; Sharon Riemer, sister-in-law of Beth Riemer; Ruthann Shields, daughter of Marion Rieboldt; Sharon Gerber; Matt Makela; Barrett, son of Josh & Amanda (Dillman) Graminske; Ken Weimann,; Jean Fengler, sister of Kathy Hermann; David Boje; and Sherry Sommer in cancer treatment
- † Timothy Schwanke, Rev. Brian Banke, Robert, Badtke, Andrew Kelm, Robert Holt, Austin Griesbach, Adam Robinson, Elizabeth Risler, Darryl Carlson, Nate Yeager, Robert Holt, serving our country in the military
- † Trinity Members, family members and friends with COVID-19
- † Fred Grenier, father of Darlene Mech, in physical therapy after a brain injury at Sheboygan Senior Community
- † Don Schaefer, in hospice care
- † Dorothy Wappler, in hospice care
- † Kelly Rommelfaenger, ill
- † Tom Schwanke, recovering after surgery
- † Trinity Staff member of the week: Abby Wietfeldt, Teacher grade 4

Hymn of the Week: "I Am Jesus Little Lamb" LSB #740

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

Introit

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;* at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up* and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help.* and you have | healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;* you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,* and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.* Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;* at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Christ has risen | from the dead.* [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor, He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands:* he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Learn by Heart: LSB p. 326 What do you believe according to these words?

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Acts 3:11-21 "While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

1 John 3:1–7 ¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ¹Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Luke 24:36-49 ³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Notes on Today's Divine Service

Treasures from the Church: "If you want to preach the Gospel, you must simply preach of the resurrection of Christ. The greatest importance attaches to this article of faith. For where there is no resurrection, we should have neither comfort nor hope, and, besides, all that Christ has done and suffered would be in vain." Martin Luther, "Christ's Work a Failure Without His Resurrection," *What Luther Says: Volume 1*, p. 181 (Compiled by Ewald M. Plass, Concordia Publishing Company, Saint Louis, MO: 1959)

Today's Readings: The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).

The Divine Service: "Anything less than the finest and purest we have is unworthy as an offering to the Almighty Holy Triune God. Anything less than sustained spirituality in an atmosphere of reverence will not satisfy soulhunger or send worshipers from the House of God refreshed and rededicated to high endeavor. Worship must be lifted above the levels of the secular and the commonplace. The Liturgy and Hymns of the Church must never look like the daily newspaper; the music of the Church must not sound like that of the concert hall. Worshipers must come to the altar of God with uplifted hearts and a sense of holy mystery and joy. Purity and nobility will exalt their souls and powerfully impress the world and show them the heavenly sacred realities." Luther Reed – *The Lutheran Liturgy p. 12-13*

Sermon: Jesus opened the Scriptures to them and filled their minds with the truth. He told them about the cross and Isaac's burden of wood in Genesis. He told them about His Supper and the flesh and blood of the Passover lamb in Exodus. He told them about His atonement for sin and the sacrifices in Leviticus. He told them about His death for the life of the world, like it was with Joseph. He told them how He was the real strong man, like Samson, who came to crash the gates of his enemy. He told them about dry bones and resurrection. And with each teaching, each story, each shadow revealed, their fears were taken away and their faith increased. The monsters of uncertainty and the ghosts of sin were taken away, and replaced with the Spirit and Word of God.