

FEED MY SHEEP



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The Third Sunday of Easter ☩ May 1, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

ELW Hymn 384

- 1 **That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 **O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 **O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**
- 4 **All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

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↑ GREETING

- ☐ 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.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.
By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☑ **Amen.**

READING: Acts 9:1-6

- ☒ Today's lesson is from Acts, the ninth chapter.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

- ☒ Word of God, word of life.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *The Strife Is O'er*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1-17**

Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter.

☪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Ⓟ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

READER 1: ³*Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."*

☪ **They said to him, "We will go with you."**

Ⓟ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

READER 2: ⁵*Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"*

☪ **They answered him, "No."**

READER 2: ⁶*He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."*

Ⓟ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

READER 1: ⁷*That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"*

Ⓟ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

READER 2: ¹⁰*Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."*

Ⓟ ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

READER 2: ¹²*Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."*

☪ **Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.**

Ⓟ ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

READER 2: ¹⁵*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"*

READER 1: *He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."*

READER 2: *Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."*

¹⁶*A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"*

READER 1: *He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."*

READER 2: *Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."*

¹⁷*He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"*

READER 1: *Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."*

READER 2: *Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."*

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED; Receiving New Members (11:00)**

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- C** 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 THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "God, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us
by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

OFFERING MUSIC: *The Imprint of God's Face**Sanctuary Choir; Carolyn Callison, flute*

- 1 O God, we bear the imprint of your face: the colors of our skin are your design,
And what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define,
Who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.
- 2 Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate because our race, our skin is not the same,
While we are judged unequal by the state and victims made because we own our name,
Humanity reduced to little worth, dishonored is your living face on earth.
- 3 O God, we share the image of the One whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin;
In Christ's humanity we find our own, and in his family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify, his love the language we must learn, or die.

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| P The Lord be with you. | C And also with you. |
| P Lift up your hearts. | C We lift them to the Lord. |
| P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

—ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic).

At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

HYMN during COMMUNION: *We Who Once Were Dead*

ELW Hymn 495

- 1** **We who once were dead now live, fully knowing
Jesus as our head. Life is overflowing when he breaks the bread.**
- 2** **We were lost in night, but you sought and found us.
Give us strength to fight; death is all around us. Jesus, be our light.**
- 3** **He became our bread; Jesus died to save us.
On him we are fed, eating what he gave us, rising from the dead.**
- 4** **Let us share the pain you endured in dying;
we shall then remain living; death defying, we shall rise again.**
- 5** **Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. ▶**

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**6 This is your design; in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.**

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↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- ☞ God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✚ bless you now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

ELW Hymn 383

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**
- 3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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