

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Vocals & Keyboard

P= Pastor **G** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: AIN'T NO GRAVE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: GOD SO LOVED

Verse

Come all you weary

Come all you thirsty

Come to the well that never runs dry

Drink of the water

Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners

Come find His mercy

Come to the table He will satisfy

Taste of His goodness

Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures

Bring your addictions

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated

Now it is well I'm walking in freedom

For God so loved God so loved the world



Bridge (2x)

Praise God praise God

From whom all blessings flow

Praise Him praise Him

For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

**For God so loved the world that He gave us His
one and only Son to save . . .**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us His
one and only Son to save us**

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated

Now it is well I'm walking in freedom

For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures

Bring your addictions

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 3:15-21

L Today's lesson is from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, the 3rd chapter.

May God strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. ▶

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

📖 The Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

🙏 **“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”**

📖 ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied,

🙏 **“The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,**

📖 ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ▶

📖 ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying,

🙏 **“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”**

📖 So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other,

🙏 **“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”**

📖 ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying,

🙏 **“The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”**

📖 ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastors Fritz & Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: MIGHTY CROSS**

Verse 1

**On the day that death surrendered
To the mighty cross of Jesus Christ
The earth would shake beneath the weight
Of darkened skies**

Verse 2

**On His brow a crown of sorrow
For a king whose weakness was our strength
No word He spoke His love was shown
For all to see**

Chorus

**O the cross of Jesus Christ
Is the reason I'm alive
For His blood has set me free
It will never lose its power for me**

Verse 3

**Now the dawn of resurrection
Floods the night as hope prevails to shine
Salvation wakes our chains to break
And we arise**



Chorus

**O the cross of Jesus Christ
Is the reason I'm alive
For His blood has set me free
It will never lose its power for me**

Bridge (2x)

**Hallelujah hallelujah
Christ my victory
Hallelujah hallelujah
It is won for me**

Verse 4

**On the day He comes in glory
To reveal the fullness of His reign
All hearts will bow before the sound
Of Jesus' name**

Chorus (2x)

**O the cross of Jesus Christ
Is the reason I'm alive
For His blood has set me free
It will never lose its power for me**

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WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS**OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
 **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 "Hear us, O God,"
please respond, "**your mercy is great.**"
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

OFFERING

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**OFFERING SONG: BLESSINGS****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
 And also 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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH
or at home with your household**

*Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.
You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into
the chalice containing wine or white grape juice.
Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.
(including Gluten-free versions)*

COMMUNION SONG: BLESSINGS**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BEDICTION**

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
 Amen.

SENDING SONG: MY REDEEMER LIVES*Verse*

**I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe**

**My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe**

Pre-Chorus

**I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave**

Chorus

**My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

Verse

**I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe**

Pre-Chorus

**I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave**

Chorus (2x)

**My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

Bridge

**You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come**

Chorus (4x)

**My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

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DISMISSAL

📖 Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.