

The Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Worship Service

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oberlin, Ohio

April 23, 2023

Prelude:

Welcome:

Opening Hymn:

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

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1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!
2. Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking the bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain:**
3. Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain:**
4. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain:**
5. City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain:**

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son+ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for personal self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **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.

Psalm:

Psalm 8

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C: **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

P: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes,

C: **To still the enemy and the avenger.**

P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: **The moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

C: **And the son of man that You care for him?**

P: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: **And crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

C: **You have put all things under his feet,**

P: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C: **The birds of the heavens, and all the fish of the sea.**

P: O LORD, our Lord,

C: **How majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Kyrie: (sung)

P: In peace let us prayer to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (sung)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[Refrain]

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His.

[Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **[Refrain]**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **[Final Refrain]**

Salutation and Collect:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. [The Collect of the Day is prayed.]

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:...

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"³⁸ And Peter said to them, "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. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to

himself."⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

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 under His feet.

Epistle Reading:

1 Peter 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." [Leviticus 11:44] ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." [Isaiah 40:6, 8]

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse:

(stand and sing)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But 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 happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed:

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence 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.**

Children's Message:

Hymn of the Day:

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

(LSB # 646, st. 1-3)

1. Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness, Into his most marv'lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.
3. Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.

Sermon:

"IMPACT"

Offertory:

“The Doxology”

(LSB # 892)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering:

*(Our tithes and offerings are brought forward from the Narthex
and placed before the LORD on His altar.)*

Prayer of the Church:

(Each petition of the prayers concludes with the response:)

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Preface:

(sung)

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 Him thanks and praise.**
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...
...Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus:

(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P: Almighty God, You have said that whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup...
P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Words of Institution:

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

Pax Domini:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei:

(sung)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

First Communion Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

(LSB # 475)

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Second Communion Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(LSB # 528)

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
6. See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
7. To God all glory, praise and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Third Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(LSB # 686)

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

Post-Communion Canticle: *(sung)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect:

P: Let us pray....
...one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give+ you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Glory Be to God the Father” (LSB # 506)

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
2. Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain:
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
3. Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings:
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Postlude: + + +

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Order of Worship: Divine Service Setting 1 from LSB (CPH, 2006) p. 151-166



*“You shall be holy,
for I am holy.”*

1 Peter 1:16