

# 3rd Sunday of Easter



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson  
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## Announcements

Prelude: *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* #843

Vs 1: Praise the One who breaks the darkness, With a liberating light, Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight, Praise the One who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands, With the very bread of peace

Vs 2: Praise the One who blessed the children, With a strong yet gentle word, Praise the One who drove  
out demons, With a piercing two-edged sword, Praise the One who brings cool water,  
To the desert's burning sand, From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Vs 3: Praise the One true love incarnate, Christ who suffered in our place, Jesus died and rose for many,  
That we may know God by grace, Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done,  
Praise the One redeeming glory, Praise the One who makes us one.

## The Easter Litany:

P: Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light  
and our salvation. C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness: P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have  
not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your  
Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life  
given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you  
have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.  
Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous  
light of Christ. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!"* #377

Vs 1: Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Vs 2: Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us  
glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen & we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Vs 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. Jesus is risen & we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Vs 4: Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, & Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O grave, be  
open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Jesus is risen & we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Vs 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! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your  
words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading: Acts 3:11-21** *read by Cole Jenson* <sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>" And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup> so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

**Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah" 2X** (*Stand as you are able*)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**Gospel Reading:** (*please stand as you are able*) **Luke 24:36-49** <sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

## Children's Sermon

**Sermon** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day: "Day of Arising" #374**

**Vs. 1: Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion, walks with His own.**

**When they invite Him, as fades the first day and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**Vs. 2: When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart**

**Yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting, our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**Vs. 3: Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise. This is Christ's sign.**

**When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

**Vs. 4: Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.**

**Grant us Your vision, set all hearts burning, that all creation, with You may rise.**

**Apostles' Creed: 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers: (call and response)

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.* Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your loving kindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness especially; Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Keith Carlson, Karl Thomforde, & Jordis Howard and her family. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God we thank you for new members joining our faith community this past year. Thank you for the gifts and witness of Gerald Meyer, Robby, Jacki, Drew and Jorli Ebner, Jill Ramboldt, Haylee & Colton Hall, Brett Dankers, and Brittany Sanborn. Unite us as one body of Christ to be your hands and feet in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

**Offering & Doxology:** Oh, Worship the King, all glorious above; Almighty, God's son in power and love.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; Our maker, defender, redeemer & friend.

**Offertory Prayer:** P: Let us pray. C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you** L: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.** L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

### Salutation

*Holy, Holy, Holy!* #413 Vs. 1-2

Vs 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Vs 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

### 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever & ever. **Amen.**

**Lamb of God: "I Received the Living God"** #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.  
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Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

**Communion Prayer:** P: Let us pray.

C: **Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *"This Joyful Eastertide"* #391

**Vs 1:** This joyful Eastertide, away with sin & sorrow! My love, the crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

**Refrain:** Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.  
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

**Vs 2:** My flesh in hope shall rest & for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead  
in number. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul  
deliver. [Refrain]

**Dismissal:** L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *"Go Tell It On a Mountain"* Refrain 2X

**Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ still lives!**

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