



The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude and Air

Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love’s re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav’ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun’s e - clipse is o’er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 30

(8:45) The choir introduces the refrain. Please sing the second time. Sing the refrain once where indicated by an R.

You have turned my wail - ing in - to dan - cing; you have
put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance. **R**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.” **R**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. **R**

(11:15)

The organ will introduce the refrain. Please repeat it. Please sing all the verses of the psalm. Subsequent refrains are sung only once where indicated by **R**.

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danc - ing, in - to danc - ing.

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SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(8:45)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(11:15)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

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. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 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.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 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. 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. But 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.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So 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. 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" 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." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

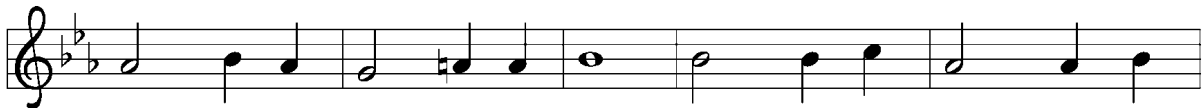
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HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 854

Blessing and honor



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

Thy Perfect Love

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee all things best,
And wounde my heart in they love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

Text: 15th cent.

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

HYMN (11:15)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

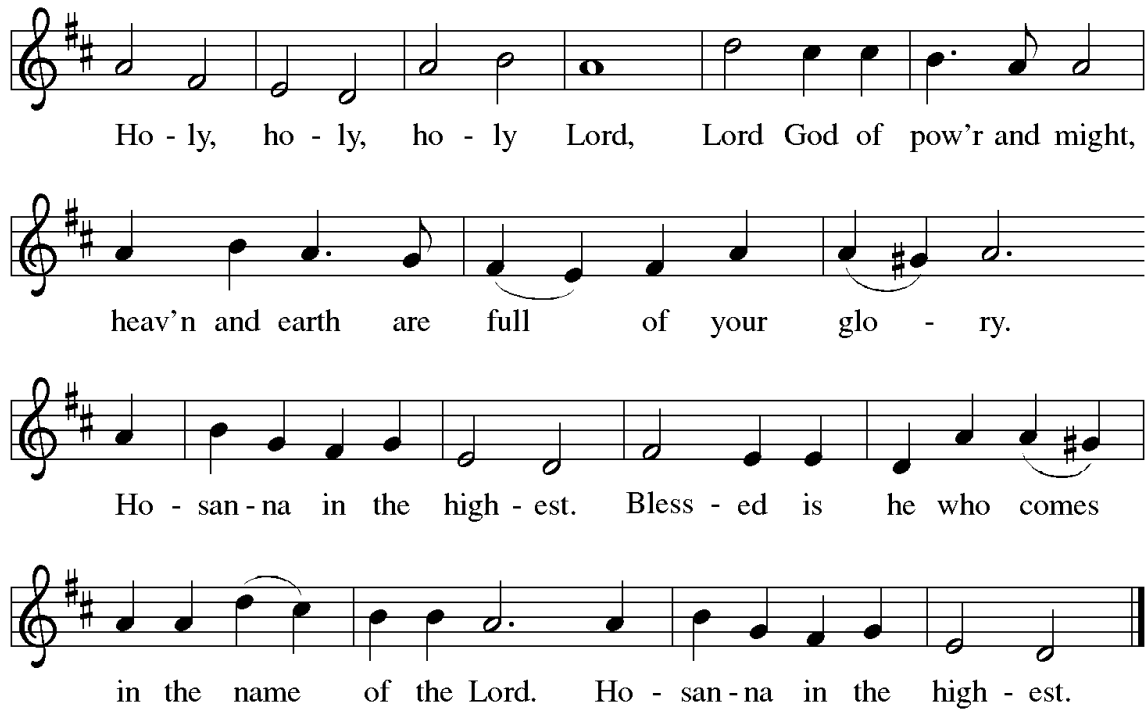
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 474

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 391

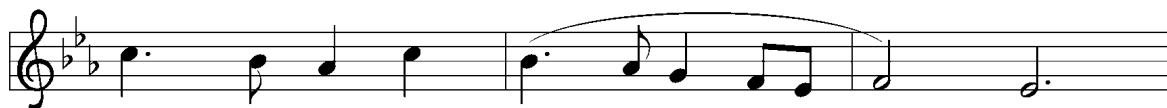
This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

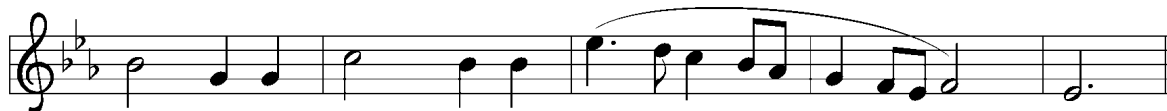
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Robert Cundick

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER (11:15)

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READER

8:45 a.m. Carley Allen-Myers

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, May 1—Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * Holy Communion
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

MONDAY, May 2

8:00 AM CDS Classes
5:30 PM Stewardship Team Zoom
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL Class
7:00 PM Congregation Council Zoom

TUESDAY, May 3

8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:00 PM Reformation Bells
7:00 PM ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, May 4

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women In Community
1:30 PM Zoom Program Staff Meeting
4:00 PM En Camino
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
7:00 PM ESL Class
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, May 5

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM CARing Project
5:00 PM VBS Volunteers' Meeting
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer
8:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Faith Formation

FRIDAY, May 6

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, May 7

9:30 AM AA

SUNDAY, May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Online

*NB: Worship Services are in person and
livestreamed
* in person only*

Upcoming Commemorations

Philip and James, Apostles

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Monday, May 2, 2022

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

Saint Luke Update 5/1/2022 Edition

CHRIST IS RISEN!

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON. Yes, Easter is not just one day but a week of weeks, that is 7 weeks. The risen Christ appears to us in many ways—let us keep watch. How wonderful to have this hope in our midst.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Yesterday, April 30, we turned 35! On April 30, 1987, the ELCA constitution was adopted during the opening session of the Constituting Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

DID YOU MISS ANY OF THE HOLY WEEK OR EASTER SERVICES? You can still watch at www.saintlukeonline.us Simply scroll down and you will see all the services and bulletins.

IT IS TIME TO WRAP UP THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN. HAVE YOU COMPLETED a 2022 Faith Commitment Card? Each worshipper is asked to prayerfully complete a Commitment Card. Thank you so much. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and click *Giving*.

WELCA IS SPONSORING THE ANNUAL BABY CARE KIT collection for Lutheran World Relief. From May 1-31, you are invited to bring donations to church or contribute financially. A list of needed items is located on the credenzas in the narthex. Also, to contribute financially, you may do this electronically on the Saint Luke website or also checks are most welcome. Thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK—IN PERSON! Register today and thank you for sharing this information on neighborhood listservs. **FOOD TRUCK VBS-ON A ROLL WITH GOD** is the theme of Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will take place **in person** at Saint Luke June 27-July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Children who were 4 by 9/1/2021 through current 5th graders are eligible to attend. The children will play games, hear Bible stories, make crafts, participate in service projects, work with various science experiments, and more! Registration is available online at www.slvbs.us. Questions should be directed to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER serving as a reader on Sunday morning? If you might be able to do so, please email stluke@saintluke.us and note which service, the 8:45 or 11:15 a.m. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 5 Annual Meeting (hybrid)
June 12 Affirmation of Baptism (11:15 a.m.)

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!
ALLELUIA!

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Wesley's original hymn had eleven stanzas. ELW uses 1-4, 10, and 11. The themes of Easter are struck: joy in heaven and earth, love's work finished, the battle won, the bursting of hell's gates, and the sting of death removed. The text was paired with a French tune usually associated with a mystery play about the donkey that took Mary to Bethlehem and Mary and Jesus to Egypt, celebrated on the Feast of the Circumcision, January 1. - ELW Hymnal Companion

Blessing and Honor

Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Bonar, a dedicated and successful minister in the Church of Scotland, wrote voluminously—nearly one book a year—including some 600 hymns. By piling up words (blessing-honor-glory-power; the kingdom, the crown, and the throne; the robe and the harp and the psalm) he imitates successfully a poetic device used by Isaac Watts. Its ringing praise echoes the high flown language of many passages from Revelation.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Bread of Life from Heaven

Susan Briehl, b. 1952

Briehl and Haugen had created a set of bilingual Eucharistic acclamations utilizing what Haugen calls “the utmost archetypal melody” of the ARGENTINE SANTO. “When the acclamations were first introduced for a gathering of Lutheran bishops’ assistants in San Antonio, Texas, in 2001, [they] thought about adding a communion hymn.” Briehl saw the “rich possibility” of John 6 and created the five stanzas given here.—ELW Hymnal Companion

This Joyful Eastertide

George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934

The author, a gifted translator of Latin, Greek and German hymns, edited a number of collections of carols including folk tunes from many world sources. The Dutch tune VRUECHTEN was a popular 17th century Dutch song, and for it Woodward provided his original words which have become increasingly popular. Fred Pratt Green, retired British Methodist minister, has also provided a different text for the tune, but beginning with the same first line.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude & Postlude: Prelude, Air, Recessional—Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

Robert Cundick is perhaps best known for his 26 years as Mormon Tabernacle organist on Temple Square. A prolific composer in choral, orchestral, and chamber genres, his recent compositions include *To Utah*, for chorus and orchestra, and the *Double Concerto* for Piano, Cello, and Orchestra in D Minor. Dr. Cundick studied with composer Leroy Robertson and in 1953 received his PhD and began teaching at the University of Utah. He later taught at Brigham Young University for 24 years. As Tabernacle organist emeritus, he now devotes uninterrupted time to composing.—byumusicgroup.byu.edu

The *Prelude, Air, Recessional* was commissioned for a publishing series *Music for a Sunday Morning* from Concordia Publishing House started by Dr. Paul Bunjes who taught at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. The aim of the series was to provide musical essays under the concept of a three-movement form that would be suitable for a prelude, voluntary, and postlude.

Choral Anthem: Thy Perfect Love—John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sunday, June 2 — London-born John Rutter (b. 1945) has written a large body of sacred music: anthems, carols, a Requiem and other choral works, as well as orchestral and other secular music. He has also made significant contributions as an arranger and editor. Rutter studied at Cambridge and stayed on to found The Cambridge Singers in 1981. He still conducts this ensemble, which records on its own label, Collegium. For his services to music, Rutter was awarded a Lambeth Doctorate of Music by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1996, and a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's New Year Honours List in 2007.

Some “hoity-toity musical gurus” and avant-garde composers have not considered Rutter to be a serious composer, because his music is too tuneful; but how many people listen to the music of Pierre Boulez? Rutter's anthem, *Thy Perfect Love*, is set to a text which dates from the 15th century.