

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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Observing the Third Sunday of Easter

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Hail, O Once Despised Jesus”

LSB 531

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P: All your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You! One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

KYRIE (p.186)

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (p.187-189)

**Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and 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." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG (Sunday only)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You (2x)**

**To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy I want to see you
(Repeat)**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You**

EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG (Sunday only)

“You Never Let Go”

**(1) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear**

**And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

*Refrain - And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me*

**(2) And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles**

**But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth**

(see refrain above) **And I will fear no evil ...**

**(3) Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You**

**Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me
(Repeat)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 21:1–19

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon 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 as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus 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, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When 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." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved 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. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' 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!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink”
From The Lutheran Hymnal 1941, Hymn 396

**O for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe.**

**That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain, Can lean upon its God;**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without:
But when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;**

**That bears, unmoved, the world’s dread frown, Nor heeds the scornful smile;
That sin’s wild ocean cannot drown, Nor Satan’s arts beguile;**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life’s last spark is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed:**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this; And then, what e’er may come,
We’ll taste, e’en now, the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.**

SERMON: “Worthy Is The Lamb Who Was Slain”
It’s All About Jesus (and Always Will Be)

THE OFFERTORY (Saturday only)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me,
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

CHOIR (Sunday only) “God Is So Good” - Lee/Wagner

*God is so good to me. God answers prayer, God is good to me.
My God is good and ever blesses me. The wonders of creation show God's greatness.
God loves and cares for me and lights the path I tread, and by God's light will I be led.
Throughout my life God's love I'll sing, God is so good to me.*

ADULT CONFIRMATION (Saturday) Michael Brent Sanford

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (p.195)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
That cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 his 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

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 711
LSB 733

NUNC DIMITTIS (p.199)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

**For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

C: Amen, amen, amen!

RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED (Sunday only) for Pastor Glenn Meyer, Intentional Interim Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from late October, 2020 through May 1, 2022.

CLOSING HYMN

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

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