



You killed the Author of life,  
whom God raised  
from the dead

Acts 3:15

# *Faith Lutheran Church*

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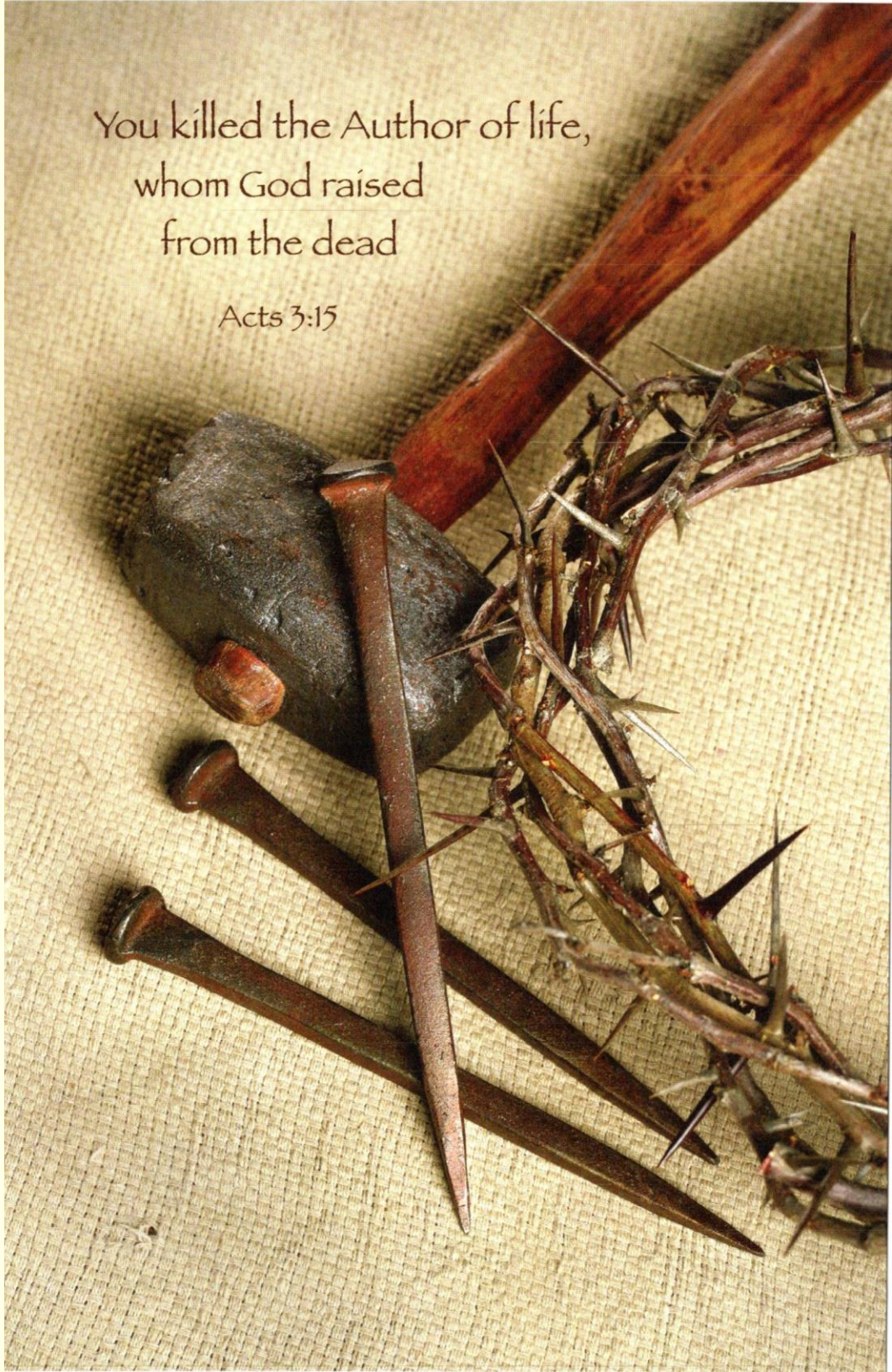
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## THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.*

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 14, 2024*

**Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of baptized believers gathered together by Christ around His life-giving word and sacraments, who are sent out into the world as witnesses to Christ as they serve their neighbors in love within their individual, God-given vocations.**

**Prayer upon Entering Church:** Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* †

**Guests:** We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

**Holy Communion:** The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you use the individual cup, the pastor will direct you to drink with the words of Jesus. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

**Parish Nurse:** Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or [cat121551@gmail.com](mailto:cat121551@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayer of the Church, you may fill out a prayer card from the table by the offering plate and give it to the pastor or an usher. You may also speak to the pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

**The Rite of Friendship:** There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. Before worship, please record your first and last name and, if you are a guest, please include your mailing address. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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# The Third Sunday of Easter

## Prelude

### Hymn of Invocation: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*At each ✠, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of one's Baptism. At each ❖, one may bow in reverence.*

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

- 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.**

*Since we all stand individually before our God, asking for His mercy in Jesus Christ, we take this time of silence to examine ourselves and our sin in light of His Word.*

## Confession of Sins

- 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 deserved 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.**



## Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

**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

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*



In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the  
pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a |  
lifetime.\***

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the |  
morning.**

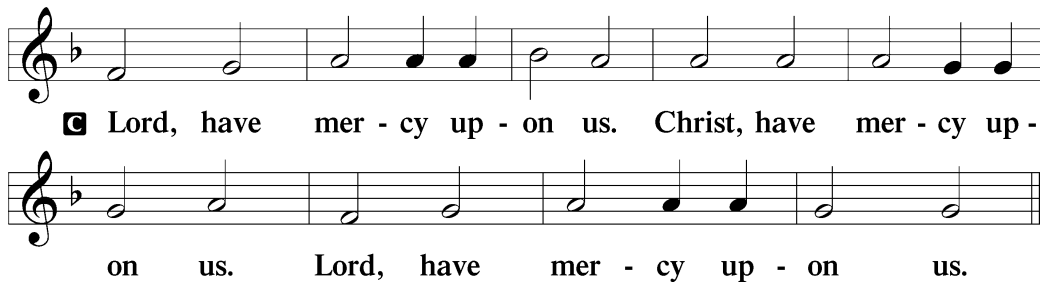
**❖ *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

# Kyrie

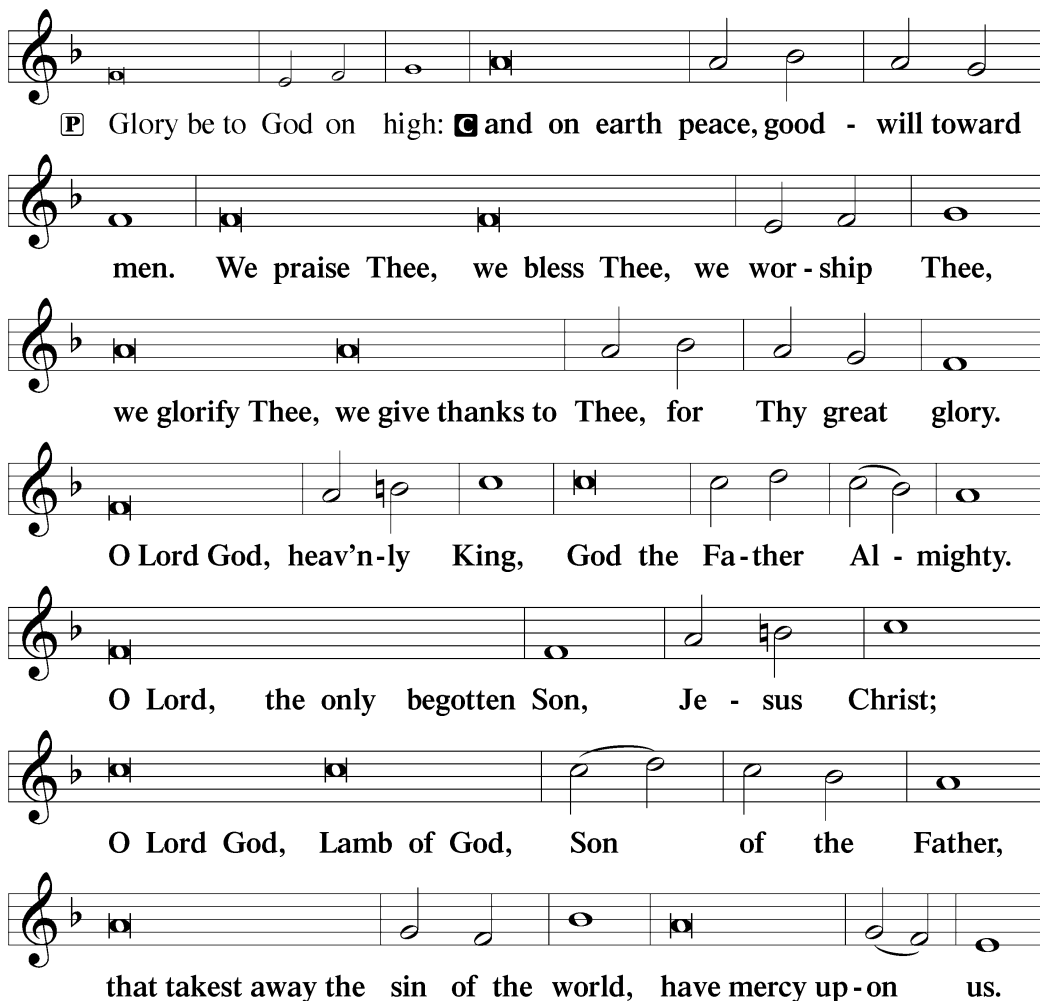
Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

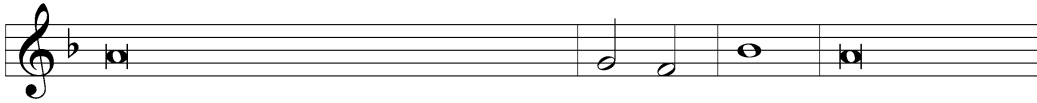
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



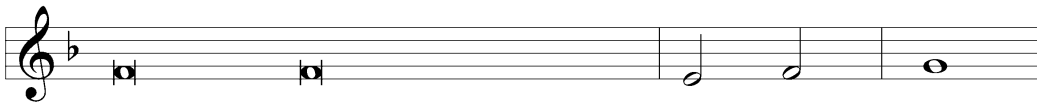
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21*

### *Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

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 un- | der his feet.**

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–7*

### *from Children of God*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:36–49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

### *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord ❖ *Jesus Christ*,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man*;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is ❖ *worshiped* and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: **With High Delight Let Us Unite**

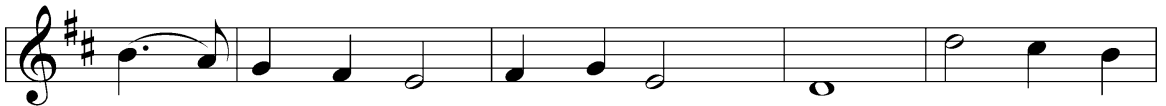
LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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**Sermon**

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary .... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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

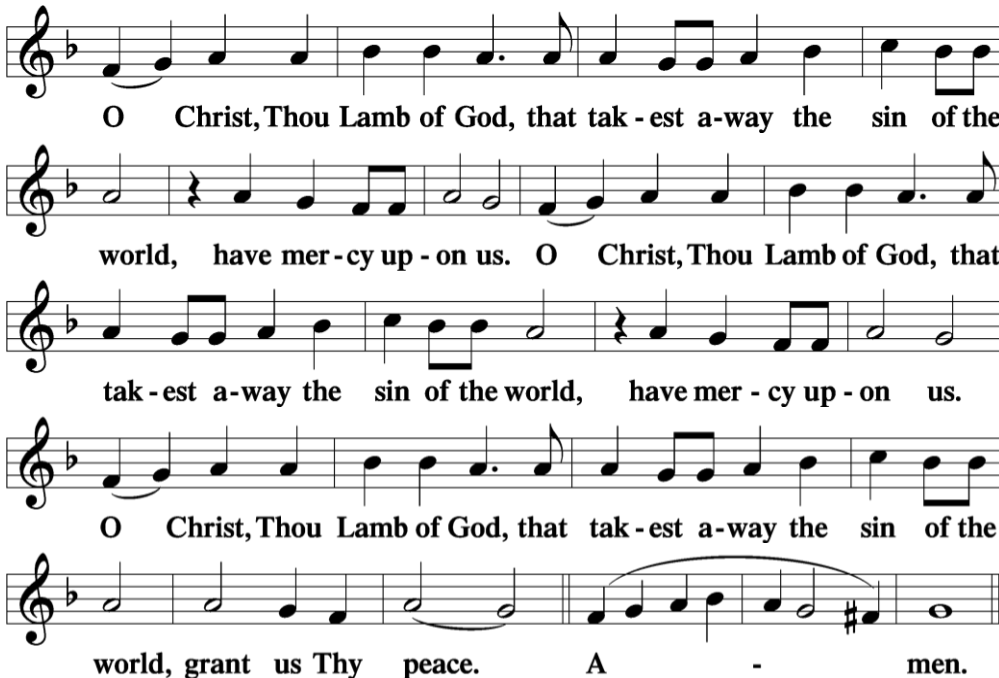
*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



*Sit*

## **Distribution**

**Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

**Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Distribution Hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>5 Mighty Victim from the sky,<br/>             Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;<br/>             You have conquered in the fight,<br/>             You have brought us life and light.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> <p>6 Now no more can death appall,<br/>             Now no more the grave enthrall;<br/>             You have opened paradise,<br/>             And Your saints in You shall rise.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!<br/>             This alone can sin destroy;<br/>             From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,<br/>             Newborn souls in You to be.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> <p>△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,<br/>             Savior, by whose death we live,<br/>             Spirit, guide through all our days:<br/>             Three in One, Your name we praise.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> |
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# Distribution Hymn: *Father Welcomes*

LSB 605

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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# Distribution Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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# Distribution Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Stand

# Nunc Dimittis

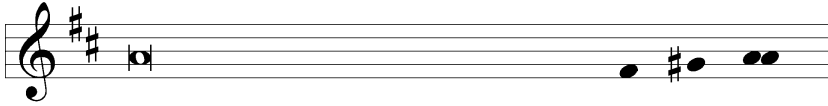
Luke 2:29-32

**C** 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.

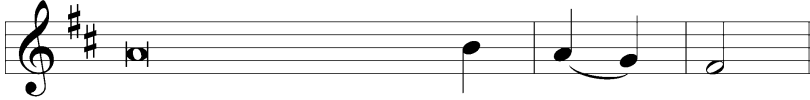


## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# Hymn to Depart: "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard  
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,  
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,  
 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part  
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;  
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,  
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;  
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,  
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;  
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,  
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,  
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?  
 And make a world for Christ my goal.  
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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## Announcements

**P** Go in the peace of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Jesus said to them,  
“Thus it is written,  
that the Christ should suffer  
and on the third day  
**rise from the dead,**  
and that repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins  
should be proclaimed in his name  
**to all nations,**  
beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.”*

*Luke 24:46-48*

## Announcements

**Voters Meeting:** The Voters meeting will be April 21 at noon after the Adult Bible Study. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Ingathering:** LWML is having an Ingathering for the Spring Joy Shop on April 20. Please join us in contributing as a congregation to serve the needs of the Grand Coulee Food Bank. Items needed: Canned goods, boxed foods, packaged foods. Nonperishable: Tissue paper. Monetary donations: Cash or Check (written out to Grand Coulee Food Bank). There is a box for donations under the church mailboxes. Thank you for your caring and giving in the love of Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Richmond at 509 393-3227 or [tgsrichmond18@gmail.com](mailto:tgsrichmond18@gmail.com).

**Benefit Concert:** Join us for a heartfelt afternoon of music, interspersed with testimonials and inspirational messages as we raise funds to help local Ukraine refugees in need of support. Spring Ukraine Refugee Benefit Concert, Sunday, April 21 at 2:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Wenatchee. This concert is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Baby Grand Piano:** Are you interested in a Yamaha baby grand piano? If you are, please contact Marilyn Thomas at [marilyn72thomas@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn72thomas@gmail.com), as she has one to donate.

**Lutherans for Life:** With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

**It is the particular work of the church. Missionary Spotlight!** Missionaries Rev. Carlos and Deaconess Danelle (Putnam) Schumann are serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Please pray that the Lord would guide them as they work to support Pastors and form women for diaconal service, so that they may faithfully proclaim God’s Word and Christ’s mercy to the lost and broken hearted. May we also remember to pray for the group home, and the wonderful youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live there. *Pray for God’s protection, and that He would sustain them daily.* To support this ministry, visit: [lcms.org/putnam](https://lcms.org/putnam) or [missioncentral.us/putnam/](https://missioncentral.us/putnam/)  
*\*Find more information on our Missionaries in the library!*

**Missionary Spotlight!** Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver, Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. As a church planter and theological educator, Rev Ross works with mission churches in the area, and mentors future pastors in practice and theology, assisting in congregational leadership in conjunction with Concordia the Reformer Seminary. Kris Shaver has held several jobs in education and holds a bachelor’s degree from Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA. *Pray for comfort, strength, and guidance as they transition to a new location, language, and culture.* Learn more about Dr Ross and Kris Shaver at [lcms.org/Shaver](https://lcms.org/Shaver).

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# Prayers

**Prayers for Missionaries:** Rachel Krause, Deaconess Kim Bueltmann and Pastor Hugo Gevers, working with Middle Eastern refugees in Germany; Pastor James May with Lutherans in Africa

**Prayers for our Synod's Leaders:** Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linnemann

**Prayers for our Nation:** Our President, Congress, Governor, and Legislators

**Prayers for our World:** Locations of conflict and wars

**Prayers for our Military:** Caleb Barger, Levi Barger, Captain Robert Haight

**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Matt Bruggman, Flo Brunner, Laura Cornwall, Liz Eberle and Melinda Lowery, Becky Fischer, David Kerby, Maxine Melcher, Barbara Miller, Joan Olson, Neel Riyali, Diana Snell, Karter Spurgeon, Don Woodworth

**Prayers for Expectant Mothers:** Alice (Loebsack) Brecht, Nicole (Stone) Bernal, Carissa Stone

**Prayers for Shut-Ins:** Mim Schwich

**Prayers for Students:** Faith Lutheran Preschool staff and preschool children

**General Prayers:** For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times

<b>Sunday 14 The Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am
<b>Preschool Schedule</b>	Pre-K: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday	8:30 am-11:30 am 9:00 am-11:30 am
<b>Monday 15</b>		
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	Matins	8:30 am
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	Matins Midweek Bible Study	8:30 am 2:00 pm
<b>Thursday 18</b>	Matins Tabitha Circle Thursday Prayer	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am
<b>Friday 19</b>	Men's Bible Study Ladies' Bible Study	7:30 am 9:00 am
<b>Saturday 20</b>		
<b>Sunday 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study <b>Voters Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am <b>12:00 pm</b>

**Readings for Sunday, April 21:** Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18

	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Organist</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
<b>Today</b>	Byron Lee	Susan Rumble	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Gary Fischer	Susan Rumble	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Nikki Johnson, Char Lauer		
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Heidi Tangren</i>		
<i>Offerings</i> <i>Last Week:</i> \$3,400	<i>Attendance</i> <i>Last Week:</i> 69	<i>Average</i> <i>Attendance</i> <i>Last Month:</i>	72



### About the Cover

The world tried to write an end to the Author of life with the implements of death. But a hammer, nails, and a crown of thorns have been used by God in His greater plan to bring us salvation. Christ has been raised from the dead to never die again (see Romans 6:9). Death cannot be the end of the Author of life. Because we are in Him, our end is only life.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted 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 his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### Epistle: 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as

he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, 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 before them.

<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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."