

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018
8:00 a.m. Communion Service*

*See what kind of
love the Father
has given to us,
that we should be
called children of
God.*

1 John 3:1

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bells

Hymn - LSB # 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Welcome and Sharing of God's Peace

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

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

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

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

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

KYRIE *(sung to the hymn "Amazing Grace" LSB #744)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Have mercy, Christ, our King.

Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;

Accept the prayers we bring.

P: We now join in song to praise our God and His great Glory!

Hymn of Praise *(tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels" LSB #380)*

**"Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth; Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify; Worship You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heavn'ly King; To Your name alone we sing:
Praise the glory of Your name; Now and evermore the same!**

**Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Sole-begotten, Holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high; Born true man for us to die,
Lamb of God, you take away; This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit, you alone; Are most high, O God the Son,
And the Father, God above. Praise we now Your glorious love.**

Collect of the Day

P: 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

First Lesson – Acts 3:11-21 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹² 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? ¹³ "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. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ 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.

Second Lesson – 1 John 3:1-7 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. ² 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. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:36-49 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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."

Hymn - LSB # 744 "Amazing Grace!"

Sermon

Creed (*sung to LSB #802*)

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r;
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man we learn all He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.**

With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Admonition to Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and His own words administer and receive the Testament.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sanctus *(sung to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

Distribution Hymns

LSB #930 vs. 1-6 "All You Works of God"
LSB #481 "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"
LSB #680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"
LSB #550 "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei *(sung to LSB #702)*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away --
Our Faith increase. Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall; Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His steadfast love lasts forever.

C: My soul gives thanks to the Lord; All my being, bless His Holy Name. My soul gives thanks to the Lord, and never forgets all His blessings.

P: It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals all your ills, and who redeems your lives from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your lives with good things, and renews your youth like an eagle's.

C: Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. My soul, give thanks to the

Lord! Give Praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, to the Spirit Who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.

P: Go and serve the Lord. You are free.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn - LSB # 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Announcements and Postlude

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.