

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Theme of Today's Readings: The preaching of repentance and forgiveness of sins purifies us.

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O Lord, as I come to worship you in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that you would open my heart to the preaching of your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

LSB 483 (Not in TLH)



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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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

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 our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

The First Reading, Acts 3:11-21 (NIV)

While the man [whom they had healed] held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the Author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the LORD, and that He may send the Messiah, Who has been appointed for you – even Jesus. Heaven must receive Him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.

Epistle Reading, 1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will

be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.

Choir Anthem, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Gospel Reading, Luke 24:36-49 (NIV)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

While [the disciples] were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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.

Sermon Hymn

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

LSB 464 (Does not match TLH 210)

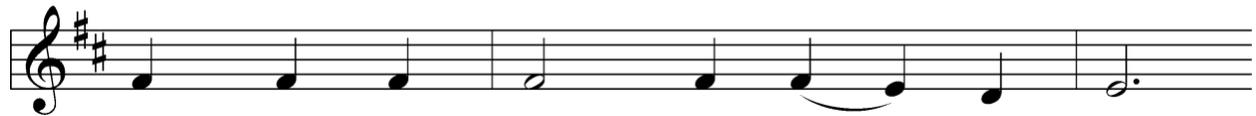
[The Refrain is sung before the first verse and after the last verse]



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



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
The bars from heav’n’s high por - tals fell.
From death’s dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

“Dealing With Discouragement”

Pastor Kevin Froelich

Prayers of the Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Those Serving Today:

April Altar Guild: Jean Anderson and Darcy Tatham

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Communion Assistant: Steve McConley

Counters for today: Lynn Oolman

Lector: Tim Phelon

Organist: Julie Wright

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Preaching today: Rev. Kevin Froelich

Recorder: James Blomberg

Ushers: Ed Copeland & Kim Blomberg

Bulletin Notes

- The Deacons decided to continue printing out the hymns in the bulletin. We can make them larger and easier to read than in the hymnal. When the two hymnals [Lutheran Service Book (LSB) and The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)] match we will include both numbers for those who prefer to use the hymnal – especially for those who like to sing parts.
- The computer program for LSB only prints the melody line. The program is called Lutheran Service Builder.
- We are running 5 copies of the Children's Bulletin again, they are available in the back of the church.
- Also beginning today, we will make 5 large print copies of the bulletin available. If there is a demand, we will print more in the future.

LWML Mites

The Mite offering was received last Sunday. We collected \$57.40. The next collection will be June 6.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to James Scanlon (4/18), Kate McConley (4/26), Matt McConley (4/26), and Sally Gorski (4/27).

Spring Plant Sale

Order by April 20th. Pick-up will be mid-May. Checks should be made out to Holy Cross Youth and are not necessary until the pick-up date. The order form is available on the table at the back of the church. It was also sent out by email and a link. Any questions? Ask Darcy Tatham by email: darcyjst@yahoo.com or call her home # 651-552-1625.

Prayer Request

Prayers are requested for Pastor Don and Mary, but especially for Mary's mother. Mary's mother (age 93) has fallen several times recently and has a broken arm and brain bleeds. Pastor Don and Mary have gone to Iowa to help.

Communion

The next Communion service is next Sunday, April 25th. If you are unable to be present and would like a "take home" communion a tray is available on the table in the back of the church. The sets with grape juice do not require refrigeration. The sets with the wine do need refrigeration. They can be picked up from the office during office hours.

New Directory

A new membership directory has been printed and is available in the back of the sanctuary. Please report any corrections to the office.

Office Information

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10-3

Phone: 612-722-1083; Email: admin@holycrossmpls.org

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE

- Holy Cross: Go to the church website (holycrossmpls.org) and listen to our recorded service.
- Mainstreetliving.com/twincities
- Go to "The Lutheran Hour" at any time.

RADIO

- "The Lutheran Hour" is broadcast on WCCO 830AM radio on Sunday mornings at 6:05a.m.
- "The Lutheran Hour" is broadcast on Sirius XM, Family Talk Channel 131 on Sunday Mornings at 9a.m.

CELL PHONE

- Download "The Lutheran Hour" app on your cell phone.

TELEVISION

Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30-minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week.

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