

# Third Sunday of Easter

*Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church*

April 18, 2021

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Welcome and Announcements

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins,  
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us  
and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn – I Know that My Redeemer Lives! – LBW 352**

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

### **The Apostolic Greeting**

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.**

### **Kyrie**

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

### **Hymn of Praise**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **Prayer of the Day**

Holy and righteous God; you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Scripture Readings and Psalm**

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
**you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**  
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
**how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**  
Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
**the LORD will hear me when I call.**  
Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**  
Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
**and put your trust in the LORD.**  
Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**  
You have put gladness in my heart,  
**more than when grain and wine abound.**  
In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

1 John 3:1-7

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia! – LBW 128**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! All the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciles, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

*Each petition ends:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.** *Give each other a sign of peace.*

### **Offering**

*Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.*

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord grant you his favor and give you his peace.  
**Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing – LBW 363**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross, stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. In death his love shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now And conquer ev'ry place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior with the Father reigns.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—He rules the world his Father made,  
Till, in the end, his love adored Shall be to all on earth displayed.

### **Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Bulletin Announcements**

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021

Our Saturday evening worship has returned but at a new time--beginning at 7:00 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. as in the past. This service will be masks optional and social distancing. Our Sunday morning worship service, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will continue to be mask mandatory along with social distancing. The

Sunday morning service will be live streamed on Facebook and broadcast on KJEP 98.3 FM on your radio. Please watch for updates and changes to schedules, etc. in the days ahead.

### **This week at Emanuel-St. John**

Sunday, April 18      9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 19      7:30 a.m. Men's Group

Tuesday, April 20      Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, April 22      8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

Saturday, April 24      7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 25      9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

#### **Members celebrating their birthday this week:**

April 19 Ryne Cerra  
April 21 Melissa Barnett, Jack Bartels, Ruth Bartels  
April 22 April Diersen  
April 24 Justine Nelson, Alicia Segebarth

**Prayer concerns:** Our sympathy to family and friends of Randy Hedin, brother of Dennis Hedin, who died unexpectedly Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>...Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Abe Clark, Marlin Dettman, Lorene Hinrichs, Chad Kruckenberg, Janet Everts Noth, Pat Peyton, Debbie Otto and Gracia Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: John Everts, Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis...We pray for all affected by COVID-19 locally and throughout the world...We pray for God's protection for Kurt and Teresa Van Hulzen as they continue their mission work in Nicaragua with Bethel Medical Dental Mission International...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Allen Jensen.

Community Vacation Bible School is June 21-25 at Emanuel-St. John. VBS Days will run from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM with meals and snacks provided. Preschool through kindergartners will go from 9:00 AM -12:00 noon. All kids that are preschool (3-4 years old) through those entering 6th grade are welcome to come. Anyone who is entering 7th grade through adulthood are welcome and strongly encouraged to come as volunteer helpers! This year's theme is "Brand New Auto Shop." Guaranteed to have a "wheelie" good time as you "roll" through the day. So "start your engines" and mark your calendars to come and experience a brand new life through Jesus!!

We're handling Youth Bible Camp differently this year. We're asking families to get signed up themselves (there are registration forms in the entryway) and then get that information to the church. Once we know who is going and the cost, we will fundraise for it. We love lots of kids going to camp!

Pastor Ben is brainstorming and starting to organize Church Night on Wednesdays. Adults, kids of all ages, mini-worship, fun videos, small groups, projects, skits, etc... What it will be depends on you, but the vision is geared towards families across the generations. I'd love to hear from you with your ideas and/or how you're willing to make this something special.

We will be having a new member Sunday this Spring. Please contact Pastor Ben if you are interested. Email: [ben.worley.rev@wisynod.org](mailto:ben.worley.rev@wisynod.org) Phone: (712) 541-4785

Opportunity Living will have an April Showers Bring Spring Flowers event Friday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at Circle Drive at Opportunity Living, 1890 East Main Street, Lake City. Come pick a wooden hand painted flower for your yard for a minimum donation of \$25 or Make a client's day by purchasing a kit for clients which includes a blank flower and painting supplies for the client to paint and keep

for their house. Minimum donation for a clients kit is \$35.

**ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:**

18 Lift up prayers of gratitude to God for the presence of the Spirit in our lives, which deepens our faith and trust in Jesus as the promised Messiah, helps us understand Scripture and moves us to respond to God's call that we bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

19 Give thanks for volunteers of all ages and gifts who serve in congregations, including teachers, assisting ministers, child care providers, committee members, greeters, singers, musicians, people who fix things and those who visit the ill or homebound. Praise God for the rich diversity of gifts, skills and passions we share in the body of Christ.

20 The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) is a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray for the MYLE leadership team of youth, young adults and adults planning the summer 2021 event on the theme "Made Free." Ask God to bless their work of creating a community, inclusive and accountable to all, that is inspired and woven together by the Spirit.

21 What a joy it is to be called children of God because of God's great love for us! We may not know or understand everything about God or what lies in store for us, but we are still loved, forgiven and claimed without condition. Thank and praise God!

22 Earth Day Give thanks and glory to God for the blessings and mysteries of creation, entrusted to us to sustain and enrich all generations. Pray that God will make us wise, generous and responsible stewards of nature and Earth's resources for the glory of our Creator and the well-being of our neighbor.

23 Give thanks for our church's partnership with Lutheran World Relief to support pandemic emergency response projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

24 Remember in prayer people who are confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated humanely and justly, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God's love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us — as individuals and as faith communities — empathize with prisoners returning home and boldly extend our hospitality, acceptance and support as they do the difficult work of building new lives in our communities.