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**THIRD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Saturday, April 17, 2021 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:30 a.m.**

## As We Gather

Often, a person knows he or she is loved by what is done by another. From the words said, actions shown, and even at times gifts given from parents to children, spouses to each other, friends among one another, and more, we can often sense the motivation of love behind many forms of kindness and care. How can we know God's love for us? It's in some ways similar to our earthly relationships, but is from One who always loves perfectly. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1). The Lord speaks His Word of unchanging truth, promise, and hope. He gives the action of sending His one and only Son to this world to live, die, and be raised to life that we may have a new and forgiven life in Him. He gives the gift of His Means of Grace claiming us as His own in Baptism and providing Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Unlike love shown in temporal earthly ways, His love is eternal and everlasting and one we are blessed to see with eyes of faith and know in our hearts as we continue in this Easter season, rejoicing in the fact that Christ is risen!

### PREPARATION

#### Opening Hymn

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

**LSB #475**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 16:11b; 30:1–3*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**C** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**P** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

**C** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

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

## Confession and Absolution

*1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4–5; 16:11b*

**P** "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

**C** **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

**P** We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

**C** **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,

**C** **and give thanks to His holy name.**

- P** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.  
**C** **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**C** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- P** "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and in His stead and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## WORD

### Introit

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

- P** In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**C** **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**  
**P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
**C** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**  
**P** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
**C** **and you have healed me.**  
**P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
**C** **you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**  
**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
**C** **and give thanks to his holy name.**  
**P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
**C** **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 beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**P** In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**C** **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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.**

## First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21 (ESV)*

*Peter preaches salvation through Christ*

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <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 back, 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–7 (ESV)*

*We are God's children now*

<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 in order 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:36–49 (ESV)*

*Amid disciples' doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God's Word*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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 for the 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."

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

**C** **Praise to You, 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**LSB #700**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing; Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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**Sermon**

*Unknown*

**1 John 3:1-7**

**Offering**

*(Offerings and attendance cards may be placed in the basket in the back)*

**Prayer of the Church**

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

**725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

*st. 1*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.

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- P** Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 2

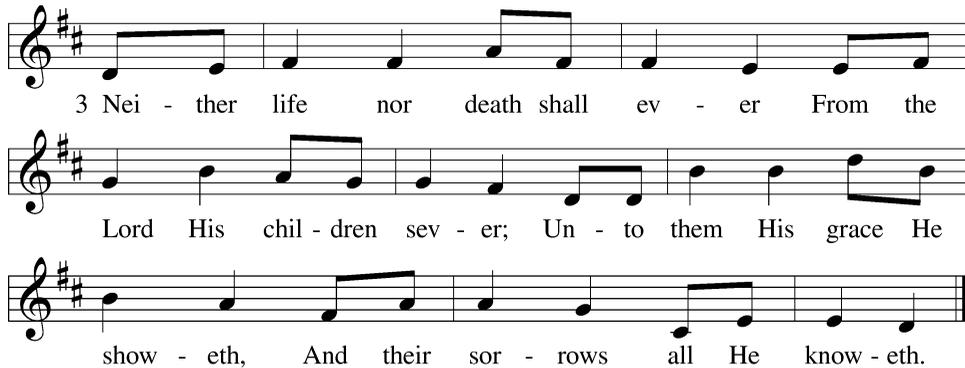
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.

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- P** Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, *including* . . . . Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 3



3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.

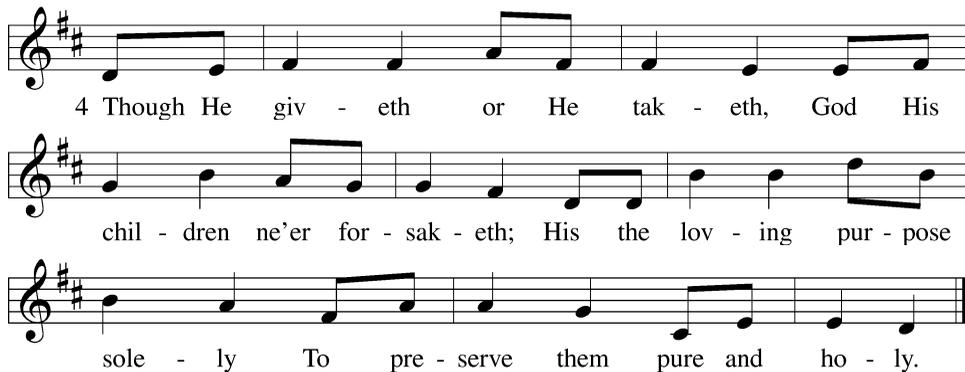
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- P** Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all.

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

st. 4



4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## SACRAMENT

### Lord's Prayer

- 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.

### Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

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

### Distribution Hymn

*The Lamb*

LSB #547



- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



- Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

**Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng**

**LSB #813**

1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
 2 With voice, as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and

thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and

wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,  
 Still march in firm array,

As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. Refrain

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