

# Third Sunday of Easter

## Sunday, April 18, 2021

### Prelude

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden" by J.S. Bach

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Opening Hymn:

ELW 377 "*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*"

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

#### Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### P: Let us pray.

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.

## Children's Message

Betsy Ries

### Hymn of Praise – Setting 3

#### First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given 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 by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 4 (*sung by musicians*)

#### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given 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.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, 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 in their presence.

<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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**ELW 635 "We Walk by Faith"**

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:

beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.

- 5 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

## **Apostle's Creed**

A: Let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear us, risen Lord.**

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the

establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church, Concordia Place and Concordia Day with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Betty, Bob, Rev. Arnie, Jean, Roger, Lupe, Guy, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

**C: Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*"Wake Every Breath"* by William Billings

## **Eucharist Liturgy**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

## **Sanctus**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on this gift of bread  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Communion Distribution**

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

### **Lamb of God – Setting 3**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Recessional Hymn**

**ELW 391 "This Joyful Eastertide"**

1 This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow.

### *Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.

2 My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

3 Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

### **Blessing**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Improvisation on "*This Joyful Eastertide*"

### **Announcements**

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety

protocols for worship and reserve your spot at [www.concordiafaith.org/worship](http://www.concordiafaith.org/worship) . All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.

- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at [ddiehl@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ddiehl@concordiafaith.org) .
- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
  1. Text-to-give: Text“Concordia”to73256 and follow the link you receive
  2. Give online at [onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give](http://onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give)
  3. Send a check via mail to the church