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St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(8:15 a.m. Sun., April 26, 2020)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Organist: 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doris Hill

Ushers: Nick Gunn Team

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,

Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 8:15 a.m. Sun. Liz Sanders

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The seven Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories—the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning week by week. One Easter hymnwriter exhorts: “Let hymns of praise His triumph tell” (LSB 464:3). There is so much to be sung and to be told about the victory of Jesus, our Lord—and we are the ones gifted with the opportunity to do the singing and the telling in our generation.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation **“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”** LSB 935

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of His Word; In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forevermore!
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(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **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. Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41 NIV (Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

^{14a} Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ "... let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of

Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 1:17–25 NIV

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your

faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

(Peter reminds us that we redeemed by the blood of Christ.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13–35 NIV (The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

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

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

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.

¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the

women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

The 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.

Hymn of the Day "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LSB 469

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Sermon "Lord, Teach Me"

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please hand your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Offertory Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

LSB 475

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter victory of Jesus Christ be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for ourselves in this season of our Lord's great victory, that we truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, including Joyce Segebart, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are not known to us at this time. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they have a sense of victory in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Jodi Becks, Erik Hill, Marcia Shook, Adam Wagner, Kelly Winegar, Steven Benson, Ericka Berger, Ayna Burke, Kyleigh Ford, Sue Munson, Krista Roscovius, Gabbie Schweigert, Jim Titus, Marge Delzell and Natalie Schulz. Lord in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this day we remember those no longer among us on earth who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table and in Your mansions. Lord in Your mercy, and teach us to pray:

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

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled— Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat: See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat; Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore, Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high: Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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