

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021**

Thought: The many post-resurrection appearances of Jesus remind us that we can experience Christ in our own time and place and are called to proclaim the message of God's grace to all people.

**Prelude – Lillian Pinkston
Now The Green Blade Rises <https://youtu.be/g-5Bi2jM40E>**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Easter Peace

Call to Worship

A: The risen Christ calls us to this place.

C: As Easter people we come to worship God.

A: The wounded and suffering Messiah calls us to this place.

C: As Easter people we come to worship God.

A: The God of new life calls us to this place.

C: As Easter people we come to worship God.

A: In the name of the risen Christ, let us worship God!

**Opening Music – Christ Is Risen
<https://youtu.be/vMX9CNgRJCM>**

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

P: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

(as water is poured in the font)

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

P: Let us therefore turn to God in true repentance, that our sins might be wiped out.

A time of silence for reflection

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended your majesty and defied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light."

P: But Christ is Risen!

C: Risen indeed!

P: Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

C: We will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake we implore you, O God, forgive our sins and free us from their dire consequences. Let us be raised with Christ.

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That word is now proclaimed to you.

C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house – Our Savior Lutheran, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast of Victory

https://youtu.be/g7-U55F_mEw

Prayer of the Day

A: Heavenly Father, as your Son brought the light of his presence,

C: the bright joy of the resurrection,

A: to the disciples, dispelling their fear, inspiring hope,

C: so are we brightened by Jesus' living presence.

A: Open, we pray, the doors of this upper room.

C: Lead us out into the world.

A: Then, glowing with the borrowed light of your Son, we will live the lives that we profess:

C: "The living Jesus is our Lord!" Amen.

The Word

First reading – Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Second reading – 1 John 3:1-7

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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/vMw9OoiwcAs>

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children of God time

<https://youtu.be/1ZliBY6a3O8>

Homily – “I Believe, Help My Unbelief!” (Mark 9:24) – Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/5KzXC2l2aUU>

Hymn of the Day

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna <https://youtu.be/oPIXJuyGXgA>

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A: Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your loving-kindness to national, state and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness... Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: You have given us life, O god.

C: You have given us new life in the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

A: We offer our lives to you

C: even as we offer these gifts.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

I Received the Living God

https://youtu.be/7aDMY9xU_6U

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music –

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing - <https://youtu.be/PQ7aGNd1it4>

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A: As once you ate in the presence of your disciples,

C: proving to them your presence was real,

A: so have you shared this meal with us.

C: Unite us in your presence.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending music – That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

<https://youtu.be/5mdwBPW2r7c>

Dismissal

A: May we seek out your “risen presence” in our lives and share it with others.

C: We go in joy to serve!

Postlude – His Is Risen

<https://youtu.be/0QXYzb7PQww>

Pass It On - <https://youtu.be/oap3t96kKWk>

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the tress are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE GOD!
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

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