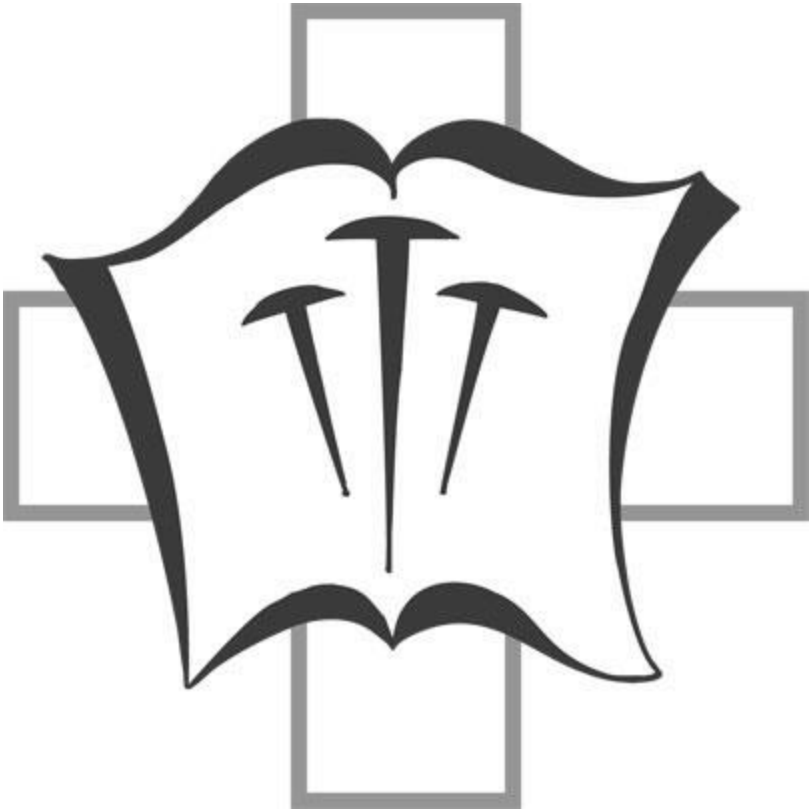


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:45

Order of Worship

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9:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 16:11b; 30:1-5

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Service

Invocation for the Easter Season

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

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

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song

Let Us Draw Near


Fitts

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE



Let us draw near _____ with our
hold fast _____ the con -



hearts full of faith, be - ing washed clean _____ of our
fes - sion of our faith, with - out wa - ver - ing. _____ with - out



e - vil ways; Let us draw near _____ with our
fal - ter - ing; Let us hold fast _____ the con -

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hearts full of faith, be-ing washed clean of our
fes-sion of our faith, with-out wav-er-ing, with-out

e fal - vil ter - ways. For He who
fal - ter - ing.

CHORUS

called us will be faith - ful to do what He has

prom - ised, for His Word is true; He who

called us will be faith - ful to do what He has

prom - ised for His Word is true.

2. O, let us Word is true. He who

3 Word is true. **Fine**

Prayer of Confession

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the dead. Yet we face defeat in our sin every day.
- C** **We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to love You with all our heart and soul and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** We cannot do this on our own. We need the power of Your forgiveness.
- C** **Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Song of Confession

Turn My Heart

DeShazo

Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus

CHORUS

Turn my heart, O Lord, like riv-ers of wa-ter,

turn my heart, O Lord, by Your hand; Till my

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whole life flows in the river of Your Spirit,

and my name brings honor to the

Lamb. Turn my

1. 2.

VERSE

Lord, I surrender to Your work in

me; I rest my life within Your

lov - ing hands. Turn my

3. and my name brings hon-or to the Lamb. Fine

- P** O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished! The victory is won! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.
- C** **Amen.**

10
daugh - ters, we are sons all be - cause of what You've done.

13 CHORUS
You have saved us, You have raised.

16 us up with You. You have saved us,

19 called us out and made us new, yeah.

22 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental
You have saved us, yeah.

26 [7]
We are daugh - ters, we are sons all be -

30 cause of what You've done. CHORUS
You have saved us,

34 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

38 called us out and made us new. You have saved us,

42 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

46 called us out and made us new, yeah.

49 You have saved us.

52 You have saved us. You have saved us.

Prayer

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And 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?"

¹³"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.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

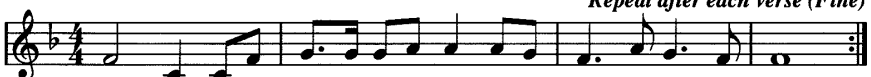
Sermon Song

Thy Word

Grant, Smith

Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus x2, Verse 2, Chorus x2

Repeat after each verse (Fine)



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right be-
 2. I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is



side me. And noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.
 wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and

D.C.



Please be near me to the end.
 I will love You to the end.

Sermon

"Opened"

Luke 24:36-49

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

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

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together:

G **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.

Blessing

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

C Amen.



Song

By Faith

Getty, Getty, Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Verse 5, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the

3
light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

5
lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,

7
who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice

10
CHORUS

stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

13
soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the work is done, **2nd X to Coda**


16
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

19 VERSE




3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the

27




longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -

23



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news

25



and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will
 in ev' ry cor - ner of the

1. 2. D.S. at Coda ⊕

28 ⊕ Coda (3)



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

37 VERSE



5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

33



pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

35



know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His

38 CHORUS



name. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will

41



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Til the

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 April 2021

Readings

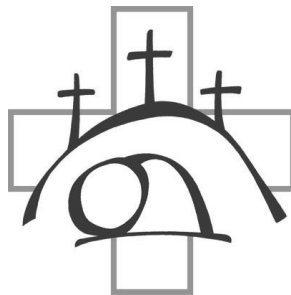
Acts 3:11–21

1 John 3:1–7

Luke 24:36–49

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).



Readings

Acts 4:1–12

1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is *"the good shepherd"* who *"lays down his life for the sheep"* (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the *"authority to lay it down"* and the *"authority to take it up again"* (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be *"one flock, one shepherd"* (John 10:16). That is why the apostles *"were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead"* (Acts 4:2). Since *"there is salvation in no one else,"* His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, *"for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to *"love one another"* and *"to lay down our lives for the brothers,"* as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

