THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 2024 "Times of Refreshing From the Lord Jesus"

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #825 "Rise. Shine. You People" you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has 1 Rise, shine, en tered 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel ing: 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl ing, 4 Tell how Fa - ther His Son the sent to save us. Him is Our hu - man sto - ry; God in cen tered. brings us He free - dom, light and life and heal ing. Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl ing. Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. He comes to us, by death and sin sur All men and wom who by guilt en, are То all the world go out and tell the Tell how the Spir it calls from ev 'ry 0 round With grace ed. bound - ed. un driv Now are for giv en, en. Of Je sus' glo sto ry ry. -His na tion new cre а tion. Text and tune: © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

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THE INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the * Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.

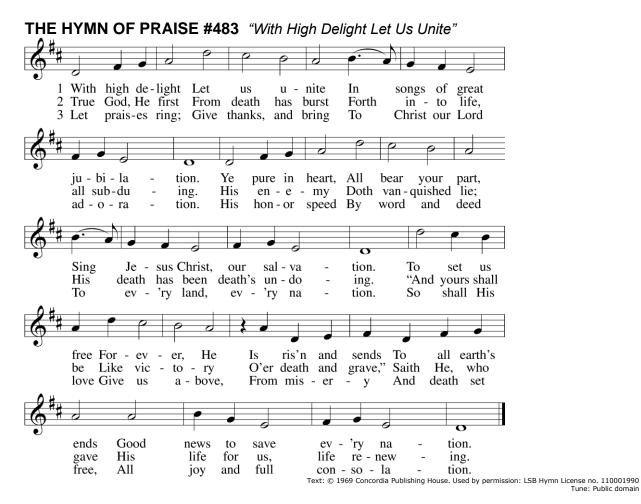
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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: 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.

(please be seated)

THE INTROIT Psalm 30:1-4; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

- P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy,
- C: At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P: I praise You, O Lord, for pulling me out and not letting my enemies rejoice over me.
- C: O Lord my God, I called to You for help, and You have made me well.
- P: O Lord, You lifted me up from the grave and saved me from going down to the pit.
- C: Sing to the Lord, you people that He loves, and praise Him as you remember how holy He is.
- 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.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Risen Savior, by Your sacrificial death and Resurrection on the third day, You have secured for us forgiveness for our sins. Open our hearts and minds that we may be strengthened by Your Word and holy Sacraments, and so empower our witness by the working of Your Holy Spirit, that Your precious name may be hallowed among all nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 3:11-21 (ESV)

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 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? 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. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised

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from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-7 (ESV)

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies Himself as He is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

THE VERSE (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.
- C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them. 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." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."

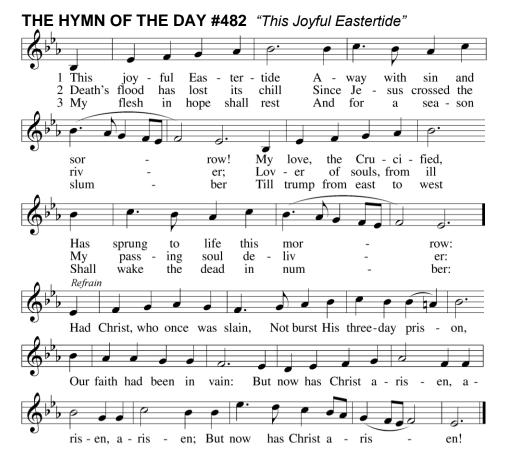
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

THE MEMORY VERSE The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning from Luther's Small Catechism

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. What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND HYMN #474 (verses 1 & 3) Al - le - lu - ia! Je ris - en! Trum - pets re -1 sus is 3 Je - sus the vine, We the branch - es; Life in the are sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the ev _ er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. Refrain Je - sus is ris - en and shall rise: we а -1 Give God the Al - le - lu ia! glo - ry! Text: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990 Tune: © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (Sunday) (page 272 in the hymnal)

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Lord, in Your mercy," "Hear our prayer.")

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.

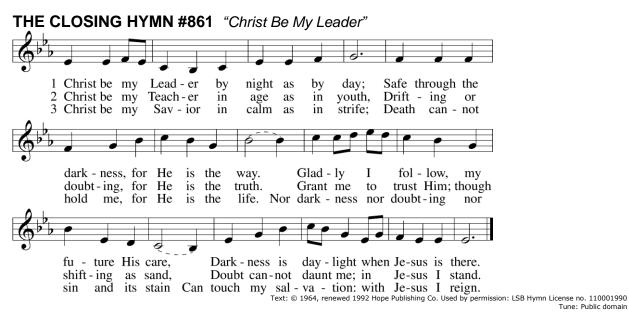
THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ₱ give you peace.

C: Amen.



THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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