



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

### ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen! During the Easter Season, we celebrate resurrection—the resurrection of Jesus as well as our own. We are God's new creation, filled with the undying life of our Savior. As the Spirit fills the Church on Pentecost, this life invigorates God's people for mission and ministry. *This is Part 5 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

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**P** Pastor      **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN 468** *"I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"*

**BAPTISMS OF PHOEBE ALAINE SULLIVAN & THEODORE DANIEL HEGEMAN**  
(10:30 am)

### CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8–9*

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

**C** Amen.

**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** 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### EASTER GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 133 : antiphon: v. 1*

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- C** when brothers dwell in unity!
- P** It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
- C** running down on the collar of his robes!
- P** It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
- C** For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.
- C** 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** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- C** when brothers dwell in unity!

Hermon is a snow-capped mountain in northern Israel, a source for the water of the Jordan River and the moisture that irrigates the arid landscape.

### HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.*

*Refrain:* (sing) **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- C** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia. *Refrain*

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## VERSE OF THE MONTH *Exodus 15:2*

**C** The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

## FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

*Following Peter's Pentecost sermon, which announced Jesus to be the Savior, the crowd asks what they must do to be saved. Peter replies, "Repent and be baptized."*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ...

<sup>36</sup>"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "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. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 1:17–25*

*Saint Peter teaches we have been ransomed from dying, futile ways of living by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. This good news lasts forever.*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your

faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.*

- C** (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 16:1–12*

*Jesus warns against the "leaven" (or, false, deceptive teaching) of the Jewish leaders of His day.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' <sup>3</sup>And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the ap-

pearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup>An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed. <sup>5</sup>When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any

bread. <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” <sup>7</sup>And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” <sup>8</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? <sup>9</sup>Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five

thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? <sup>10</sup>Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? <sup>11</sup>How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” <sup>12</sup>Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### SERMON HYMN 462

*“All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding”*

### SERMON

*Called to Live: “Living under the Sign of Jonah”*

Ministry Expansion Campaign Focus: **“Together in Mission.”** We have no greater sign to show or message to share with the world other than the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH (8:00 am)

*Martin Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed*

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, Easter Greeting, and Closing Hymn 464, "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done."*



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

*The 8:00 am service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.*

*We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 548** *"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"*

**HYMN 466** *"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

**HYMN 697** *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship  
of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle ("Thank the Lord"),  
Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.*

## EASTER GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**CLOSING HYMN 464** *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*This week’s takeaway: Together in mission, we carry Easter’s message of hope and transformation into our homes and communities, unified by the reality of the cross of Jesus and His open, empty tomb.*

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### SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Eric Kennaugh, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Claira Martens, *Trumpet (10:30 am)*

Dovelyn Montrey, Addilyn Batye, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Kahlan Haase, Jemma Oetting, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

Tim Bauer, Mark Heins, Russ Kruse, *Elders on Duty*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Rollie Beerman, Donald Dedeke, Ken Wodrich, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpenhous, Lisa Arnett, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

**Ongoing:** Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Bridget Kageman, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Joe

Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdt, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Death:** Tim Dierking, son-in-law of Kevin & Brenda Hemme

**Nation and World:** the people of Swaziland

**Partners in Mission:** Immanuel Lutheran Church; Jackson, MO and Rev. Mark Boettcher; Heit's Point; Our Marriage Retreat

**Birthdays:** (4/19) Lois Brandt, Elena Strecker; (4/20) Carol Engle, Cindy (Mark) Heins, Kent Renno; (4/21) Connie Maggert, Gregory Wulser; (4/22) Edmund Bingham, Adrien Martens, Braden Pfannkuch, Claire Starbuck; (4/23) Joshua Finley, Cindy Flandermeyer, Anthony Myers; (4/24) Paula Hass, Jordan Inman, Brian Maddox, Deborah Meyer; (4/25) Lori Connell, Lucy Estes, Ethan Hartwig, William Sullivan

**Anniversaries:** (4/19) Brad & Nicole Brackman, Joel & Elisa Oetting; (4/22) Donald & Rita Fiene; (4/23) Mark & Janice Kirchhoff, Steve & Justine Nienhiser, Ben & Lauren Renno; (4/24) Ron & Joyce Innes; (4/25) Tom & Karen Burrow, Larry & Linda Meineka

#### **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP**

Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 2:19–25; Matthew 18:1–14

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 740 (*My First Hymnal* 123), 866, 725 (*My First Hymnal* 122), 605 (*My First Hymnal* 116), 711, 922 (*My First Hymnal* 120)



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