



You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.  
*Psalm 4:7*

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

April 18, 2021

*Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel*

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting IV*

*The paraments are white during the season of Easter suggesting the joy of the resurrection.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

### **ACCLAMATION**

Bruce W. Tippetts

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

*(Luke 24:32)*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Aria

Margaret Sandresky

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace we have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

# GATHERING HYMN 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



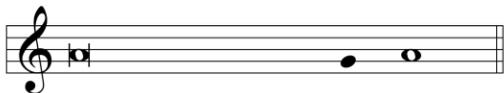
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

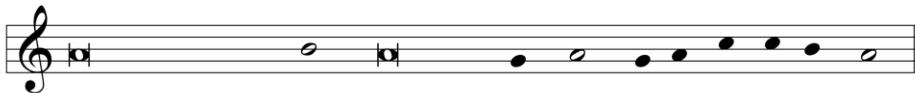
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



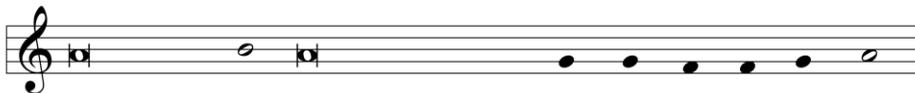
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



*Final Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

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

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;  
 you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
 how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;  
 the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
 speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
 and put your trust | in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
 Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
 more than when grain and | wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
 for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

**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. Beloved, 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

*We sit.*

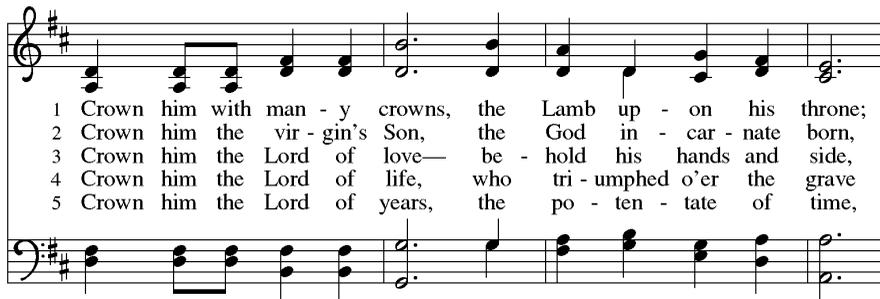
## SERMON

Pastor Carter

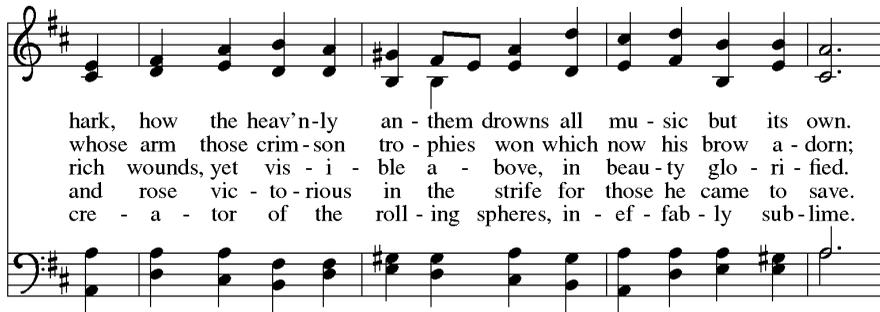
*We stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

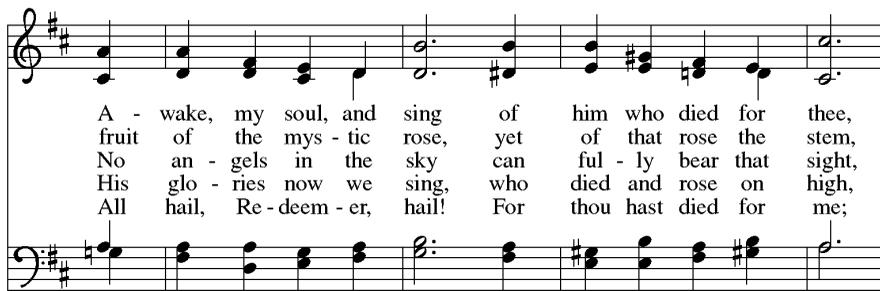
DIADEMATA



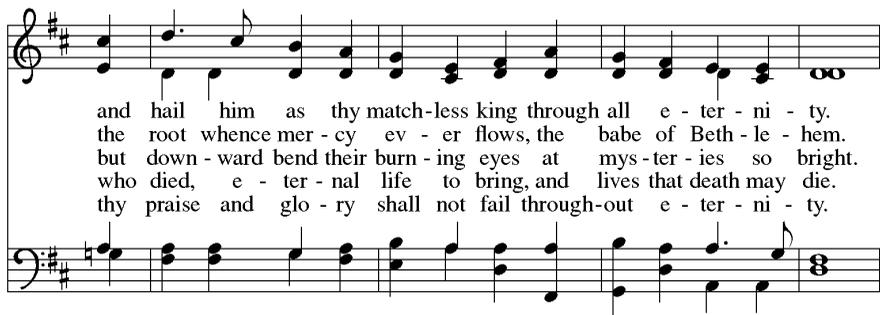
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 *Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

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.

Amen.

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM Easter Morning

Paul J. Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Then the same day at evening, as they all were assembled

Came Jesus and stood in the midst.

Then Jesus said unto them: Peace be unto you.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



# SENDING HYMN 368 With High Delight Let Us Unite

MIT FREUDEN ZART



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in songs of great ju - bi -  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth in - to life, all sub -  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord ad - o -  
la - tion. You pure in heart, all hear your part, sing  
du - ing. His en - e - my now van - quished see; his  
ra - tion. His hon - or speed by word and deed to  
Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free for - ev - er, he is  
death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er  
ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love give us a - bove, from  
ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
death and grave," says he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
mis - e - ry and death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude

Margaret Sandresky

## *Soli Deo Gloria*

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# Announcements

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God** and in loving memory of her husband, Van, on his birthday today, April 18, by Marge Wagstaff.

**This week we keep in prayer** Marion Morgan, 3750 Harper Road, Room 201, Clemmons NC 27012-8682. Please send Marion a note.

**Augsburg is getting ready to return to in-person worship on Sunday, May 2.** Health protocols will be in place including masks and social distancing. Registration will be required and will start Sunday, April 25. A series of videos and a Frequently Asked Questions document will be shared the week of the 26th.

**Submissions for the May Beacon** should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org) by Tuesday, April 20.

**Volunteers are needed for Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry** located at 3205 S. Main Street. Help pre-pack the bags we share with our neighbors in need. COVID restrictions and masks are required. Click [here](#) to sign up!

**Virtual Greeting for Augsburg Services – We want to see you!** Art Kainz invites you to provide a video greeting. Contact Art at [arthurkainz@gmail.com](mailto:arthurkainz@gmail.com) for the simple instructions.

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) and Pastor Lori is [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org)

**Readings for next week:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Worship attendance for services last week: 173** views on **YouTube**.

## Providing Service Today

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