



The Third Sunday of Easter

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting One

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INTRODUCTION

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 Lord's day. 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.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

The THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Please follow the Cross of Christ as we gather and sing. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

"Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

The KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The 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.

¹⁷And 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 PSALMODY

Psalm 4



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and ¹hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹on your bed. *Refrain***

⁵Offer the appointed ¹sacrifices,

and put your trust¹ in the LORD.
**⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon¹ us, O LORD.**
⁷You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.
**⁸In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure. *Refrain***

The 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 assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b–48

^{36b}"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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands
The HYMN OF THE DAY
“Day of arising”

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING

The assembly stands

Refrain/Estrillo

¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.

de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
Bright is the dawn - ing of the Lord's day.

1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side. Mar - vel, the
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing; Christ stands be -
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning; sud - den - ly
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -

án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -
stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is
fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed
lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

Refrain/Estrillo

ta - do." Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."
Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

2 *La Magdalena fue a llorarle
y Cristo se le apareció;
le pidió ir a sus hermanos
con un encargo que le dio.* Estrillo

3 *A los discípulos, de tarde,
Cristo también se presentó.
Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
dando la paz los saludó.* Estrillo

4 *Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro;
y ver, pidió, para creer.
Cristo volvió, le dijo: "Mira,
palpa mi herida y ten fe."* Estrillo

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

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The LORD'S PRAYER

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

*To reflect the celebratory nature of the Fifty Days of Easter, **the Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail.** **Please remain standing.** Standing, a symbol of rising and resurrection, is the posture for the Fifty Days of Easter.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Christ has arisen, Alleluia”

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“As we gather at your table”

ELW 522

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray...Good Shepherd,
lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal
to bring joy and fulfillment to others.
Guide us on paths of justice.
Teach us to live for you as servants to one another.
Enfold us in your abiding love.
We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Children by the grace of God,
one in Christ,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
rejoice in the resurrection
and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

“The Strife is o’er, the battle done”

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The SENDING

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The SENDING MUSIC: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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The **Altar Flowers** are given by Dallas & Shirley Hostetler in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Gary & Bev Courtwright in honor of our grandsons Zane, Garen & Renner.

COOPERATIVE CATECHISM DINNER—is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30, at 6pm** at Grace, Dover. It’s the end of the year event of our area confirmation partnership for this year. The dinner is open to catechism students and their families.



St. John UCC is having a Movie Night on Sunday, April 26. The movie they are showing is “Fireproof”. They will have snacks beginning at 5:30 PM and the movie will begin at 6:00 PM. You may bring your own snacks if there is something you especially like. Everyone is invited.

On **Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:30pm** there will be a performance of *Godspell* at St. John UCC. The public is invited. There will be a free will offering to help offset the cost of travel for the performers.



Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 – 26, 2009. It will be held this year at St. John UCC. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you would like to help please call Janelle Allensworth at 330-878-0400 or the Church Office. The VBS will also need 30 dozen cookies from First Lutheran for Wed., June 24th. There will be a sign up sheet located in the Narthex beginning the middle of May.



The Church landscaping crew is looking for donations to buy mulch, flowers, and stone for the memory garden. If you would like to donate to this good cause please mark your offering envelope with the amount you would like to go to **Landscaping** or place your donation in a brown pew envelope and mark it **Landscaping**.

APRIL AND MAY SOCIAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

The Social Missions committee is collecting baby items (especially diapers) for the United Methodist Church food pantry for the months of April and May. Any money collected in the Social Missions envelopes will be used to purchase diapers for the Food Pantry. Remember that all items donated to the Methodist Food Pantry are given to those in need in our area.

We are collecting:

Diapers (last year we donated over 60 packages of diapers in a one month period-the challenge this year is to donate 100 packages of diapers (remember we have a 2 month period to work with this year).

Other baby items being collected for the food pantry include:

- Baby Wipes
- Baby Soap
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Q-tips



GOLF OUTING Auman Timbers is coordinating a Church League beginning in June. Please join us for good Christian fun and fellowship. The league would play on Friday evenings and would be a 9-hole, 2-player scramble. Weekly fees of \$10.00 per player would include golf and cart. Please let Paul Fisher (330) 878-7337 know of your desire to join no later than Wednesday, May 6th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 4/26—5/3)

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| Sunday | <u>The Third Sunday of Easter</u>
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Tuesday | 9am Busy Bees |
| Wednesday | NO <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Thursday | NO <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Sunday | <u>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>
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Pastor Steven will be in North Dakota this week. Pastor Jim Lewis is available for any pastoral emergencies at (330)343-6915.