**Third Sunday of Easter** 

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# As We Gather

In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living. For example, although they were called to be fishers of men, in today's Gospel, the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock. And for Saul (Paul), Christ's eternal, living presence would mean changing from catching Christians to proclaiming Christ before Gentiles and kings. The heavenly host in the Reading from Revelation sing their eternal songs of praise to the Lamb on the throne. How might our risen Lord's eternal victory over sin and evil change us so that we echo their praises already here in time?

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 15-18 of the bulletin.]

# ╋ Preparation for Worship ╋

#### Hymn

TLH 188 – Halleluhah! Jesus Lives!

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

#### Confession and Absolution [Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- **C** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- **P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- **C** Amen.

# ╋ Service of the Word ₱

# **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 30

- I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,
- **C** And have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
- **C** And You healed me.
- O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave;
- **C** You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- **P** Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His,
- **C** And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
- **P** For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life;
- **C** Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.
- **P** Now in my prosperity I said,
- **C** "I shall never be moved."
- ▶ LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
- **C** You hid Your face, and I was troubled.
- I cried out to You, O LORD;
- **C** And to the LORD I made supplication:
- **P** "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?
- **C** Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?
- P Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
- **C** LORD, be my helper!"
- **P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
- **C** You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- **P** To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.
- **C** O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

**Gloria Patri** 

Glory be to the Father



#### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# **Epistle Reading**

Revelation 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." <sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saving with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom. And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saving: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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#### **Gospel Reading**

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. <sup>9</sup> Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. <sup>14</sup> This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. <sup>18</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." <sup>19</sup> This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

# Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



## **Confession of Faith**

Acts 9:1-22

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.

Hymn

TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

# Sermon Text

<sup>1</sup> Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. <sup>4</sup> Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." <sup>6</sup> So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do

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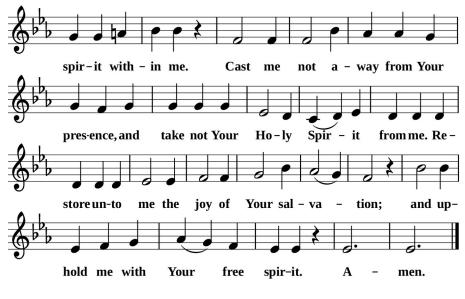
You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.<sup>8</sup> Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. <sup>12</sup> And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." <sup>13</sup> Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." <sup>17</sup> And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Immediately there fell from his eves something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. <sup>19</sup> So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.



Sermon

The Life-Changing Light of the Lord





Hymn

TLH 380 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

#### **General Prayer**

# ✤ The Service of the Sacrament ✤

#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with You.



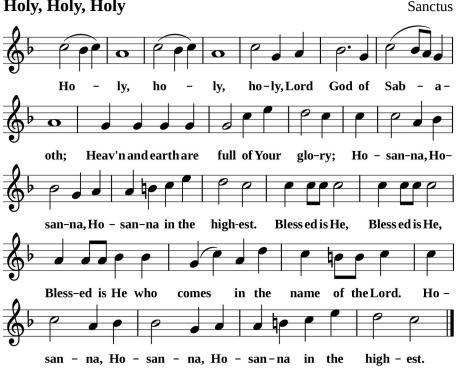
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Holy, Holy, Holy

#### Lord's Prayer

P 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;





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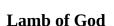
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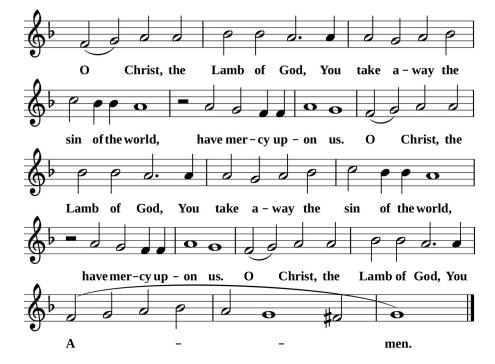
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#### Words of Institution

#### The Peace of the Lord

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!





Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

# Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!





#### Thanksgiving

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



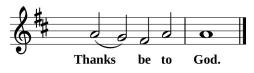
♥ O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us bless the Lord.



#### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



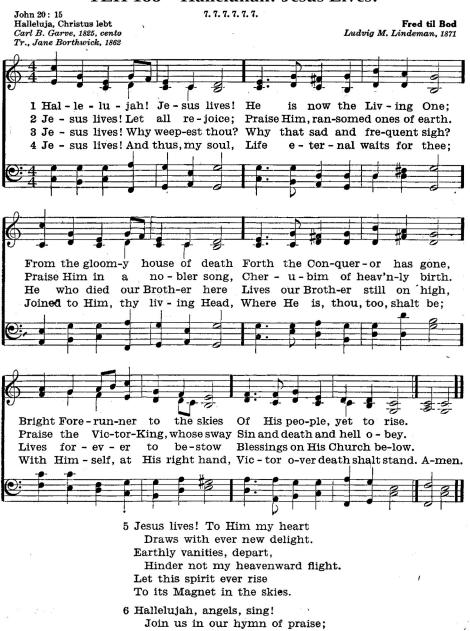
A-men, A-men, A - men.

# Hymn

WS 777 – Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound

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#### TLH 188 – Halleluhah! Jesus Lives!



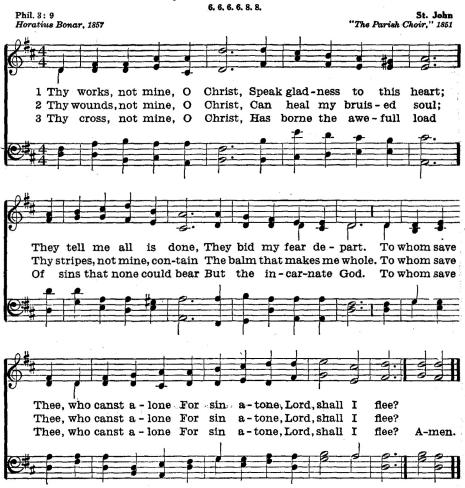
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love!

#### TLH 342 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be



- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

TLH 380 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
To whom save Thee, who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me; No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee.
To whom save Thee, who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, st. I-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th cent., st. 4 Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.; Setting: Edwin O. Excell, 1900, alt.

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# ╋ Announcements ♣

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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<b>OUR SCHEDULE:</b> "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15 *Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran					
May 1	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion			
May 2	6:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting			
May 5	10:00 am	Bible Class			
May 8	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			
May 10	6:00 pm	Council			
May 11	9:00 am	Lakeview Place Worship Service			
	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services			
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service			
May 12	10:00 am	Bible Class			
May 15	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			

**Kinship**: The Kinship Committee is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

**Have You Considered ILC?**: Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our CLC recruiter, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, at sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com, cell (414) 534-7279.

**Porcupine Mountains Youth Camp-Out**: This year's camp will happen August 6-10 (Sat-Wed). This is for students entering grades 8-12. The total camp fee is around \$85. Go to <u>tinyurl.com/porkies2022</u> to get more info and to register. Or, check out the printout posted on the bulletin board.

**Traveling VBS**: The TVBS committee has finalized our list of trips for this summer. We will be going to California, Washington, and North Dakota. We are now in need of volunteers to ensure we can make these trips possible. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information please go to our website: <u>http://www.clctvbs.org/tvbs</u>. You will find information about the trips, this year's theme, and a registration form. If you have any questions you may use the 'contact us' link or email us directly at the email address below. Please let us know if you would like more information or have any questions. Thank you for considering!

FRUITS OF FAITH – April 24		Attendance: 51		
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession		
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		
\$1,560.00	LM General Budget (04/24)	\$155.00	CLC General Budget (04/24)	
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need	
-\$1,363.08	-Under / +Over	-\$229.62	-Under / +Over	
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	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$20.00	LM M & I		Mission Development (MDF)	
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$20.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage	
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival	
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous	
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