Third Sunday of Easter May, 4, 10:00 a.m.



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Today's Participants

Pastor: Joachim Wilck

Organist: Lucas Myers

Cantor: Jonathan Howell

Service Leader: Mary Ellen Saur

Usher: Cindy Borzilleri

Lector: Steve Brady

Greeters: Ruth & Richard Pearce

Communion Assistants: Cindy Borzilleri & Steve Brady

Special thanks to those who are providing coffee-hour for us today.

And for our wonderful Choir that is back today.

Prelude

Introduction

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(Pastor prays over the Baptismal Font)

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a

people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in

your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: Make us one as you are one.

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O

Living One,

All: Make us one as you are one.

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of

believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living

One,

All: Make us one as you are one.

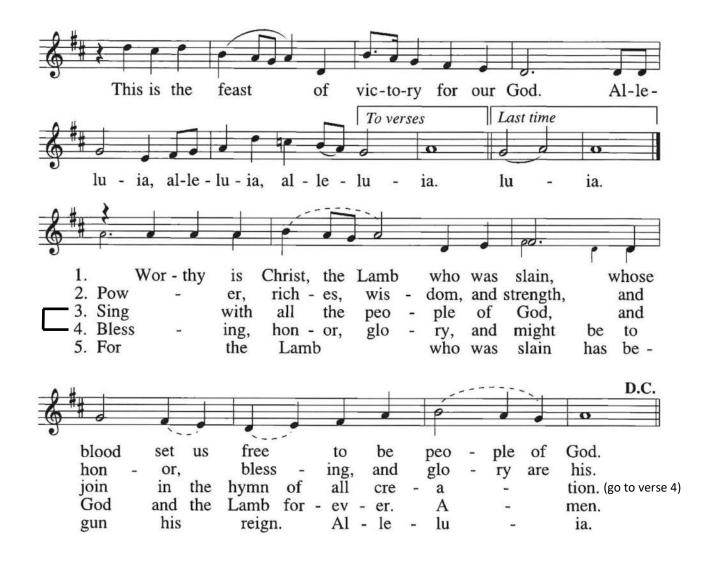
Pastor: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by

these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

the Crucified and Risen One.

All: Amen.

Canticle of Praise



Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Lector: {Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.}

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

Lector: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

All: O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Lector: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

All: Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

Lector: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

All: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

Lector: You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

All: I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

Lector: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

All: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

Lector: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

All: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Lector: {The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."}

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Festival Alleluia

by James Chepponis

Choir or Cantor sings first time, then congregation repeat.



The verse is then sung by cantor or choir then all repeat the alleluia.

***VERSE: Our hearts burn within us *while you open to us the scriptures

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"



The Nicene Creed

All: 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

Pastor: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places especially Monica, mother of Augustine. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always!

All: And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of peace.



Offertory Anthem

"Lamb of God" by Twila Paris

The offering is collected and brought forward during the singing of the Anthem.

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God

> O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us

with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

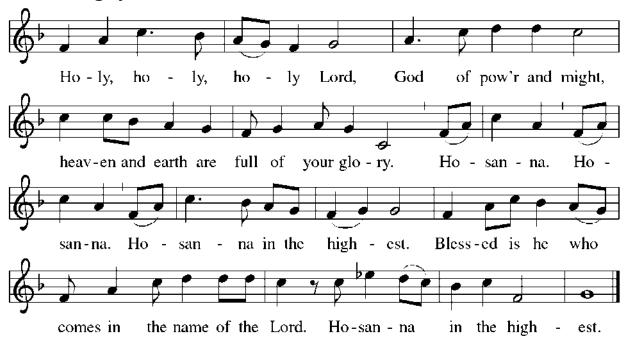
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy

Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

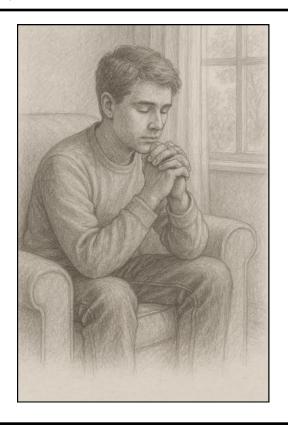
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

All: Amen.

Communion Anthem

"Loving and Forgiving" by Scott Soper

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God.

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love.

Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger rich in love. God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us.

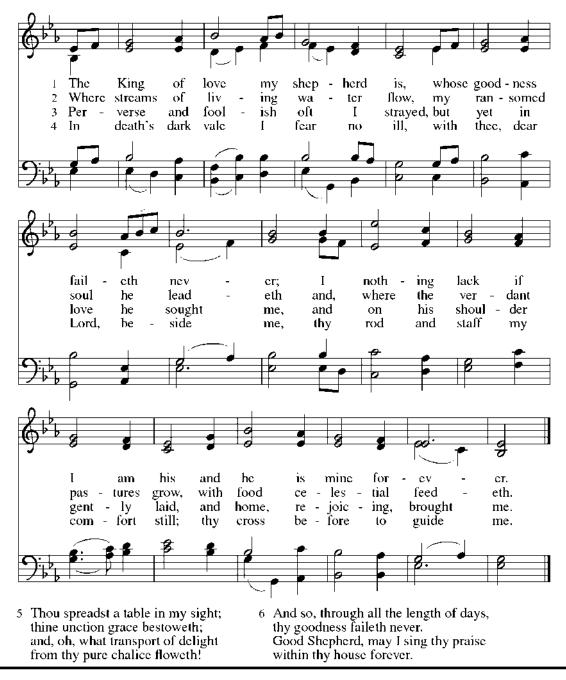


Table Grace

Pastor: Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, †Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"You Servants of God"



Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Thank you for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

We hope you will come again and worship with us!



Happening this Week—May 4—May 11

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Communion Service 11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 11:15 a.m. Community Life Committee				
Monday, May 5				
6:30 p.m. Scouting America				
Tuesday, May 6				
10:00 a.m. Bible Study				
Thursday, May 8				
9:30 a.m. PB&J Making 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee				
Saturday, May 10				
11:00 a.m. Scout BBQ (across the street)				
Sunday, May 11(Mother's Day)				
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Communion Service 11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal				

Next Sunday's Participants

Service Leader: Lois Dannenberg Usher: Peggy Hamblin Lector: Deb Yackel

Communion Assistants: Peggy Hamblin & Deb Macksamie

Greeters: Jason Stone Cross Bearer: John Macksamie

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

May	4	Ronald Kin
•		JD Cov
•		Susan Yack

Happy Anniversary to: Dick & Carol Ransom—May 10 (56 years)

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Loop Ministry	board member needed, speak to Dave Cuff.
Veteran Bricks	deadline to order is May 4th
Next PB&J Sandwich Ministr	y <i>May 8th at 9:30 a.m.</i>
Scout Chicken BBQ	May 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Mother's Day	May 11th
Memorial Day	May 26th
Pentecost/Confirmation	June 8th
Father's Day & Trinity Sunda	y & Opening Day Bass Fishing June 15th
	z Retirement Bash



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