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# Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Located in the church basement)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

## **Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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#### From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increasing. If you have not yet gathered with us for worship, let me know when you will and are able to return.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

## For younger children

Word Search: Written

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [ ] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; | - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; | - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

# For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put LSC in the margin and the section [Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [ex: LSC-Baptism]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

## Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

## **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students' schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

Pass This On

From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

[None received]

WORSHIP FOLDER
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Resurrection Affirmation
April 17 & 18, 2021

# As We Gather

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled



in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we

gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can "see what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1).

#### Order of Divine Service LLSB 151

## Opening Sentences Psalm 16:11b; 30:1–3

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
- C at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up
- C and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.
- C O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

## Opening Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" LSB 475

- Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
  Now is the triumph of our King!
  To all the world glad news we bring:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
  Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
  Let all the world rejoice and say:
  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
  That love, that life which cannot die,
  And sing with hearts uplifted high:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
  And sing today with one accord
  The life laid down, the life restored:
  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Read the Gospel Lesson for today and then answer this question. What has the Church proclaimed here?

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** *Ps.* 30:1–5; antiphon: *Ps.* 16:11b

- P In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- C I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- C O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- C For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

  Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

  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 In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

What can we do because Jesus is present with us/

## Kyrie LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

### This Is the Feast LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray. 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 Amen.

What does God do for us through Jesus Christ?

# First Reading Acts 3:11–21

11 While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

What did the prophets of old say would happen to the Christ?

## **Psalm**

- P <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- C <sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
- P <sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- C <sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
- P <sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- C <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
- P <sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- C 8In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

What has God done for us?

## Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

According to God, who are we?

## Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Luke 24:36–49

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C Glory to You. O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Who helps us understand the Bible?

Highlight the words and phrases that speak about the Bible telling us Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

## Hymn of the Day "With High Delight Let Us Unite" LSB 483

With high delight

Let us unite

In songs of great jubilation.

Ye pure in heart,

All bear your part,

Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free

Forever, He

Is ris'n and sends

To all earth's ends

Good news to save ev'ry nation.

2 True God, He first

From death has burst

Forth into life, all subduing.

His enemy

Doth vanquished lie;

His death has been death's undoing.

"And yours shall be

Like victory

O'er death and grave,"

Saith He, who gave

His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring;

Give thanks, and bring

To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed

By word and deed

To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.

So shall His love

Give us above,

From misery

And death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

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### Sermon "It Was Written" Luke 24:36–49

### Introduction:

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We sing these words just

before the reading of the Gospel lesson. They are a part of the Alleluia and Verse in the liturgy.

We are acknowledging the presence of Christ in our midst. We have not gathered to hear about Jesus but to be in His presence and to have Him present with us.

We sing these words during the reading of the Scriptures and just before the Gospel. In doing so we acknowledge that the Words we are about to hear from the Gospels are life giving and life sustaining words. We have gathered not just for another lesson on God and His Son, Jesus. We are here to have the Holy Spirit work through the Word to keep us in the one true faith till life everlasting. This is the purpose of the Word in our lives.

Last week we heard in the Gospel lesson the Words from the Gospel of John. "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God and have life." Today's lesson speaks about why these things are written and what we are to do with this very Word of God.

## I. Jesus would die and rise again

When Jesus appeared to the disciples that first night, He calmed their fear and their excitement. They were speechless. They didn't know what to think. They recognized Jesus but thought He was a ghost.

Jesus calms their thoughts by showing them that He had flesh. He showed them His hands and His feet. They still marveled at His appearing. And so Jesus asked for something to eat. They gave His a piece of broiled fish. He ate it in their presence.

He calmed their doubt by going to the Scriptures. Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms speak about the death and resurrection of the Messiah, the Savior of the world. He had told them plainly that He was going to die and rise again. It as if He said to them, "Why are you surprised at this. You should have expected it, been looking for it and have been waiting to see this."

The Old Testament speaks of Christ death in the Psalms and especially in the Book of Isaiah. There are chapters that describe the crucifixion. There are prophecies about His death and burial. In fact to understand the Old Testament one can ask one of two questions. The first is how does this point to the Christ or how does Christ fulfill these words? The second question is how have these words contrasted the unfaithfulness of mankind with the faithfulness of God.

## II. Repentance and forgiveness of sin be proclaimed to all nations

And this brings us to the purpose of the Word of God. It is to bring us to repentance and to announce to us the forgiveness of sins. From the fall of Adam and Eve into sin and the first promise of a Savior to the sacrifices in the temple to the return of the exiles to the promise land, the Old Testament speaks of the faithfulness of God to forgive sin and keep His people as His own Children.

Time and time again, it is recorded for us how God lead His people back to Him through the

repentance of sin and the promise of forgiveness. The whole history of the Old Testament is how God dealt with sinful people to bring them back into His presence and to keep His promise.

The sacrifices as record in the book of Moses point to the fact that the One chosen would shed His blood to atone for the sin of the world. The Psalms and the Prophets speak about how a contrite heart is what the Father in Heaven aims to produce in the hearts of people.

Today, that same message is what the Church carries into the world. She is, we are, to proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sin. We are to promote this as the greatest and main purpose of the Christ. We are to point people to see in the Scriptures that this was the purpose of Christ's coming into this world.

#### Conclusion:

So, great and important is this work that Jesus told the disciples to stay put until He sent the Comforter upon them. He would give them the power to do this work.

The Holy Spirit has come upon the Church. The Word of God is being proclaimed throughout the world. People are repenting and receiving the forgiveness of sin. Don't be surprised this is happening. It has been written so that may believe and continue to look for this to happen from now until Christ returns.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

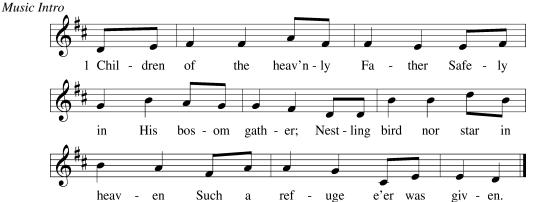
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

P See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

CLSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father" st. 1



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P Lord, in Your love You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word. We bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Easter joy that shines by the radiance of Your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, would arise in the hearts and minds of all people. Grant all Your people the needs of body and life by the daily bread You provide, and keep all from harm.

CLSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father" st. 2

2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

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P Lord of all care, give comfort to those who face troubles in this life in their spiritual, emotional, and mental need. Give healing according to Your will for those who face physical trials, *[including . . .]*. Grant peace to all who mourn, that Christ's Easter victory would point beyond earthly death and the grave to the promises assured forevermore.

**CLSB 725** "Children of the Heavenly Father" st. 3

3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

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P Lord of all provision, look with favor upon our land and all in authority that they lead with wisdom and compassion for all. Be with those who serve and defend from

harm, and those who work to keep communities safe and in order. Bless all vocations that all would see their work for others as joyful service to You and Your creation.

Grant Your Spirit that our eyes always be open to see Your love for us in Christ through Your Word and Means of Grace, that as we live as Your children we love as You have first loved us and confidently witness and proclaim the Easter joy within us to all.

CLSB 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father" st. 4

4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461

- I know that my Redeemer lives;
  What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
  He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
  He lives, my ever-living head.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
  He lives eternally to save;
  He lives all-glorious in the sky;
  He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

- He lives to grant me rich supply;
  He lives to guide me with His eye;
  He lives to comfort me when faint;
  He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
  He lives to wipe away my tears;
  He lives to calm my troubled heart;
  He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
  He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
  Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
  I know that my Redeemer lives!

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#### Nunc Dimittis LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

## **Benediction** LSB 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

# <u>Closing Hymn</u> "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" *LSB 813*

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.

- ref Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- With voice as full and strong
   As ocean's surging praise,
   Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
   The psalms of ancient days. Refrain
- With all the angel choirs,
  With all the saints on earth
  Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
  True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain
- Yet on and onward still,
   With hymn and chant and song,
   Through gate and porch and columned aisle
   The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain
- 5 Still lift your standard high,
  Still march in firm array,
  As pilgrims through the darkness wend
  Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 6 At last the march shall end;
  The wearied ones shall rest;
  The pilgrims find their home at last,
  Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
  The Lord whom we adore:
  The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
  One God forevermore. Refrain

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Coloring Page "Jesus Appears to His Disciples"

