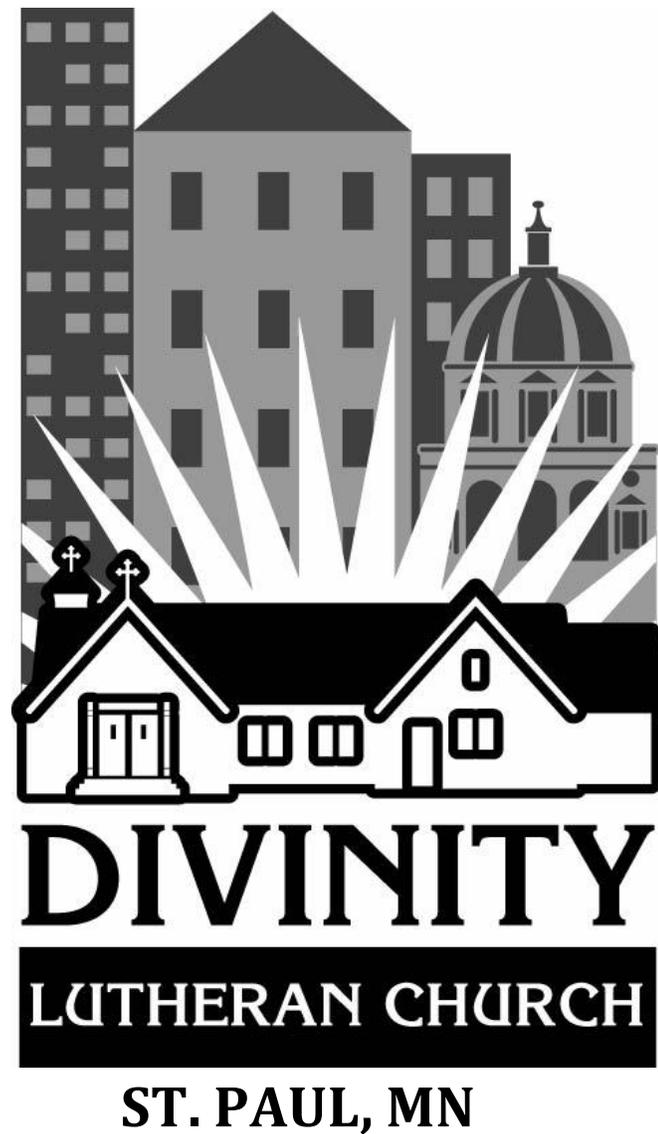


*JESUS LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE*



**The Third Sunday of Easter**

*April 26th, 2020*

## Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your  
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
 heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.  
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1, 3, alt.; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2.  
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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg*, Wittenberg 1543, alt.

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

C: **Your mercies are new every morning.**

*Lamentations 3:23*

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

*Psalms 119:105*

C: **Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

*Psalms 63:3*

C: **Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Amen!**

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*Silence for private confession*

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

### Luke 24:13-35 (EHV)

<sup>13</sup>Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped.

<sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>"What things?" he asked them.

They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup>When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

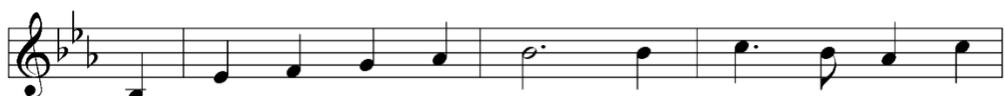
<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup>Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup>They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

EASTER

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This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.  
 Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

## **Sermon**

### **Take A Stand**

Acts 24:10-21

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied, “Because I know that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup>You can verify for yourself that it was no more than twelve days ago when I went up to worship at Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>They did not find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the accusations they are now making against me.

<sup>14</sup>“But I do confess to you that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything written throughout the Law and in the Prophets; <sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God that these men have, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>16</sup>This is the reason I continue to do my best to have a clear conscience toward both God and people.

<sup>17</sup>“After several years, I came to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup>While I was doing these things, they found me ceremonially purified in the temple, without a crowd or disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia who ought to be here before you and bring charges, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or let these men here state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin, <sup>21</sup>unless this is about the one thing I shouted while standing in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”

## **OFFERING**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 everlasting. Amen.**

### **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Prayer & 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.

## BLESSING

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

C: Amen.

CLOSE OF SERVICE

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## Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
with your Word And thus now and here -  
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.