



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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### Welcome to God's House

Many of his disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not fully realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through eyes of faith. That's what Easter does...it replaces whatever kind of spiritual blindness we might have with sight, giving us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and the path through life that is truly worth following.

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Opening Hymn

#### Come, Christians Join to Sing #599

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
he is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession of Sins**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Brief silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 9:1-22**

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues

in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

<sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. <sup>6</sup> “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

<sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

<sup>13</sup> “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.



**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. Refrain**

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 5:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**2 Timothy 1:10**

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. Refrain**

**Gospel**

**John 21:1-14**

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Christ the Lord is Risen Again #459**

Christ the Lord is ris'n again;  
Christ has broken death's strong chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today.  
We too sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hallelujah!

He whose path no records tell  
has descended into hell;  
he the strong man armed has bound  
and in highest heav'n is crowned. Hallelujah!

He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiv'n,  
how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!

## The 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.

*Please be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or any adversity, [*especially....*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## Hymn

## Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus #534

Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!  
You have suffered to release us, hope to give and peace to bring.  
Hail, O universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame;  
by your merits we find favor: life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on you were laid;  
by almighty love anointed, you have full atonement made.  
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven through the power of your blood;  
open is the gate of heaven, we are reconciled to God.

Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you, seated at your Father's side.  
Crucified this world once saw you; now in glory you abide.  
There for sinners you are pleading, and our place you now prepare,  
ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing you are worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.  
Help, O bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Immanuel's praise.

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**He's Risen, He's Risen #445:1, 4, 5**

1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

**This Week at Zion**

**Today:** 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship  
8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Bible study  
11:00 a.m. Church Booklet committee meeting  
4:00 p.m. Lutheran Chorale concert at Grace, Downtown

**Mon:** 6:00 p.m. Sunday School teacher meeting  
6:30 p.m. Mental Wellness seminar at Morning Star, Jackson

**Tue:** 8:00 a.m. KM Pastoral Conference at Redeemer, Cedarburg

**Wed:** 5-6:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism instructions  
6-7:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism instructions

**Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Fri:** 7:00 p.m. KML Spring Play  
7:30 p.m. WLC Choir concert

**Sat:** 7:00 p.m. KML Spring Play

**Sun:** *Mother's Day*  
7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
8 :30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult bible study  
2:00 p.m. KML Spring Play

**Baptisms** Stella Mae Schulz, daughter of Eric and Kelly, was baptized in a private ceremony yesterday morning (April 30). She was born on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, Luke James Bucheger, son of Jim and Rachael, will be baptized in a private ceremony after church this morning (May 1). He was born March 31<sup>st</sup>. May God keep these young ones in his baptismal grace all their lives.

**In Our Prayers** Sharon Janssen, receiving treatments for cancer down in Phoenix; Dennis Noel, dealing with a number of health challenges and undergoing tests this week.

**We thank** Anne Drewa (Thursday) and Barb Olsen (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

**Please pick up** a copy of the May *Forward in Christ*, church newsletter, calendar... all on the cabinets in the entryway. Anything else on the cabinets is fair game as well - videos, Camp Phillip schedules, brochures, etc...

**Blood Drive** On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Zion will be hosting a blood drive in the fellowship hall. Check the bulletin board to see how you can sign up to save lives!

**Pray for Ukraine** Curious as to how the WELS is helping our sister churches in Ukraine? Visit [www.wels.net/pray-for-ukraine](http://www.wels.net/pray-for-ukraine) for the latest as to how our church body is offering aid.

**Mental Wellness Seminar** Join in on a discussion of mental wellness for our times and learn specific ways to intervene for yourself or a loved one when wellness becomes un-wellness or illness at Morning Star Lutheran this Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Morning Star is located at N171W20131 Highland Rd., Jackson and will be hosting Karen Fischer from Christian Family Solutions for this presentation - please join us!

**Lutheran Chorale Concert** This afternoon, May 1, the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee presents “O God, Our Help,” a hymn festival concert, starting at 4 p.m. at Grace Church in downtown Milwaukee. The festival will feature the sounds of organ, brass and percussion as the chorale sings favorites—old and new—from the new WELS hymnal, as well as arrangements from prominent old and new church music composers. The concert will also premiere new choral work by Jeremy S. Bakken. A free will offering will be collected to support the choir’s ministry. To learn more, visit [lutheranchorale.org](http://lutheranchorale.org).

**KML Spring Play** Join us for KML’s spring play, *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*. You are guaranteed to laugh until your side hurts at all the wonderfully creative ways this show “goes wrong!” Recommended for ages 13+. Performances: Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, 7:00 PM; Sunday, May 8, 2:00 PM. Tickets are general admission and \$5 each and will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to each show. You can find more information at [www.kmlhs.org/theatre](http://www.kmlhs.org/theatre).

**Luther Prep Instrumental Concert** You’re invited to join the concert and jazz bands, string, guitar, and percussion ensembles, brass choir, and mass hand bell

choir for the annual May Instrumental Concert on Sunday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Luther Prep School Auditorium in Watertown. The theme for this year's program, entitled "Screen Gems: Music from the Movies," will highlight a variety of great selections from some classic movies. No tickets are necessary, but a free will collection will be taken.

**WELS Connection** A new children's ministry is giving Risen Savior a way to reach more families with the gospel in Lakewood Ranch, FL. See how the congregation is making new connections in April's WELS Connection.

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#### **Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus**

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