
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4-5, 2019

AS WE GATHER

God's Word is always effective; we cannot truly hear it and remain as we were. What a revelation! Today's Scripture Readings all reflect this truth. In Acts, Saul, once responsible for the stoning of Stephen, is changed into the apostle Paul, the human author of much of the New Testament. In the vision in Revelation, John's sorrow is drowned out by the hosts of heaven as they praise the Lamb who is worthy to receive all our praise. And in the Gospel, Peter is forgiven for his weak faith on Holy Thursday and given the gracious invitation to follow his Lord. Now it is our turn to be changed—into people freed from sin and death to serve our living Lord.

HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

Stand CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved**

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Ps. 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: Ps. 145:10

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**C One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**C They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**C The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

**C 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 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

KYRIE 

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P *Glory be to God on High,*

C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin

of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of

God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

Sit FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you

are to do.”⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE*Revelation 5:8–14*

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
 and to open its seals,
 for you were slain, and by your blood
 you ransomed people for God
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
 and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand ALLELUIA 🎵

C *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

HOLY GOSPEL*John 21:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon 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.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish.

⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

[Saturday] **APOSTLES' CREED**

C 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 † everlasting. Amen.**

[Sunday] **NICENE CREED**

**☩ 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.**

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

SERMON

"The Reluctant Messenger"

Acts 9:13-15

OFFERING

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Stand OFFERTORY 

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- P** Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of Your people for sending Your Son as the Lamb to ransom Your people by His blood and make us a kingdom and priests in Your service. Lend Your blessing to Your Church, that all we endeavor in Your name may be in accord with Your will and accomplish Your holy purpose in calling many to know with joy Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Mighty God, Your Word brings faith by the power of Your Spirit. As once You called Saul to serve as a chosen instrument of Your grace and called Peter to follow You, raise up many to serve as

pastors who will feed Your sheep. Fill the nets of Your Gospel with many who hear Your good news and believe by the power of the Spirit. Bless missionaries who plant Your Church where she was not and all church workers who serve us in Your name. Pour Your Spirit upon Rev. Gary Schultz as he considers the Call to be our Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, You have given us a rich and blessed land. Give us good and honest leaders who will govern according to Your will and provide for our common life together, protecting those most vulnerable and defending us against all enemies. Bless the members of our armed forces, and those who serve us in law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate Lord, You know the needs of Your people before we ask, and yet You call upon us to make known the petitions of our hearts and trust You to supply grace sufficient for all our needs. Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying to Your rest, especially _____ and those we name in our hearts before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, all things are Yours and You have richly supplied us with the blessing of time, with talents and abilities, with the gift of labor and the income it provides. Receive our thanks for all Your gifts, and accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of the worship of our hearts and our sacrifice of praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To You, O Father, who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be all blessing, honor, glory and might, both now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Saturday's service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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.

C ♪ *For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Saturday's service continues with the Benediction

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ♪ *LSB 198*

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit **DISTRIBUTION**

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise *LSB 680*

Chief of Sinners Though I Be *LSB 611*

Stand **NUNC DIMITTIS** ♪ *LSB 199*

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou
hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and
the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

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 ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

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