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## Third Sunday of Easter † May 4, 2025

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

**ELW**-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

**PRELUDE** *Chorale Prelude on Easter Hymn* by Healey Willan

**WELCOME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Mary McDonald -Choir

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. 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,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P 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,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P 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,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW # 392** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*Refrain*

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

P For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

P That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

P For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

P For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**C Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**C 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 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.

**C Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are

persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

<sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him,

"Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and rulers and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So

Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days Saul was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "Jesus is the Son of God."

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

### PSALM 30

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.
- <sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried <sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored <sup>1</sup> me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down <sup>1</sup> to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor <sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes <sup>1</sup> in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never <sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong <sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was <sup>1</sup> filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup> **I cried to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with <sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- <sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> be my helper."**
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing <sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed <sup>1</sup> me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you <sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you <sup>1</sup> thanks forever.**

### SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>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!" <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said,

"Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  (please rise in body or spirit)

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

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because Jesus said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>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." <sup>19</sup>(Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 817    *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**NICENE CREED**    *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**C** 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**    *(you may be seated)*

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

*A brief silence.*

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

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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 those on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**  *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

*This is God's table. All are welcome here!*

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 494** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Seek Ye First* arr. Douglas E. Wagner -Choir

**BLESSING** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## SENDING HYMN ELW # 376 *Thine Is the Glory*

## POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* by Andre Campra

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## Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Michelle Slee in honor of Dylan's birthday.

**This week please hold in prayer:** Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Phil Bowen, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Leo Clausen, Jamie Bostelman, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

## Calling All Campers!

HopeWood Outdoors is currently taking registrations for summer camp! Programs are available for grades K-12 as well as families. Please visit [hopewoodoutdoors.org](http://hopewoodoutdoors.org) for more information on the programs being offered this summer. Scholarships are available! Please contact Joe Dilbone at 419-377-0883 or Laura Klein at 419-906-1939 for scholarship applications.

## Attention all graduates!

We would like to recognize all of those that are graduating soon from high school or college. Please send information (name, school, degree and future plans) to Joe Dilbone or Laura Klein. Or fill out the link on the facebook page.

**The Caring Corner for May/June** we will be non-perishable food or monetary donations for local food pantries.

## This Week

Tuesday, May 6	1:30pm	P.E.R.I.
Wednesday, May 7	1-2:30pm	Open Office Hours
	5pm	Soul Food Café
	6pm	Brass Ensemble

Thursday, May 8	9:30am	Bible Study
	4pm	Staff Meeting
	7pm	Worship
Sunday, May 11	9am	Worship
	10am	Sunday School

### **Offering**

We have another option for giving now through Emanuel's Paypal and Venmo account. You are welcome to give that way if you would like. If you don't typically use Paypal or Venmo, the way you're giving now is perfectly fine! Donations through Paypal or Venmo will go to where it is most needed now-- the general fund (unless otherwise specified).



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