TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 23, 2023

PREPARATION

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, 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, 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!

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P God raised Jesus from the dead
- C and gave Him honor and glory.
- P We place our faith in Him,
- C and we place our hope in His resurrection.

Confession and Absolution 1 Peter 1:24–25

P As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

Silence for reflection.

- P Heavenly Father,
- C we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.
- P "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

WORD

Psalm *Psalm* 116:1–14; antiphon: v. 5 ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: our God is merciful. ⁶The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; ⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted"; ¹¹I said in my alarm. "All mankind are liars." ¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Kyrie LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

578 Thy Strong Word sts. 1, 5–6

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done. For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

D 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever, Praise the holy Trinity!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41

 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

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³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Epistle *1 Peter 1:17–25*

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

Verse *Romans* 6:9; *Luke* 24:32

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Children's Message

476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

- Who are you who walk in sorrow, Down Emmaus' barren road, Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load? Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead; We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by stride? Unknown Stranger, can You fathom, Depths of grief for one who died? Then the wonder! When we told You, How our dreams to dust have turned, Then You opened wide the Scriptures, Till our hearts within us burned.
- 3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened, In the breaking of the bread— Christ the victim, now the victor, Living, risen from the dead! Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace! Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
- 4 Who are we who travel with You, On our way through life to death? Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath! At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word; At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
- 5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our worship, As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people, Called from ev'ry land and race. Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

Sermon

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 T everlasting. Amen.

Offering

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the cross a victim, For the world's salvation bled—Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat: See the ancient pow'rs of evil, In confusion and retreat; Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore, Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
- D 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high: Alleluia to the Savior, Who has gained the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia, To the triune Majesty!

Prayer of the Church

- P Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially*...]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially*...]. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise.
- P For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,
- C we bring to God our prayer and praise. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

- 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.

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom. *Refrain*
- ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst, Until its strength by God was dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain*
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here. See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain*
- 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain*

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