

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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THIRD SUNDAY OF

EASTER

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Participants this week:

Presiding & preaching: The Rev. Gary Bertsch
Assistant: David Kienbaum Reader: Cathy McLemore
Visual Technician: Sara Villarreal Music: Mark Pierce

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able.)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: p. 94-96 ELW

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, C: **Amen**

P: Gracious God, C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in C: **Amen**

♪ ***GATHERING SONG:*** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* 389 ELW

GREETING

A: 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.**

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord have mercy**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: **Amen**

♪ ***HYMN OF PRAISE:*** *This is the Day!* 121 Master Chorus Book

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your

children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

PSALM: Psalm 4

REFRAIN: “*The LORD does wonders for the faithful.*”

SECOND READING: I John 3:1-7 (NIV)

GOSPEL:

(Please stand as you are able.)

♪ *Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* 172 ELW

Gospel Announcement: Luke 24:36b-48 (NIV)

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel Reading:

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

♪ *Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* 172 ELW

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Rev. Gary Bertsch

(Please stand as you are able.)

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Lord, Be Glorified* 744 ELW

NICENE CREED: pg. 104 ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: pg. 105 ELW

P: With the whole people of God in . . . Lord in your mercy. **C:** **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. pg. 106 ELW

(Please be seated.)

♪ **OFFERING HYMN:** *Open Our Eyes* 61 Master Chorus Book

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER: pg. 107 ELW (Please stand as you are able.)

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you C: **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: (to be spoken) p. 107 ELW

Holy, holy, holy Lord: (to be spoken) p. 108 ELW

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord

♪ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (to be sung by the congregation)

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER p. 114 ELW

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, . . . C: **Amen**

♪ **BLESSING:** *May the Lord Ever Bless You* p. 251 LLC

May the Lord ever bless you and keep you. May the face of the Lord shine on you, and may the Lord enlighten you with unfailing love and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, give you peace. Amen.

♪ **SENDING HYMN:** *I Am the Bread of Life* 485 ELW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL:

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Church Calendar:

Today – We thank Pastor Gary for leading our service. Bible Study follows the service.

Next Sunday, April 21st – 9 a.m. - Service of the Word with Kenneth Kleid, followed by April Birthday Celebration.

Sun., Apr. 28th – 9 a.m. - Holy Communion Service with Rev. Gary Bertsch. Bible Study follows.

Synod Assembly Offering Envelopes are available today. Please consider making a donation and returning the envelope by Sunday, April 28th. The Synod Assembly is May 5th in Corpus Christi. Glenn & Victoria Porritt will be attending as our voting delegates. “Miss Nina” will be attending as a visitor.

Let us pray for:

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Susan J. Briner, our pastors, seminarians, missions, our congregation, Joys of Heaven Learning Center, sick people, Daniel Altmeyer, Liz Kienbaum, Gloria Miller, Kimberly Porritt, Andrew Rodriguez, and Margie Hassold, and world peace.