

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude
Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit †.

Amen.

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that we may be turned from our sinful ways and follow Christ in faithful obedience.

(Silence is kept for meditation and self-examination)

Almighty and all-merciful God,

We are dead in our sin; we have no power to rise. We have brought sorrow. We have offended you and others and are sorry for our offenses. We have no power to rise.

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we ask God to forgive our sins, so that we may receive, and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name.”

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

#389 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Opening Litany for the Third Sunday of Easter

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Just as Jesus told Peter and the other disciples where to fill their nets with many fish,
so he guides and directs us to places where we can find abundant blessings.

Just as he prepared a meal for his disciples on the seashore,

so he provides us with nourishment and strength when we need it most.

Just as Jesus told Peter, "Feed my lambs" and "Follow me,"

so he calls us to take care of others and to imitate his ways.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
 with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

page 140, **This is the Feast**

Prayer of the Day

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Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul [later called Paul] was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 30: A Joyful Hymn of Thanksgiving
 God heals us and restores us to life.

I give you high praise, for you Lord, raised me up above my gloating enemy.

Lord, how I begged you--and you, God, healed me.

You pulled me from the pit, brought me back from Sheol.

Celebrate all you saints, praise this awesome God.

God's anger passes quickly, God's mercy lasts a lifetime.

Like laughter that fills a day after one brief night of tears.

When all was going well, I thought I could never fall;

With God's powerful blessing, I would stand like a mountain!

Then you hid your face; I shook with fear! I cried out, "Lord, Lord!"

I begged and I pleaded, "What good is my blood to you?"

Why push me down the pit? Can dead bones praise you or recount your unbroken love?

Listen to me, O God. Turn and help me now.

You changed my anguish into this joyful dance.

You pulled off my sackcloth, gave me bright new robes.

So that my life might sing your glory--never silent in your praise.

Forever I will thank you, O Lord my God!

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

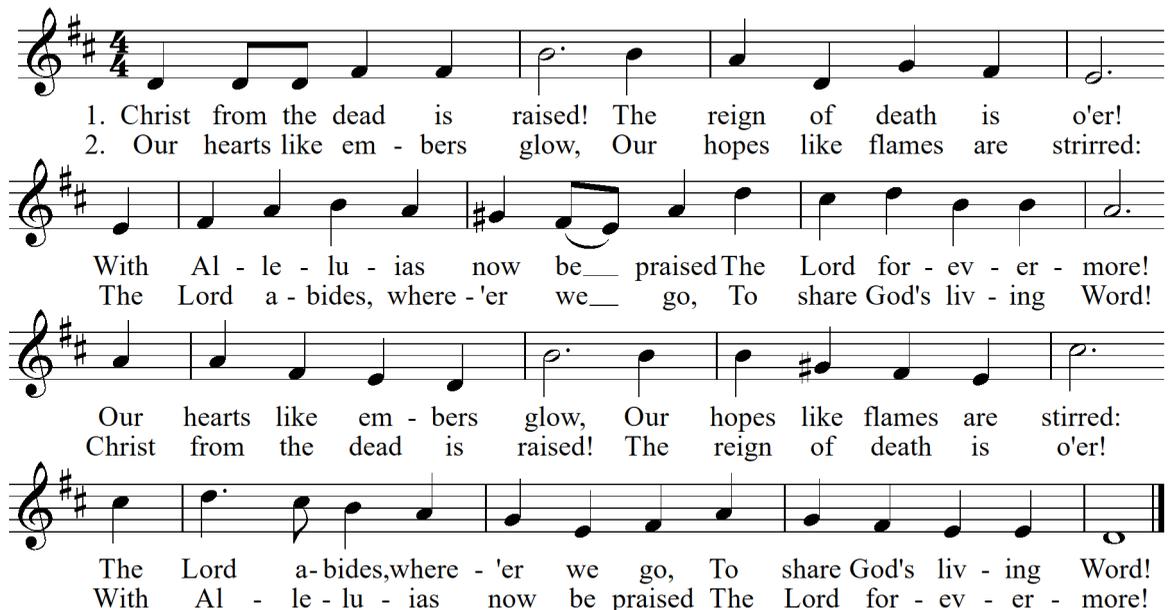
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Christ From the Dead is Raised



1. Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o'er!
2. Our hearts like em - bers glow, Our hopes like flames are stirred:

With Al - le - lu - ias now be__ praised The Lord for - ev - er - more!
The Lord a - bides, where - 'er we__ go, To share God's liv - ing Word!

Our hearts like em - bers glow, Our hopes like flames are stirred:
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Gospel

John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.*Meal**(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

(8:30) *Feed My Lambs* by Matthew Wolka, Senior Choir

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

At the daybreak Christ is waiting, risen Healer, constant friend, by a fire preparing breakfast, humble meal of fish and bread. And he beckons his disciples from a weary night at sea, in the crescent light he questions, "Do you love me more than these?"

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

Through the years the church has gathered 'round the Christ, eternal flame, known in water, word and banquet, serving all he calls by name. Here the yearning,

here the witness, here the provender of grace, love that finds, forgives and fills us, sends us singing from this place:

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

Now the Church, a living welcome, moves as Christ within the world, both its faith and sin confessing, life is mended, healed, restored: seeing Christ in ev-ry stranger, sharing freely all that's giv'n, bearing hope through joy and justice, bread of earth and bread of heav'n.

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my lambs, follow me.

(11:00) *Rejoice, the Lord is King* by Anna Laura Page
The EmbELLishments

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly__ day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris- tians, has - ten on your_ way; Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age__ pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love__ re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n__ on__ high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's_ feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to__ die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as you provided fish for your disciples' breakfast, and inspiration for heavenly anthems, so you have provided us with all that we call ours. We offer back these humble gifts, and with them our praise "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" We praise you now and evermore.

Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

page 145 (Traditional Version)

(8:30) Table Prayer

3 and 4-year old Sunday School Class

Invitation to Communion

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

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(8:30) Communion Anthem

A Communion Invitation by Craig Courtney

Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

#391 This Joyful Eastertide*(Please stand as you are able)*

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Your presence, O Christ, excites us. This meal, O Savior, nourishes us.

Continue to feed our excitement and our encouragement, both here and in the world. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.*Sending**(Please be seated)*

Today's Highlights

*For more information on the church's activities, please pick up the bulletin announcements from the Welcome Center, ask an usher or go to our website, www.StMattsLutheran.org**(Please stand as you are able)*

Blessing

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.