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1 Peter 1:24 & 25

*Welcome to*

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## ***Third Sunday of Easter***

April 23, 2023

### **Welcome!**

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor, or anyone here at St. Paul's.

### **As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins!

Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

***A special welcome*** is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon. ***Everyone*** is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to the usher as you leave.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

## **The Order of Worship**

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Divine Service Setting Three

### **Entrance Hymn**

*“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”*

LSB #468

### **Invocation** *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Exhortation**

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.**

### **Confession of Sins**

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.**

## Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and 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. 133; antiphon: Ps. 133:1*

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is

C **when brothers dwell in unity!**

P It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

C **running down on the collar of his robes!**

P It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

C **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.**

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C **when brothers dwell in unity!**

## Gloria Patri

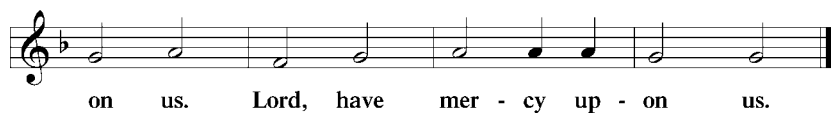
Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Gloria Patri. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

One staff of musical notation in treble clef. The melody is written on the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

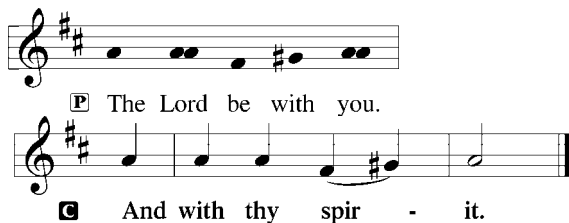
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation



## Collect 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.

*(be seated)*

**Choir Anthem**     *"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"*  
Words and Music by Jay Althouse

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

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

<sup>37</sup> Now 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?" <sup>38</sup> And 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. <sup>39</sup> For 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." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to

exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So 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*

<sup>17</sup> And if 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, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who 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.

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

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but 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.

## Alleluia (*please stand*)



## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:13-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then 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?" <sup>19</sup> And 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and 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. <sup>24</sup> Some 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." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They



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?”<sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,<sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**All** 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.

*(be seated)*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** “*I’m But a Stranger Here*” LSB #748

**Sermon** “*Live It Up and Love It Up*” text: I Peter 1:17-25

## Offertory ~ Create in Me

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me, Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Presentation of the Offering

### Prayers of the Church *(please stand)*

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, have mercy on us when we are foolish and slow  
of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken  
about Your Son. Pour out Your Spirit on us through the  
preaching of the Gospel, that the Scriptures might be  
opened to us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy  
name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on**

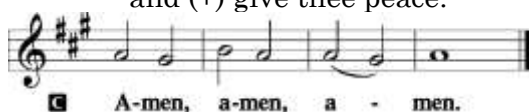
earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Luther's Morning Prayer

All I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee  
and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon thee  
and (+) give thee peace.



**Sending Hymn**    *“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”*    LSB #490

### Silent Prayer

*(be seated)*

### Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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**REPENT**  
**And Be**  
**BAPTIZED**  
**EVERY ONE OF**  
**YOU IN THE NAME OF**  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
**FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS**  
**AND YE SHALL RECEIVE**  
**THE GIFT OF THE**  
**HOLY GHOST**  
**- ACTS 2:38**