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The Third Sunday of Easter

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community. Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup
Readers: Lennox Debra
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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Ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! *Refrain.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.**

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.**

P Upon this your confession, 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

Psalm 30

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.



☐ 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.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

☐ Glory be to God on high:

☐ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–21

A The First Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter three.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36–49

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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With High Delight Let Us Unite

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- 1 With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, He
Is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be like victory
O'er death and grave," saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.
- 3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love give us above,
From misery and death set free all joy and full consolation.

SERMON

"Open-Minded"

Stand

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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- 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.
- △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!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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PAULINE BENEDICTION



IN OUR PRAYERS: Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Richie & Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Lydia Foley, Diane Dill

CHURCH MEMBERS: Paul Cataldo, John Wimmer, Rich & Betty Kuerner, Gene Maceiko, MaryAnne Boucher, Arlene Enz

OUR SHUT-INS: Charles & Ethel Nenstiel

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Mark Kummer (USN), Kristine Broger (USA), Michael Deck (USAF), Patrick Ullrich (USA)

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Tuesday – 10AM Bible Study
Tuesday – 6:30PM Confirmation Class