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APRIL 14 8:30 & 11

## The Third Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

Entrance Hymn *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

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|   |                      |            |                |              |
|---|----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Al - le - lu - ia!   | Je - sus   | is             | ris - en!    |
| 2 | Walk - ing the way,  | Christ     | in the         | cen - ter    |
| 3 | Je - sus the vine,   | we         | are the        | branch - es; |
| 4 | Weep - ing, be gone; | sor - row, | be             | si - lent;   |
| 5 | Cit - y of God,      | Eas - ter  | for - ev - er, |              |



|                               |                  |           |                |           |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Trum - pets                   | re - sound - ing | in        | glo - ri - ous | light!    |
| tell - ing                    | the sto - ry     | to        | o - pen        | our eyes; |
| life in the                   | Spir - it        | the       | fruit of the   | tree;     |
| death put a - sun - der,      | and              | Eas - ter | is             | bright.   |
| gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, | Je - sus         | the       | Lamb,          |           |



|                |            |           |                       |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Splen - dor,   | the Lamb,  | heav - en | for - ev - er!        |
| break - ing    | our bread, | giv - ing | us glo - ry:          |
| heav - en      | to earth,  | Christ    | to the peo - ple,     |
| Cher - u - bim | sing:      | O grave,  | be o - pen!           |
| riv - er       | of life,   | saints    | and arch - an - gels, |



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## *Easter Greeting*

*A: Christ is risen!*

**C: Christ is risen indeed!**

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

**Amen.**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God  
 who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which  
 he gives to us be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Hymn of Praise*

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*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## *Prayer of the Day*

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Loving God, after being raised from death your Son came to the disciples, bringing enlightenment and understanding, and empowering their calling as witnesses. Send your Spirit upon our gathering as well, that we will know his presence now in our hearing of the Word, our sharing of the Sacrament and our gathering in Christian love. Then, with the contentment of a confident faith, strengthen our commitment to witness to our salvation through the Risen Christ in all we do and say. We pray this in the name of our Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

## *First Lesson*

*Acts 3:1-26*

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

### **Peter's Sermon**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people:

"You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

Moses said,

*'The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out of the people.'*

And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham,

*'And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'* When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Psalm*

*Psalm 4*



The LORD does won-ders, does won-ders for the faith-ful.

*Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.*

**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

*But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.*

**When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. R**

*Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.*

**There are many who say,  
"O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

*You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.*

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. R**

## *Second Lesson*

*1 John 3:1-7*

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## Children's Sermon & Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;  
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

## Gospel Acclamation

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

*Luke 24:36-48*

**W**hile they were talking about how Jesus had appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and also to Peter, Jesus himself stood among 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be heralded in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

# Sermon

## Hymn of the Day Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.  
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did the death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."



Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

“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*

Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

*Apostles Creed 8:30 / Baptism 11:00*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *The Prayers*

#### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offering*

#### *Offertory*

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

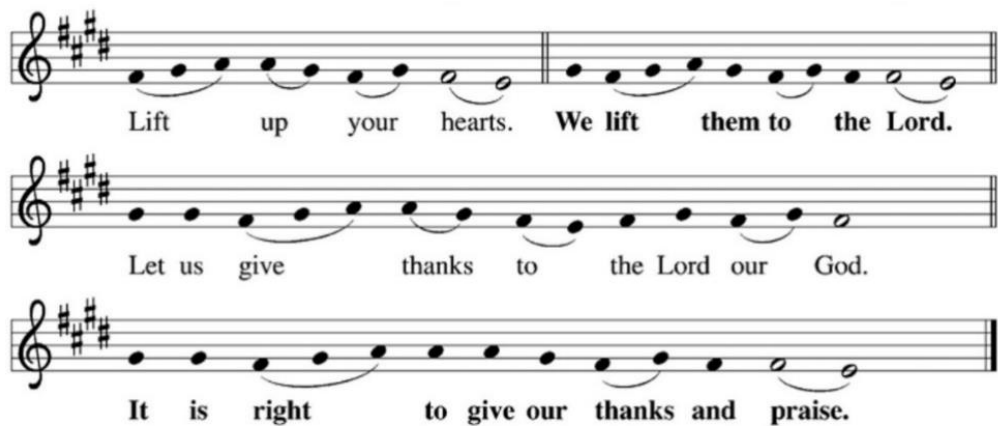
#### *Offertory Prayer*

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### *Great Thanksgiving*





Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
 that they had seen the risen Lord,  
 he doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 and look upon my hands, my feet;  
 not faithless, but believing be."  
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## *Post Communion Prayer*

### *Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn* This Joyful Easter Tide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

## *Postlude & Dismissal*

We welcome to the Christian faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Andrew James Rivera, son of Alyssa & Adam Rivera, little brother to Alexander, and Great-Grandson of Linda & Vinnie Tipa.



### Sunday, April 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

### Monday, April 15

Deadline to RSVP for April Dining Out Gathering

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

### Tuesday, April 16

Polling station for Yorktown Supervisor special election in fellowship hall

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

**Wednesday, April 17**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

**Saturday, April 20**

1:00 p.m. Peg Lindblom Celebration of Life followed by reception in fellowship hall

**Sunday April 21**      *Earth Day/Good Shepherd Sunday*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

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