

WHO KNEW?

APRIL 30, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

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TODAY'S THEME

It took the resurrection to reveal God's eternal plans to save the fallen human race. Who among the people of Jerusalem knew that "this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36) would be Lord and Christ? Who knew that it would take His blood to pay for our sins—as Peter reveals in the Epistle. And how could the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand that their guest was Jesus, risen from the dead, until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread? We would also be clueless were it not for the grace of God in revealing His plan of salvation to us and working faith in our hearts to believe it. To Him be the glory forever!

WE WELCOME ALL OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO CHURCH TODAY!
WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOU IN THE SERVICE. PLEASE FILL OUT A
VISITOR CARD FOUND IN THE PEWS OR SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK.

OPENING HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS – TLH #370

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

After the Holy Absolution:

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.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.
- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
C **when brothers dwell in unity!**

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P** Glory be to God on High,
C **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

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy Spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.
P 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.**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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?” 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. 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.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, 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.

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

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 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. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 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. 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." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 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. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 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?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into
heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spake by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you
whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

OFFERING AND HYMN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED AT THIS CONGREGATION IN THE CONFESSION AND GLAD CONFIDENCE THAT, AS HE SAYS, OUR LORD GIVES INTO OUR MOUTHS NOT ONLY BREAD AND WINE BUT HIS VERY BODY AND BLOOD TO EAT AND TO DRINK FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNION WITH HIM AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. OUR LORD INVITES TO HIS TABLE THOSE WHO TRUST HIS WORDS, REPENT OF ALL SIN, AND SET ASIDE ANY REFUSAL TO FORGIVE AND LOVE AS HE FORGIVES AND LOVES US, THAT THEY MAY SHOW FORTH HIS DEATH UNTIL HE COMES. BECAUSE THOSE WHO EAT AND DRINK OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD UNWORTHILY DO SO TO THEIR GREAT HARM AND BECAUSE HOLY COMMUNION IS A CONFESSION OF THE FAITH WHICH IS CONFESSED AT THIS ALTAR, ANY WHO ARE NOT YET INSTRUCTED, IN DOUBT, OR WHO HOLD A CONFESSION DIFFERING FROM THAT OF THIS CONGREGATION AND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD, AND YET DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT, ARE ASKED FIRST TO SPEAK WITH A PASTOR.

FOR FURTHER STUDY, SEE MATTHEW 5:23F.; 10:32F.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 COR. 11:17-34.

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE & SANCTUS

P ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

VERBA

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at the same time the Celebrant does during the Verba.

PAX DOMINI

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS – TLH #371

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING AND COLLECT

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

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that [...] who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

C **Amen. Amen. Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD – TLH #261

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SERVING HOPE THIS WEEK...

Lector: Robby Trione

Altar Care: Peg Weiland

Altar Flowers: Rita Minor

Birthday Cake: Sally Vaci

Pre-Service Music: Beth Branscome

Rev. Daniel Carlson – Pastor
Mr. Jesse Booker – Organist
Dcs. Margaret Anderson – Organist
Rev. Dr. Arthur Porter – Head Elder
Mr. Greg Weiland – President

Saturday Bible Study: Saturdays at 9:00am

Divine Service: Sundays at 9:00am

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:20am

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 22 AM Class	5
April 23, 2017	
Children/Youth SS	3
Divine Service	16+5
Offering	\$ 500.00
Needed Weekly for budget	\$ 919.00
Surplus/Shortfall	\$ 419.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Rally Day will be NEXT SUNDAY. Please stick around for food and fellowship!

BIBLE STUDY

Saturday Morning Bible Study will resume on May 20th at 9:00 AM. If it's been a while since you've attended, you are invited and encouraged to make this hour a part of your routine.

COMMUNITY FUN AND FAIRE

Saturday, May 13th is just around the corner! To this end, here are a couple of things you need to know:

First, speak to Greg Weiland if you have items you'd like to sell at the Yard Sale but you don't have a way to transport your items to the church. Speak to him RIGHT AWAY!

Second, tell your friends, family, and neighbors about the event! EVERYONE is invited. Meals cost just \$5.00 per plate (which includes a burger or hot dog, chips, a drink, and a cookie).

** Credit Cards will be accepted for food and Hope's yard sale tables. **

Third, BE SURE to sign up if you plan to participate on Saturday. The more people the better, and we must know who will be here. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

MAY 14TH OUTSIDE SERVICE

The Divine Service will gather OUTSIDE in the front yard. Assistance will be needed before the service to bring a few items outside. We will need to be setup by 8:30.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WORKSHOP



Please come out to St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 6th and learn about nurturing your temple. Presentations regarding “Stress Management”, “Weight Management”, “Nutrition”, and “Exercise” will be made by representatives from UAB, and the Birmingham Health Dept. in addition to inspirational Bible Studies concerning “Living as a Transformed Woman of God”, and “Learning How to Put on the Whole Armor of God”.

A small Health Fair will also be on site and will include representatives from the Birmingham Health Dept. who will administer blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring. Representatives from Cooper Green Hospital Health Services will also be on hand to provide eligibility information regarding Cooper Green’s Health First Blue Card program. As a Health First, or “Blue Card,” holder, a person may be eligible for financial assistance for medical care. For those who qualify, the Financial Assistance Program will help to pay for medical bills and medicine provided by Cooper Green Mercy Health Services.

Thanks in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you there! The event begins at 10:00 AM.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following:

Judith Petersen
Delores Fry
Florence Huggins
Sandi Minor
Diane Golchert
Stu & Ann Swindle
Hank Hollis

David Kinkle
Sophie Nadler
Ellen Russell
Rev. Perry McCullam
Wayne Prewitt
Bob Howell

BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Leshore 4/1
Doris Marshall 4/8
Dennis Trione 4/20
Sally Vaci 4/20
Beth Branscome 4/23

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 7th, 3:00pm

Council Meeting

Saturday, May 13th, 9:00am

Community Fun and Faire

Please be sure to look at the current prayer list, and if there are any changes, let Pastor Dan know RIGHT AWAY (on paper or via email; word of mouth will likely be forgotten)

Check around your pew and make sure you've picked up your hymnals and bibles and returned them to the book racks. Also, if you see any old paper, bulletins, or garbage, please pick it up and throw it away. Thank you.

"The apostles, too, wondered at this, so that the Lord said to them: 'Ought not Christ to have suffered and thus to enter into His glory?' (Luke 24:26). And He set this forth through all the prophets, as this very thing is also clear in all the prophets. For this He opened their understanding that thus they might understand the Scriptures. The cross of Christ is found everywhere in the Scriptures." LW 11:239