## Grow ... Go ... Gather May 1, 2022



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## The Third Sunday of Easter

## The Order of Service (DS 3)

As you enter the sanctuary, you are encouraged to keep talking to a minimal so that you, and those around you, can prepare your hearts and minds for worship by praying, or by reading hymns, or focusing your thoughts on the preservice music

# The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, and the Welcome

**The Opening Hymn:** "Come People of the Risen King" (Getty/Townend)

#### Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

#### Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

#### Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace **(Chorus)** 

## Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all **(Chorus)** 

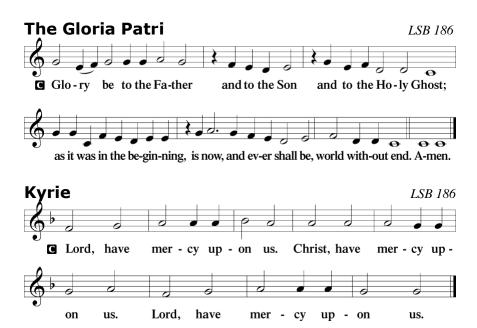
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## The Invocation, the Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T 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, 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.











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.



#### The First Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### The Second Lesson: Revelation 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup>and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had

taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



#### The Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; vou know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."





#### The Nicene Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal) The Sermon Hymn: LSB 485, "Long Before the World Is Waking"



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## The Sermon





## The Offering

## The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: "God of the Living" (Kip Fox)

#### Verse 1

God of the living Give us this day A new beginning Covered in grace Fill us with kindness Patience and love Always remind us What you have done

#### Chorus

You have raised us up from death to life By your Son our Savior Jesus Christ Sending him to save Vanquishing the grave Worthy is your name God of the Living

#### Verse 2

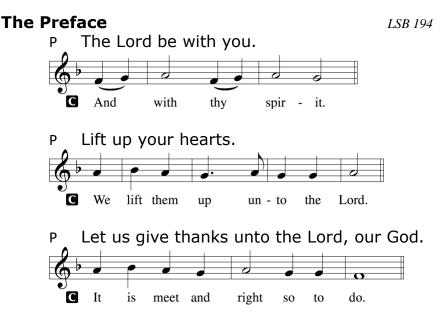
God of the living Teach us your ways So we can follow Paths you have made Give us the courage When we're afraid Give us endurance When comforts fade **(Chorus)** 

#### Bridge

Every heart a new creation Every morning a new day (Chorus)

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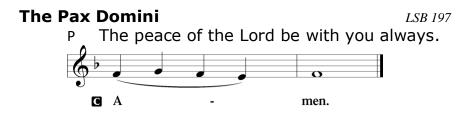


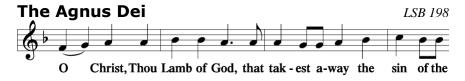
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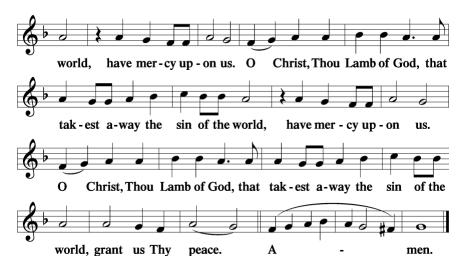
It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . Ρ evermore praising You and saying: Sanctus LSB 195 ~ • • • 0 . Ο **C** Ho - ly, ho ly, ho - lv Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He, - 1bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. .... 0

#### Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### The Words of Institution







#### The Distribution

(During the Distribution you are invited to sing; LSB 462, "All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding" and LSB 483, "With High Delight Let Us Unite")

#### All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding

- All the earth with joy is sounding: Christ has risen from the dead!
  He, the greater Jonah, bounding From the grave, His three-day bed, Wins the prize: Death's demise— Songs of triumph fill the skies.
- Christ, the devil's might unwinding, Leaves behind His borrowed tomb.
  Stronger He, the strong man binding, Takes, disarms his house of doom; In the rout Casting out Pow'rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.

 Jesus, author of salvation, Shared in our humanity;
Crowned with radiant exaltation, Now He shares His victory!
From His face
Shines the grace
Meant for all our fallen race.

 Praise the Lord, His reign commences, Reign of life and liberty—
Paschal Lamb, for our offenses, Slain and raised to set us free!
Evermore
Bow before

Christ, the Lord of Life adore!

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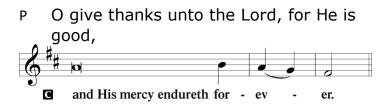




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## The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer LSB 200



P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Salutation and Benedicamus

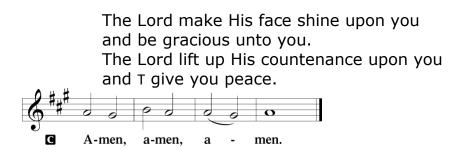
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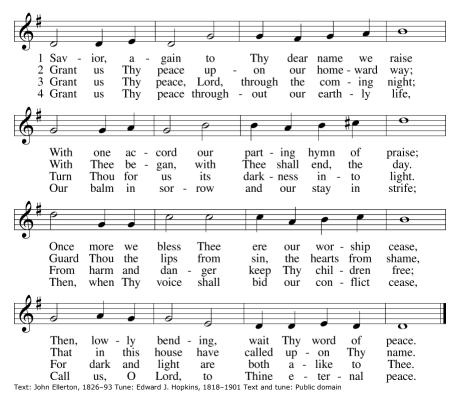


## The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.



## **The Closing Hymn:** LSB 917, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: May 1 – May 8

- **TODAY: KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2<sup>nd</sup> **Coffee Hour** following the service **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study
- Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- **Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.** Summer Outreach Event organizational meeting

Wed: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell

- Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- **Friday:** Pastor's day off Rachel Palmer inducted to the Concordia Hall of Fame
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL. KIDZ TIME during the sermon, Pre-2<sup>nd</sup>
- FIF Sale set-up: Sunday, 1:00 4:00pm, May 1 Monday, 9:00am – 3:00pm, May 2 Tuesday, 9:00am – 3:00pm, May 3
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale: Thursday, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., May 5 Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., May 6 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, May 7

#### Those who serve Today:

**Deacons**: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss **Ushers**: Jim & Nancy S., Ben & Ashley J. **Lector:** Rick Schantz Organist/pianist: Beth McKay Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John Weiss, Marjie Weiss May Altar Guild: Irene Talen



Those who serve next Sunday: May 8 Deacon: Jerry Talen Ushers: Dale & Grace R., Caleb B. Lector: Carol Bifulco

#### FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: April 24, 2022

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General Fund		\$2,275.00
Plate Collections		20.00
ISJ Academy		100.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria Mission		439.00
	Total:	\$2,834.00
On-line giving		150.00
	Total:	\$2,984.00

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a **new VBS concept** this year. Our goal is to have a 1 or 2 night family oriented event with multiple stations for children and families to interact and receive the Word of God in a casual setting. If you would be interested in volunteering for any part of this, please attend the **Summer Outreach Event organizational meeting** on



**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>,** at **6:30 p.m.** Any questions? Ask Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears or Pastor Schaeffer.

#### St. James needs a part-time church

secretary. After many years of faithful service,



Karen has resigned from the position of church secretary. If you are interested in this

part-time position, please ask Pastor Schaeffer for a Job Description.

**Friends in Faith**, with funding from Thrivent Financial, is helping the North End Community Ministry provide an evening meal for the community on **May 17** from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. It is held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 224 Carrier St. NE. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Dale Rosema or Melissa Ensing.

ISJ will be holding the annual **Walk-a-thon/Trike-a-thon** on **Friday, May 13**. Students will be around the church collecting pledges. We also invite you to come and cheer on our students that afternoon as they complete their laps.

Our **14th annual golf outing** on Saturday, **June 4th** at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. Sign your team up today to enjoy a day of golf, food, prizes, and fun! There are different levels of sponsorship for one or both events ranging from \$100 to \$350.

Questions? Please contact the school office at 616-363-0505 or <u>isjoffice@mychristianschool.com</u>.

All proceeds from these events will be used for student resources at ISJ.

**Nursery Available:** Parents, we have a nursery that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

Mark your There is a scheduled May 22, Sunday service.



**calendars!** Voter's Meeting for Sunday, following the morning

**Support St. James' mission and ministry** as we Grow, Go, and Gather. Your online offering can be made at our website: stjamesgr.com. Click on the "GIVE" button and follow the instructions. It's that simple! Thank you for supporting the Lord's work.

VOLUNTEERS are needed **TODAY** after church to bring the sale items from storage and begin sorting. VOLUNTEERS are also needed Monday and Tuesday for continued sorting and pricing.

VOLUNTEERS are needed Thursday through Saturday to assist customers during the Sale. The remaining sale items will be left up so church members can take for free anything they would like after church on Sunday, 5/8.

And yes, VOLUNTEERS will be needed to pack up the leftover sale items on Monday, 5/9, and Tuesday, 5/10.

It is a great time to get to know each other and help support our Youth and church functions. Work for an hour or enjoy the day with everyone. It really is a lot of fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Walt Kryzanowski (616-970-7407) or Dale Rosema (616-2621390).

## SALE DAYS AND TIMES:

May 5, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. May 6, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. May 7, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

