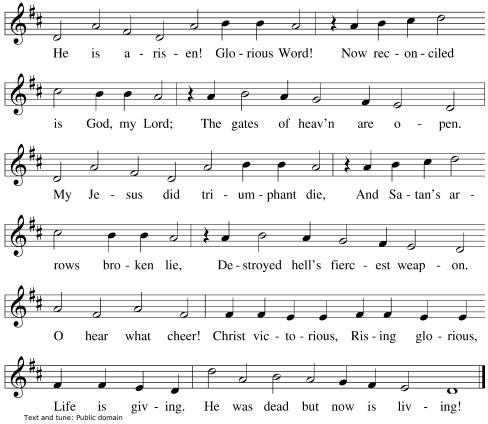


3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021 "What's going on" The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Gathering





Thanksgiving for Baptism

Confession

Lord, I come before you now, Oh, please hear my cry. In Jesus' name I dare to come, humbly now before your throne. For, I have sinned against our will. I have missed the mark again. Forgive my sins as I confess and plead for your righteousness. Oh,

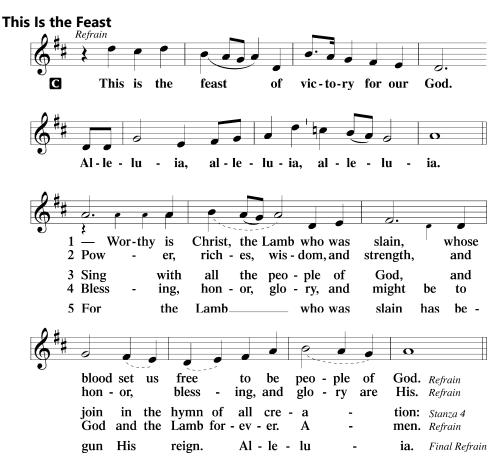
Lamb of God in your mercy please take away my sin. Lord, renew me from within. By your Spirit make me whole again. Jesus, cast me not away but give me hope that comes from you. For you alone can make me whole and heal my brokenness. So, fill me now and make me new in your own righteousness,.

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.

First Reading Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷ And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom

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.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little 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.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-49

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



³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts

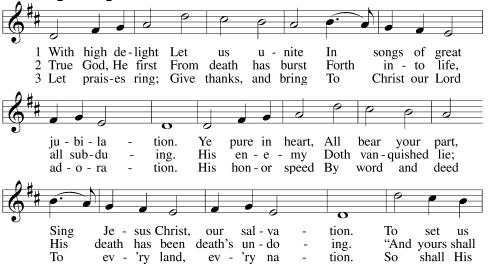
arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

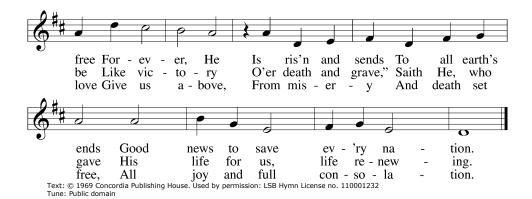
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

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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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your servant Martin Luther, through whom the Christian Church was called back to the truth of the Scriptures and the comfort of the Gospel for the repentant conscience found in Christ alone. By Your Holy Spirit and the conviction of the blessed Scriptures, embolden us to confess faithfully in our time of death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to stand unashamed on the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures in the face of all opposition or discomfort. Give wisdom and zeal to our preachers, give resolve and confidence to all Christians, and preserve the witness to Christ's resurrection, that all consciences may be bound up by his forgiveness. Lord in your mercy

Q Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (*especially*). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.
- In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

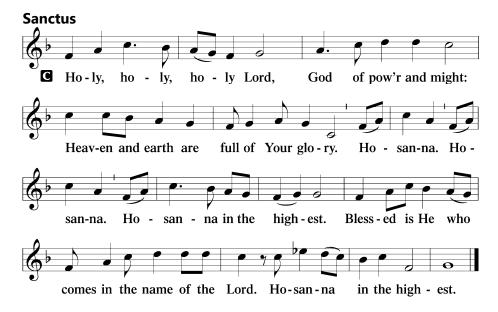
Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with

angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
 - 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.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Distribution

(Please keep social distancing during communion)

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Common Blessing

- P May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true faith unto → life everlasting.
- Amen.





C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

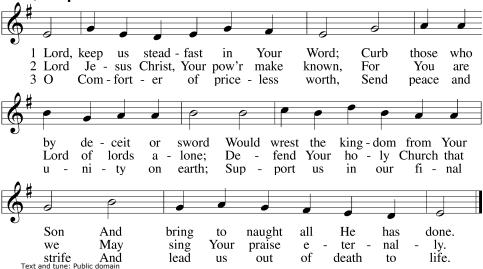
Benediction

- May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father,

 → Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

Announcements





Dismissal

- **A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

A 'SPECIAL THANK YOU' to Rev. Eric Allyn for leading us in worship

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INTERCESSIONS, Roger Roebke, Matt Dvorak, Carol Matt, Sara Himes, Jeanette Strelau, Donaldo Tauler, Al Carter (Debby Piccoli's step father), Makenna Jacobs, Michael Mode, Helen Warke, David Groenier (brother of Mary Krock), Eleanor Mode, Kari Roberts, Paul Samson, Jonathan Zawislak, Piper Houzenga (Tom & Mary's granddaughter), We pray for our nation and its leaders. +++ For those serving in the military. +++ AJ Schrautemyer, Joseph Puzzo, Cameron & Jacob Dyer, Christine Strange, Jared Koch, Vincent Stewart, Jacob Green and Neal Rogers We pray for our missionary Danelle Putnam, serving in the Dominican Republic; For our Church on the call of a new Pastor.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS Lector: Nate Govert; Assist Min: Carol Minutillo; Acolyte: NA; Ushers: NA: Greeter: NA

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate on the table at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

<u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</u> –Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm.

Please contact the church office for assistance. Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-971-3257) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 34= \$2623 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

BOARD OF Stewardship 1 John 3:2 – "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." The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

HELP THE HUNGRY The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help **Special need** of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water **IMPORTANT** In the event that you need to miss church, remember that you can go to either TrinityVP.com or RevRobRogers on YouTube to see the sermon this week. Also our website www.holyspiritegv.org to see our worship video.

Human Care/Missions is taking up a collection for Lutheran World Relief for the next month. Starting today March 14 thru April 11, 2021. A basket will be in the back of the Church for donations.

OUR MISSION

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN 4/18	Sunday School	10:30am
	3 rd Sunday of Easter	12:00pm
THUR 4/22	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
SUN 4/25	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	4th Sunday of Easter	12:00pm

WELCOME!

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. We confess our faith in the one, holy, universal and apostolic church of Jesus Christ. Baptized Christians 14 years of age and older who believe His body and blood are present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at His table. If you are searching for spiritual direction and Christian fellowship, we invite you to inquire into the Biblical faith proclaimed and practiced here.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays - 12:00 PM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m. Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May) Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6th- 12th Gr. 2 Adult Studies,

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