

**THE SEVEN SIGNS**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 15, 2018**  
**8:15 and 10:50 a.m.**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** .....Carla Barrows, Organ  
"Now the Green Blade Riseth" by Kevin McChesney - Trinity Bells

**WORDS OF WELCOME** ..... Johnene Bonno

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** . . "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" . . . . . LSB 475

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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.

**C** Amen.

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** . . . . . Acts 3:11-21

**R** The New Testament Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Acts.

**R** <sup>11</sup> While [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. <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> 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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** ..... 1 John 3:1-7

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> John.

**R** <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ..... LSB 173

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Luke 24:36-49

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** <sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> 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.” <sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> 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 to You, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** . . . . . Alec Kemnitz

**MESSAGE**. . . . .Pastor Michael Dorn

**PRAYERS**

**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; 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.

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** (8:15) . . . . .“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” . . . . .Mallory Kaiser, Flute  
arr. Rebecca Bonam

**MUSICAL OFFERING** (10:50) . . .“Jesus Is Lord” by Getty and Townend . . . . . Sanctuary Choir

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

## SHARING THE PEACE

**AGNUS DEI** . . . . . “Lamb of God” . . . . . LSB 180

- C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Arnold Sherman . . . . . Trinity Bells

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” . . . . . LSB 700

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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“This Joyful Eastertide” . . . . . LSB 482

This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:

**Refrain:** Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: **Refrain.**

My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: **Refrain.**

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**DISMISSAL**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** ..... “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev’ry place and time.

In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and loves, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev’ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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**POSTLUDE** ..... Carla Barrows