



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2020*

*10:30 Worship*

In today's gospel reading the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples on a mountain he directed them to. He give them the "Great Commission" sending them into the world to spread the gospel. What is this Great Commission and how do we live it out? These are the things we'll be exploring in worship today.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

This order of worship is designed to accompany what is happening live on Zoom. In order to make things work smoothly please keep your computer's microphone off unless you have a speaking part. It may be helpful to use a headset or earbuds to minimize feedback. You are welcome to use the chat feature to ask questions or provide feedback. Following worship we will have a time for those who would like to chat. That would also be a time to use the chat feature for side conversations.

# † OPENING †

## Welcome and Announcements

### Greeting

P. The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

A: Joined in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism

*Water is poured into the baptismal font as the following is said:*

A: We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### Opening Music

### Prayer of the Day

B: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

D: <sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 144:9-15

E: I sing you a new song, Lord,  
I play my ten-stringed harp,  
for you give victory to kings,  
you rescue your servant, David.  
Save me from the bitter sword,  
deliver me from strangers,  
who speak lies  
and then swear to them.

God, you shape our sons  
like tall, sturdy plants,  
you sculpt our daughters  
like pillars for a palace.  
You fill our barns  
with all kinds of food,  
you bless our fields  
with sheep by the thousands  
and fatten our cattle.

There is no breach in the walls,  
no outcry in the streets, no exile.  
We are a people blest with these gifts,  
blest with the Lord as our God!

Second Reading Romans 10:9-17

F: [Paul writes] If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 28:19)

**C: Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything

that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

G: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

G: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

G: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

G: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

## † PRAYER †

### *Prayers of Intercession*

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. These three petitions will be read by people in the congregation:*

**B.** Lord, be with all those who are currently unemployed because of the economic shut down. Help them as they live through these anxious times. Guide them to use their resources wisely. Give them the support they need. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**E.** You commissioned all your disciples to go and teach to all nations. Guide us to do that as individuals and as a congregation. Be with the missionaries we support: the Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the Rev. Deborah Troester. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**G:** Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who had died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to add you own petition. Please conclude with:*

Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### *Peace*

**B:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**B:** We share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with messages of Christ's peace.*

### *Special Music*

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

† ENDING †

Blessing

P: The blessing of the living God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Music

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

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