



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
 Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23 2023

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

•Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
 •Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

STAND

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 by whose hand we are given new birth,
 by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are welcomed, restored, and supported
 as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
 holy and merciful,
 holy and mighty,
 you are the river of life,
 you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
 and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
 In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
 and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
 for rivers and streams.
 Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
 quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
 Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
 the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
 Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
 Where despair prevails, grant hope.
 Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
 We ask this through Christ,
 who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #391 "This Joyful Eastertide"

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

(ELW p. 138)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 140 "This is the Feast")

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the
 breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see
 him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

WORD

Pew Bible Page

First Reading: Acts 2:[14]36-41

(pg. 886)

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached
 following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of
 Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that
 God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

(pgs. 983-984)

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter
 understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no
 longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to
 God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things
 as silver or gold.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142 "Alleluia")

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

(pgs. 860-861)

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road
 to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized
 among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the
 breaking of bread.*

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (Sun)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #374 "Day of Arising"

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Receive our prayers, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers
 and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus
 Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIT

ADULT CHOIR

"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"

[Ave Verum] W.A. Mozart

*Jesu, word of God incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born;
 On the cross Thy sacred body For us All with nails was torn.
 Cleanse us by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced side,
 Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony.*

STAND

OFFERING

Hymn #674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" vs. 1

