



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**April 25, 2021**

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**Opening Hymn**      *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*      **p. 469**

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**      **p. 151**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**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.**

### **Declaration of Grace**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### **Service of the Word**

+ **INTROIT** +

*Psalm 66: 3, 5, 3-9; antiphon: Ps. 66: 1-2*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

**Cong.: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**Cong.: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."**

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

**Cong.: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples;

**Cong.: let the sound of his praise be heard,**

Pastor: who has kept our soul among the living

**Cong.: and has not let our feet slip.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia

**Cong.: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.**

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE +

*“Gloria in Excelsis”*

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**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Cong:** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

**Pastor:** The LORD be with you.

**Cong.:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.:** **Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Lamentations 3: 22-33*

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> *“The LORD is my portion,”* says my soul, *“therefore I will hope in him.”* <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; <sup>29</sup> let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; <sup>30</sup> let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not cast

off forever, <sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men. This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE**

*1 John 3: 1-3*

<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<sup>[a]</sup> 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. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

*John 16: 16-22*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON HYMN:** *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

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## SERMON

### Nicene Creed

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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**

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**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## **LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**

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**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.

## **Collect**

**P** Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; 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**

**LSB 166**

**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.



**Rev. Patrick Poock**  
Organist: Bill Vlasak

**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES at FAITH:**

**Sunday, April 25**

8:00 am Divine Service  
9:15 am Pastor’s Bible Class  
10:30 am Divine Service

**Wednesday, April 28**

9:00 am Women of Faith  
3:30 pm Bible Study  
5:00 pm Divine Service

**Thursday, April 29**

10:00 am Sewing for Christ  
2:00 pm Adult Bible Study with Don Lannon, Jr.