

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday In Easter

Corporate Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

We offer large print copies of the liturgy, and for Holy Communion we offer gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

Prelude

The Opening Hymn:

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” – LSB # 474

Athanasian Creed: Pg. 319

Invocation Litany: Pg. 290

The Readings:

The First Reading: Psalm 116 (ESV)

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called

on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.⁶ The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;⁹ I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”;¹¹ I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”¹² What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious

blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from

recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with

them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn:

“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow” – LSB # 476

The Message:

Congregational Prayers:

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer:

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

The Confessional Address with Words of Institution, followed by Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Long before the World Is Waking” – LSB # 485, v. 4-5

Holy Communion:

Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

The Blessing: Pg. 291

The Closing Hymn:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” – LSB # 576

Announcements:

Postlude

* Please take the bulletin home or discard in the trash before you leave. *