

resurrection **REALity**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION REALITY: WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?
 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
 joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.
 you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my

**Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

M: 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.



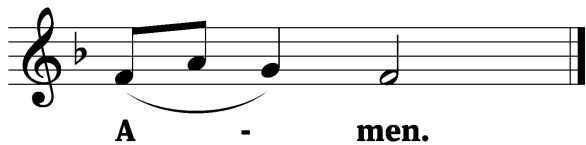
Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

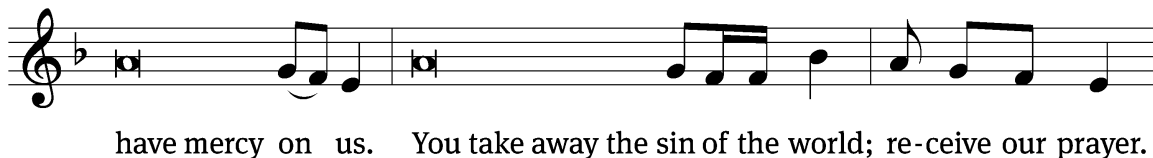
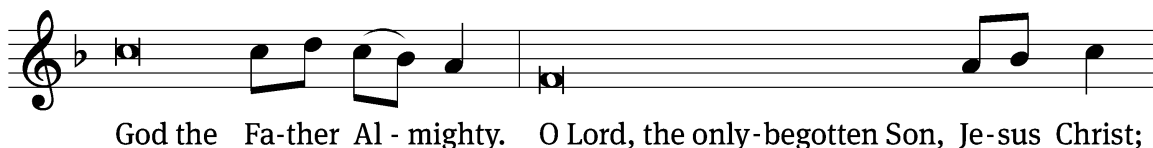
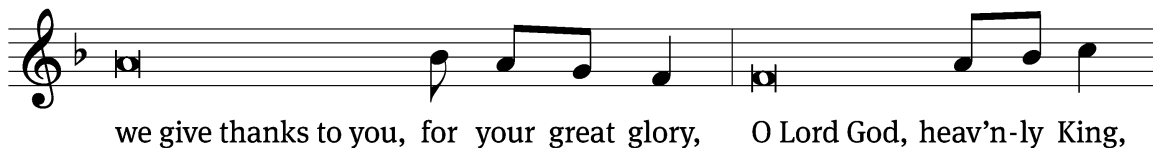
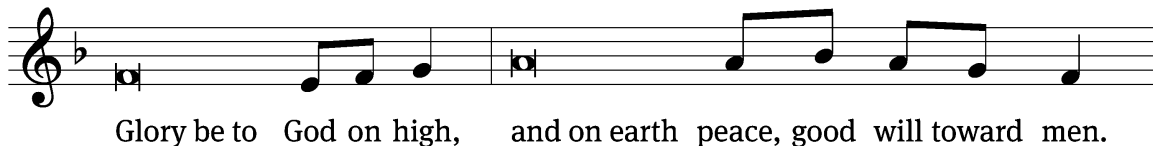
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory Be to God on High

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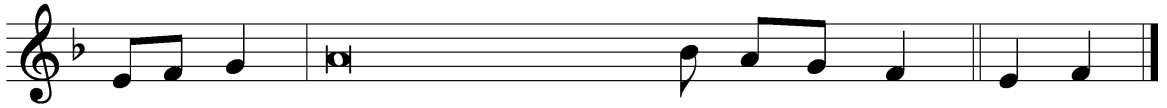




You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 3:11–20

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon’s Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through

Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Anthem

577 Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

- 1 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;
too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above,
now offered and given to all.
O fountain of beauty eternal,
the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous:
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (v. 2)
- 2 Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
the mountains, exultant they stand;
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness,
all life is sustained by your hand.
You crown ev’ry meadow with color,
you paint ev’ry shade in the sky;
each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. (Refrain)
- Ref How great, how sure;
his love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
- 3 What grace, that you entered our brokenness;
you came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness,
but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption;
your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
(Refrain, then Bridge)

Bridge

United in your resurrection,
you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
(Refrain 2X)

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Second Reading

1 John 1:5—2:2

This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Gospel Acclamation

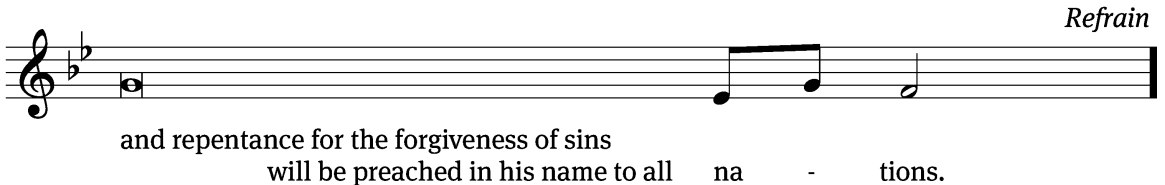
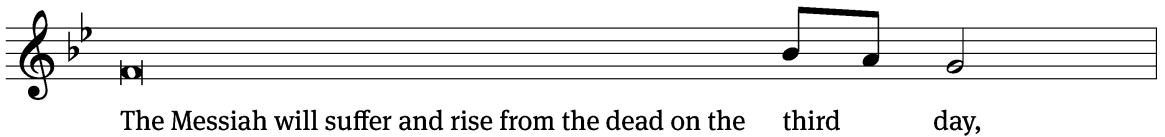
Luke 24:46,47



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate in front of them. He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I

am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CW 459 (continues on p.10 in bulletin)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!

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Sermon

1 John 1:5-2:2

“The Need to Tell the Truth about the Source of Salvation”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty and merciful God, during this Easter season we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

M: Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C: Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

M: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion--rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

C: Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

M: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent out the good news of the risen Christ, call everyone in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

C: Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

M: Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

C: Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Be seated

Offering

During the offering, the organist/pianist will play offertory music and ushers will collect our offerings by passing an offering plate. Feel free to continue to offer your gifts to the LORD online if you prefer. Our members consider it a joy to support our ministry at Trinity so that we can offer the gospel here. If you are a guest with us this morning, please do not feel you have to give a gift.

Stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated

930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 930 (p. 12-13 in bulletin)



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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Announcements

Ushers this week: Brett Lyzenga, Garry Hargrove, Jr., Larry Kurth

Ushers next week: Al Frank, Andrew Delikat, Isaac Reis

Thank You: Thank you to all the students and parents and staff of St. Paul Lutheran School for your efforts in having the children praise their Lord and Savior this morning.

Join Us: Everyone is invited into our fellowship hall following the service to enjoy some food, snacks, and refreshments that have been prepared.

Worship Preview: Next week we will continue our Easter celebration as we continue in the worship series, “Resurrection Reality”. Many people ask what is real in this life and we can even question it from time to time. Throughout the Easter season we will see that the Resurrection is real and we will see the huge difference it makes in our lives. Next Sunday we will focus on “The Living Lord Produces Active Faith.” The Resurrection motivates us to continue to carry this

message to others and to seek to glorify and honor God in all that we do in our lives. Next Sunday is also a Communion Sunday.

Sunday School: Sunday School will continue next Sunday at 9:00 am. The Sunday School will look at the “The Parable of the Farmer and the Seed.”

Adult Bible Study: Adult Bible Study will continue next Sunday at 9:00 am as we look at the Keys and Confession.

Family Night at St. Paul: Everyone is invited to Family Night at St. Paul, South Haven. Family Night will take place on April 20 from 4-7 pm. There will be a scavenger hunt, cookout, and bonfire. If you plan on going, you are asked to RSVP to Anna Atwood at 269-241-2214.

LWMS Spring Rally: All are invited as we gather at Peace Lutheran Church in Granger, IN for the LWMS Spring Rally! The event will be held Saturday, April 27 beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Our special speakers will be talking more about the 100 missions in 10 years campaign. Please RSVP to Robin Mock if you plan to attend., and also if you wish to carpool.

Meditations: It is that time of the year again to renew or have the opportunity to subscribe to the daily devotional book Meditations or the monthly magazine Forward in Christ. Both of these publications are produced by our church body with the devotions being written by various pastors all over our church body and the magazine articles being written by pastors, teachers, and members of the church body. The price for the subscriptions will depend on how many sign up. If you are interested in renewing or subscribing, please talk with Pastor Reis.

ML Drama Production: Michigan Lutheran’s Drama Department is back in action! For this year’s drama production, they will be presenting two one-act comedies: “Appropriate Audience Behavior” by Ian McWethy, and “The Rules of Comedy” by Peter Bloedel. Join ML for what will no doubt be an incredible, comedic ‘blow-out’. Performances will take place in the MLHS gym on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be \$2 for children 3-12 and \$5 for age 13-adult (MLHS students are free). Please email Josiah Willitz if you have any questions: jwillitz@michiganlutheran.org.

Invitation: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Sodus would like to invite you to help celebrate the retirement of Pastor Robert Duehlmeier. He has been a faithful servant for 40 years (36 of which were in Sodus). There will be a special service at 10:00 am on Sunday June 16. They realize this is Father’s Day, but figured it was a great day to celebrate this milestone. There will be catered meal following worship. Please RSVP by Sunday June 2. There is no cost for anyone who would like to join the celebration. If you wish to RSVP for this, it is requested that you tell Pastor Reis and he will forward the numbers to St. Paul’s Sodus at the appropriate time.

Memory Book for Pastor Duehlmeier: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Sodus has invited individuals and congregations to send their best wishes to Pastor Duehlmeier and his family. The program committee is putting together a memory book for Pastor Duehlmeier and his wife, Mary. You are invited to send any well wishes or memories to us to be incorporated into that book. You are welcome to email them to dwingmacd@hotmail.com or mail them to Margie Dowling, 2234 Meadowbrook Rd., Benton Harbor, 49022, by Friday May 31.

Area Call Update: Pastor Scott Bergemann has returned the call to Peace Granger, IN. Nicole Barabas, teacher at Grace in St. Joseph has returned her call and will remain in the area. St. Paul, Stevensville has called Mrs. Teresa Dohm to be their Early Childhood Ministry Director and Mr.

David Stoltz to be principal and 7-8 grade teacher. Grace, St. Joseph has a vacancy at pastor and one teaching vacancy which needs to be filled for next school year. St. Paul's, Stevensville has a vacancy at pastor. St. Paul's, Sodus will be vacant at pastor in June and is in between calls. St. John's, Dowagiac will be vacant at pastor in June. Please keep all of these called workers and all the ministries in our area which are affected by vacancies at various positions in your prayers.