

---

# Traditional Worship Guide 9:00 a.m.

## Third Sunday of Easter ❖ April 18, 2021

---

### DIALOG

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: This is a day that the Lord has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: **The Lord has become my salvation.**

P: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

C: **The Lord our God reigns!**

HYMN: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* .....# 367

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed!  
He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with  
rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav’nly blessed sing:  
“Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia!  
be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Stodach, Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.  
One License # #A-708297. Music *Geistliche Kirchengesänge* public domain.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON                      Acts 3: 12-19                      Bible, pg. 1695

SECOND LESSON                    1 John 3: 5-7                      Bible, pg. 1400

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“It’s Easter!”* [tune #834 St. Denio]

It's Easter. It's Easter, the stone's rolled away.  
It's Easter. It's Easter, this is the Lord's Day.  
New faith for the doubter! New joy for the sad!  
Our Savior walks with us to make our hearts glad.

Hymn by Robert H. Schuller, retrieved from sermon 1992, 2010.

HOLY GOSPEL                      Luke 24: 36b-49                      Bible, pg. 1644

*Responses spoke before and after the reading:*

**Before: Glory to You, O Lord.    After: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON

HYMN: *“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow!”* .....# 387

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim  
stepping fearless through the night.

- 2 One the light of God's own presence  
on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
bright'ning all the path we tread.  
One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires.
- 3 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;  
onward, with the cross our aid.  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle  
till we rest beneath its shade.  
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;  
soon the rending of the tomb!  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.  
© Tune: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944. CCLI #1322815

## APOSTLES CREED

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response after each petition:*

P: ...Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words on screen)

### THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "*Christ is Alive!, Let Christians Sing!*" ..... # 389

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 3 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936. Music: T. Williams, 1789  
Text © 1975, 1995 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved.  
CCLI #1322815

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Thank you for worshipping today!  
Please take this bulletin with you.

We will usher people out, beginning at the back of the church.