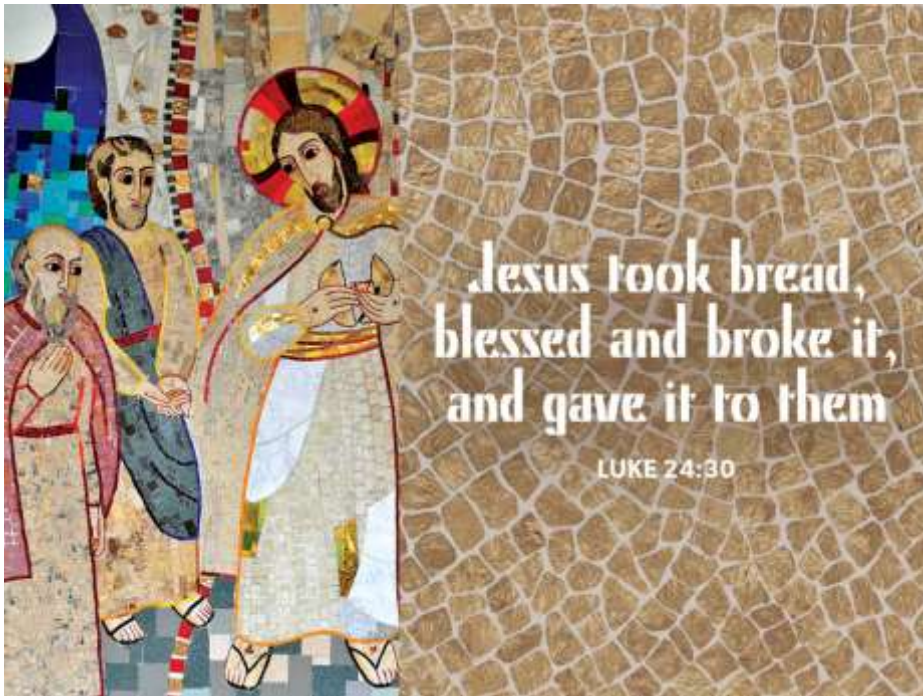


Third Sunday of Easter



April 23, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. May God bless and strengthen you here today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs. 1-3, 5) ELW #389

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed.**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

C **Alleluia!**

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

OPENING PRAYER

P Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ’s Name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful and just God,

C we confess the ways that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C Amen.

HYMN “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” (vs. 1-3) ELW #380

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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.

LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

L ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

L ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

C ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you,
save my life.”

L ¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

L ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

C ¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

L ¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C ¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

L ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

C ¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

HYMN "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!" (vs. 4 & 5) ELW #380

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5) ELW #377

APOSTLES' CREED

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C **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 Pilot,
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.
They offered their company, their table, their bread.
We invite you to be with us, Jesus,
as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

C **May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us,
now and always. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

WORDS OF COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

inspired by Luke 24:13-35

P Go now as those who have met with Christ in the morning of this day.
Go now as those who hearts have burned within them,
as the Scriptures were explained.
Go now as those who have been touched by resurrection.
And may the blessing of God be upon you,
body, mind and spirit, as you leave this place.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (vs. 1, 2, 7 & 8) ELW #619

DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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