



But their eyes were  
kept from recognizing  
him.

Luke 24:16

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 23, 2023**

**11:00AM**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

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## **INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P God raised Jesus from the dead

**C and gave Him honor and glory.**

P We place our faith in Him,

**C and we place our hope in His resurrection.**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*1 Peter 1:24–25*

P As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw

near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,

**C we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P “The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself for us as an unblemished sacrifice in order to ransom us from our sins. Strengthen us to let go of our own futile deeds, and cling to Your deeds of death and resurrection for us and our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:14a, 36–41**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" arr. Raney

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 1:17–25**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### **ALLELUIA & VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:13–35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After the Gospel is read:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow” 476**

### **SERMON**

“Keep the Change”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

### **NICENE CREED**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

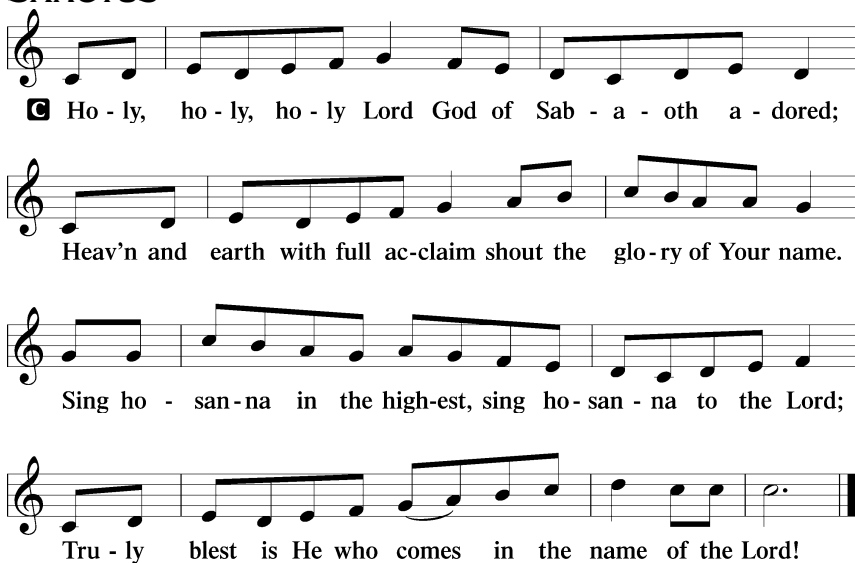
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

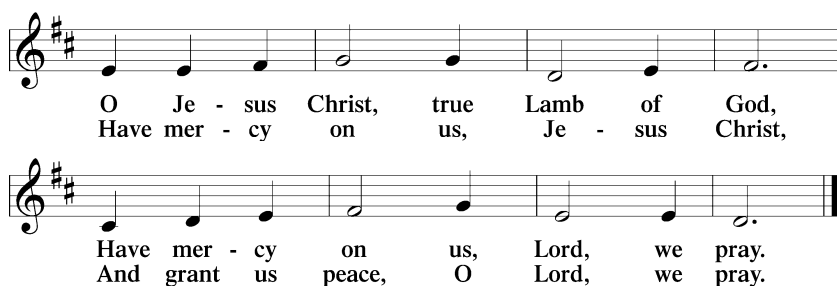
**C** And also with you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## AGNUS DEI

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*We sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” 633

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” 585

*We stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav’n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God’s tri - une name re -





## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

“Stay with Us”

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## POSTLUDE