



LUKE 24:49

**...AND HE SAID TO THEM, "AND BEHOLD, I AM
SENDING THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON
YOU. BUT STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU ARE
CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER

Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples “disbelieved for joy” (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!” (66:1–2). The prophet Isaiah assures God’s people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: “For the LORD comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

PRELUDE *We use this time to prepare our hearts for worship.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” 477

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
C death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ has risen from the dead.
C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Day of Resurrection” 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry,
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM

"To Be a Child of God"

Allen Pote

"Use Your Gifts"

Bailey/Mayo

1st – 4th grade choir, CCDS

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 4

L Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

L But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself; the LORD hears when I call to Him.

C Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

L Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!”

L You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Sing three times, in parts.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

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

SERMON “Closed Mind? Open Book” Pastor Michael Geml

HYMN OF THE DAY “This Joyful Eastertide” **482**

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” 830

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

