

St. John 21:16b



“He said to him, ‘tend my sheep.’”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

Holy Communion

*The Processional Hymn *This Joyful Eastertide* (ELW) No. 391

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.**

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (ELW) NO. 392

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt You, O Lord, because You have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; You restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing to the Lord, you servants of His; give thanks for the remembrance of His holiness.

⁵For His wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, His favor for a lifetime.

⁶Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁷While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with Your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

⁸Then You hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁹I cried to You, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You or declare Your faithfulness?"

¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹³Therefore my heart sings to You without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* The Gospel

John 21:1-14 [15-19]

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Seminarian, Justin Baker

*The Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(ELW) No. 779

*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became in
carnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified un
der Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge The living and the dead, and
His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken
through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen**

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

* The Great Thanksgiving

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*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

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The Distribution

Communion Hymn

"Eat This Bread"

(ELW) No. 472

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

(ELW) No. 619

The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

"Farewell & Godspeed for Justin & Nella."

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The flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by the Quedenfeld family in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day and in blessing and thanksgiving for all teachers who continue to make a positive impact in our community.

The Lay Reader is Nella Matthews.

Acolytes are Nathaniel and Wesley Black.

Counters today are L. Coleman and L. Sten.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Please join us for coffee hour following Service today for a Farewell & Godspeed for Justin and Nella."

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 6 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Sherri Zoeller, Mike Zahora, Jean Erdmann, Justin Spine, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Robert Schmidt, Chipper, Delores Stebella, Jerry Vitteck, Chaz Sands, Jason, Austin, Rich, and Tonnia.

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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Refrain

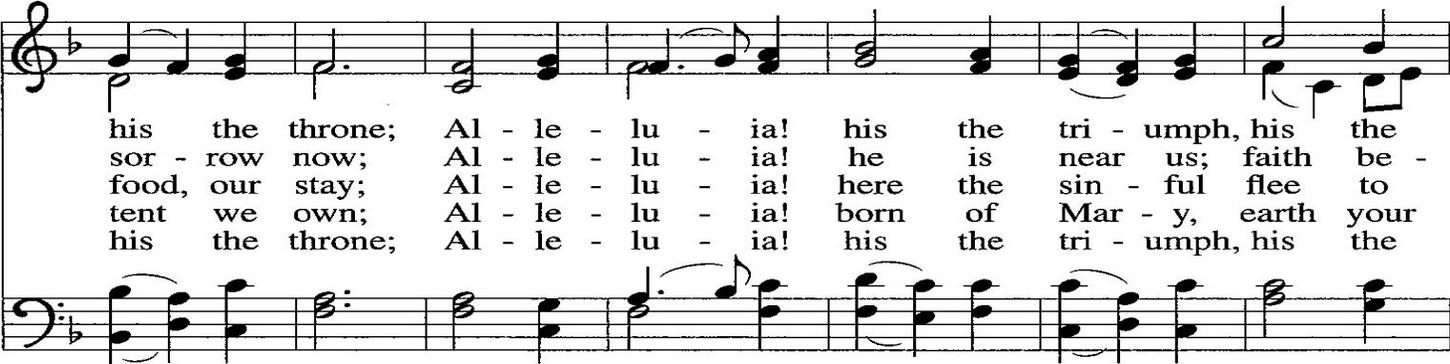
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

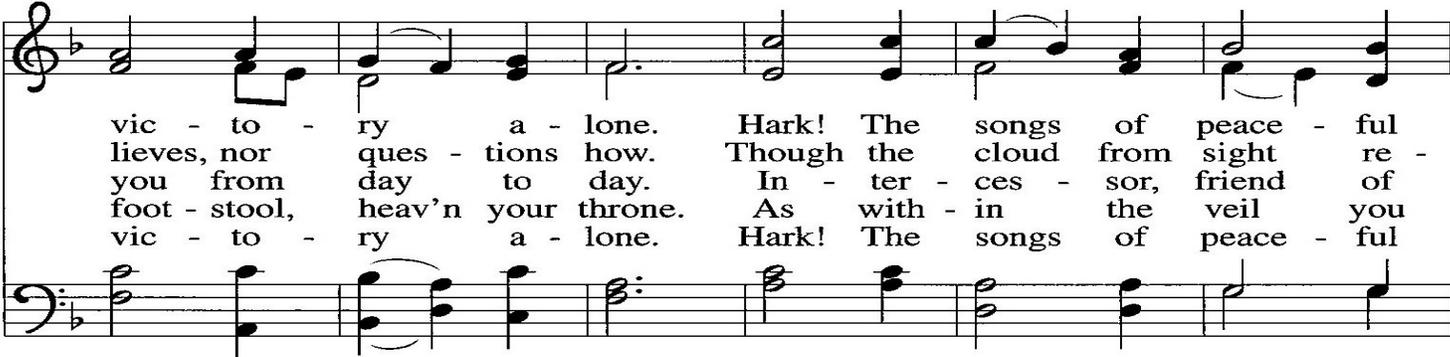
ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the melody. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

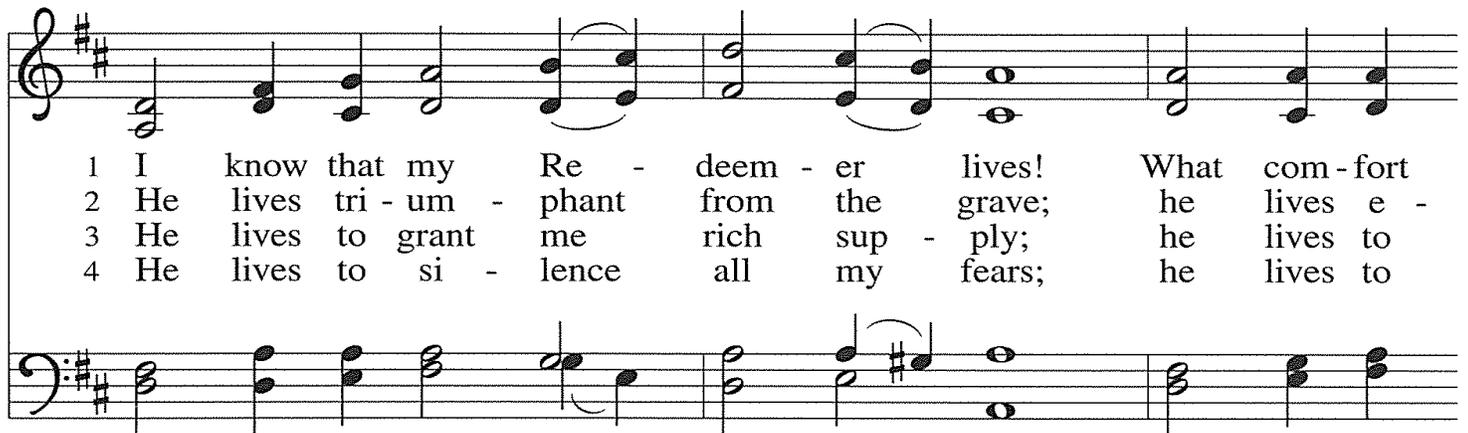
Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

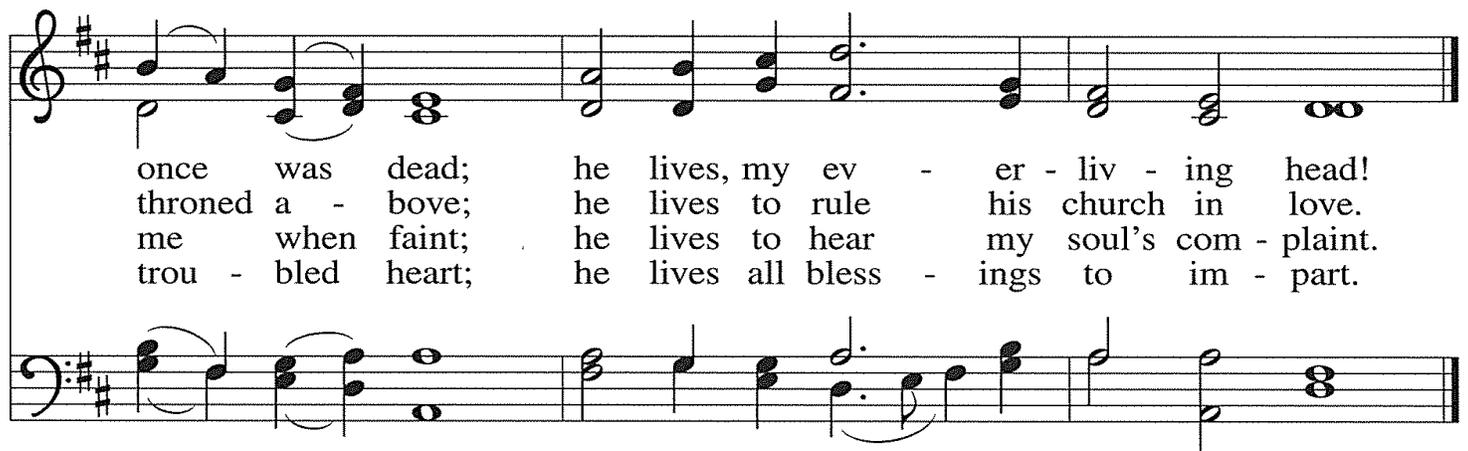
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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Third Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

“O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.” – Psalm 30:3 -

Psalm 30 tells the story of God's grace in the midst of David's failure to remain dependent upon him. It appears, in this Psalm, that David sinned against God by resting in a false sense of security independent of God rather than remaining dependent upon him for his security (v. 6).

As a result of his independence from God, God apparently disciplines David with an illness that brings David close to death (see vv. 2-5). But God's discipline comes from grace and is framed in love (see Heb. 12:6) that seeks to restore David back into right relationship with him.

His discipline works. David shifts from independence to dependence. He proclaims the Lord's favor made him strong, not anything he himself did, and he expresses dismay at his inability to discern God's presence (see v. 7). So, David turns toward God and cries for mercy.

God, in his grace, hears David's cries and heals him (see v. 2), bringing him back from the brink of death (see v. 3). And, as a result, David heartily praises God, exclaiming, “O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit... You have turned for me my mourning into dancing...and clothed me with gladness...O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!” (vv. 3, 11,12).

God, in Christ, does the same for us as he did for David those many centuries ago. We, like David, are prone to slipping into independence from God. So often we prefer our own ways to his and taking credit for the blessings he gives us.

We, like David, may experience his loving, grace-filled discipline that seeks our repentance, our return to right relationship with him. And we, like David, can repent. We can return and experience God's healing, transformative touch upon our lives.

We can experience the joy of the Lord! We can experience his presence among us, no matter what our circumstances. And we can forever sing praises to our God who, in Christ, rescues us from death and gives us eternal life in him.