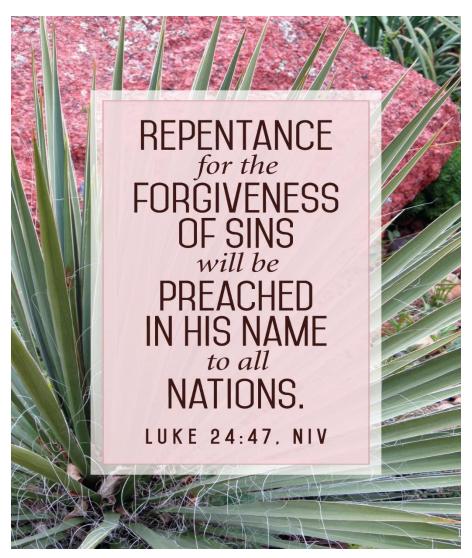
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021



Stand

GATHERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

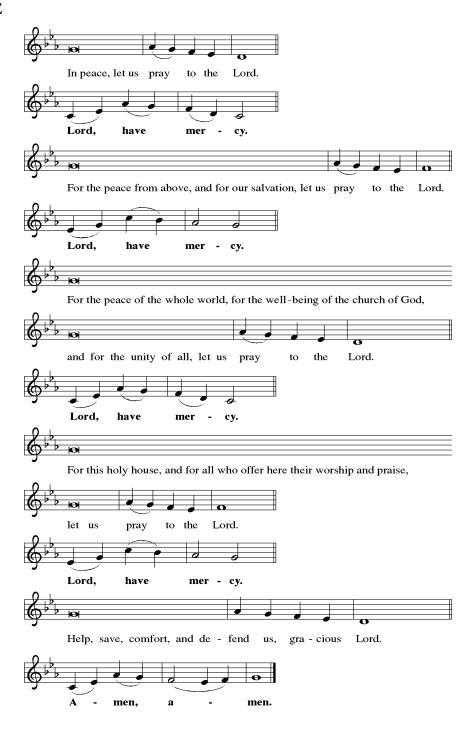
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

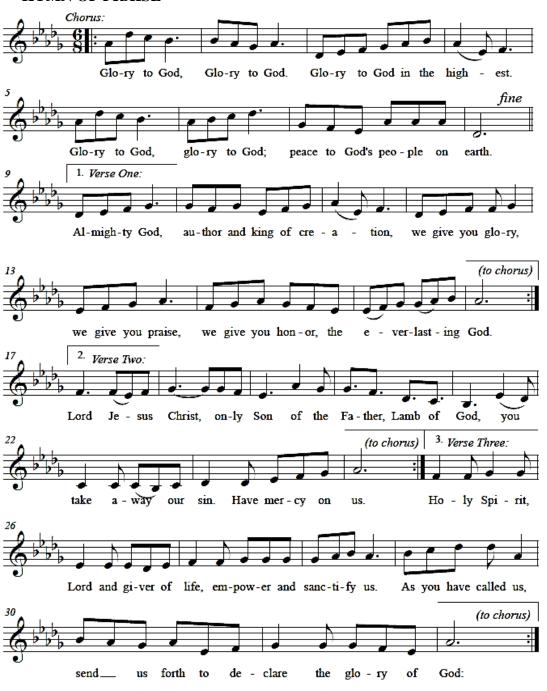
GREETING

- 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.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.



FIRST READING: ACTS 3:11-21

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his

Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

R ¹Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

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m C}^{-2}$ How long will you people turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

- ³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ Tremble and do not sin:

when you are on your beds,

search your hearts and be silent.

- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
- ⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36-49

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24^{th} chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
- ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

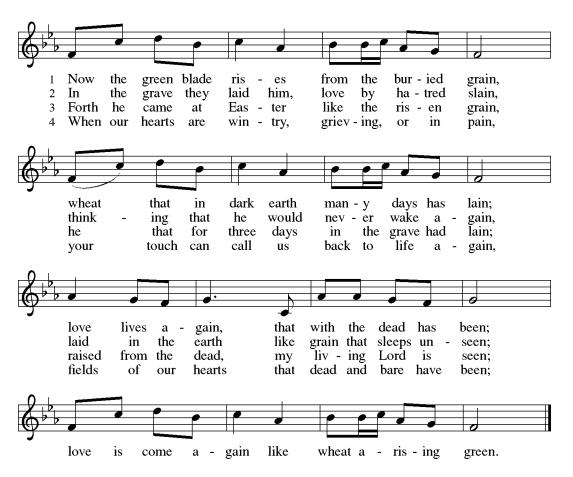
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin



HYMN OF THE DAY (9:00 Vs. 1 Only)

Now the Green Blade Rises



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■ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Kneel/Sit/Stand

THE PRAYERS

- A Trusting in Christ's Passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A God of abundance, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and reveal to us the mystery of your life, death, and resurrection through the scriptures. Embolden us to live our lives in ways that bear witness to who we are as your dearly beloved children. Lord in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

God of wonders, you work miracles every day. Sometimes those miracles are profound and defy logic and other times they are simple answers to prayers expressed in faith. Give us better understanding of your ways so we would see the every-day-miracles you perform around us. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God who makes us whole, there are so many people around the world who are suffering from disease, hunger, poverty, or attacks from an enemy. Grant us strength and courage in the face of such trials. Give us hope in our hearts and let us pass that hope on for the stricken and dejected. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

God Almighty, pour out your Holy Spirit on the Church of Christ which is his precious bride. Give to your people the will to follow the Good Shepherd in word and deed, acting in kindness and trusting in his mercy in our lives and in the life of the church. Send us out into the world you love to make disciples of all nations. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Sovereign Reigning Lord, supply our federal, state, and local representatives with strength, wisdom, vision, integrity, and the inspiration to seek your truth. Guide them by your counsel and compel them to ensure, from first heartbeat to last, the inalienable rights you have endowed to all. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Christ Our All, multiply the missional efforts of this congregation, of our denomination, and of all churches proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Prosper the ministry our campus ministers Caleb and Michelle. Grant increase of your Kingdom through the work of our ministry teams, our mission district, our bishop Dan Selbo and his assistants: Brad; David; Gemechas; Phillip; Andrew; our seminary president Eric; those preparing for ministry; and all pastors in the NALC. Through the faithful transmission of your word, draw our nation back to you. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand



- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated

Special Music **OFFERING**

**In order to reduce the risk of infection, our ushers will not pass the offering plate during the offertory. Please use this time to engage in silent prayer, reflection, and worship. Later in the service, as you approach the altar for communion, please drop your offering in the offering plate located near the front of the sanctuary.

Stand





What shall we give to the Lord for all his bless-ings to We will us?



lift up the cup of sal - va tion, we will call on his ho - ly name.



We will keep our pro-mise to the Lord in the pres-ence of his peo-ple.

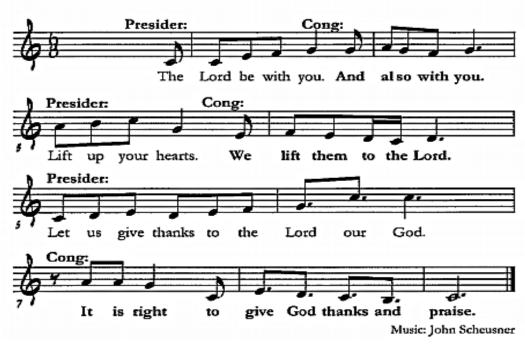


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OFFERTORY PRAYER

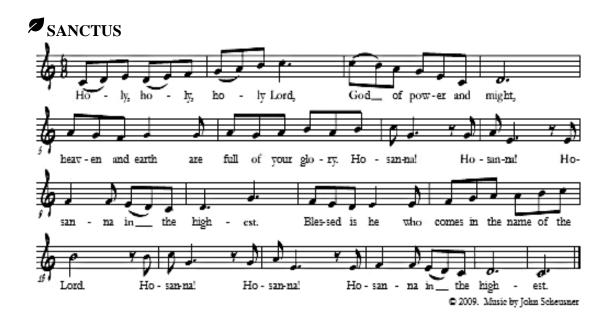
- A Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE(9:00 In Spoken Word)



PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with Mary Magdalene, with Peter, and with all the witnesses of the Resurrection, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

■ LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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.



Be seated

COMMUNION

*Grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers available upon request.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

(9:00 Sung by cantor during distribution)



Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

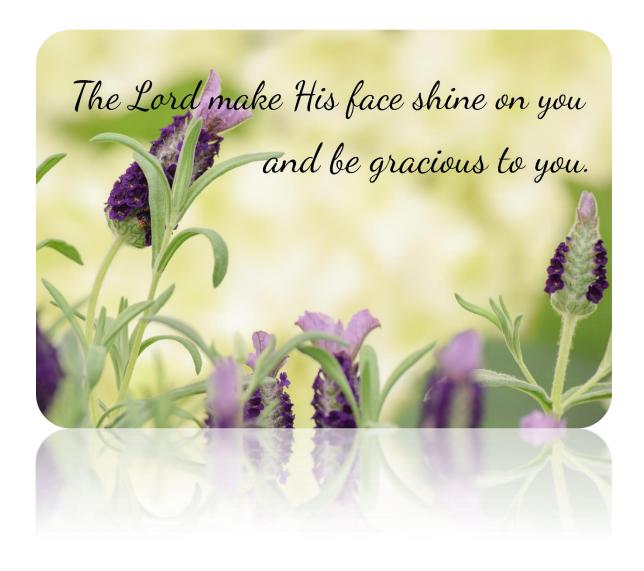
C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus





Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Servant Schedule

9:00 SERVICE
Cantor: Kylene Terhune

10:30 SERVICE

	Assistant Minister	Lector	<u>Cantor</u>
April 4	Shirley Schryver	Donna Tucker	Erika Wattrick
April 11	Joe Costantino	Roseann Costantino	Cynthia Michael
April 18	Shirley Schryver	Julie Hohulin	Roseann Costantino
April 25	Sandy Rice	Deb Ross	Erika Wattrick

Nursery

April 4	Rachel & Sarah
April 11	Kylene & Sarah
April 18	Wanda & Sarah
April 25	Deb & Sarah



Communion Servers

April-Shirley Gordon & Bob Wheeler

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As a congregation of the *North American Lutheran Church* we are guided by four core values:

- 1. Christ Centered
- 2. Mission Driven
- 3. Traditionally Grounded
- 4. Congregationally Focused



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