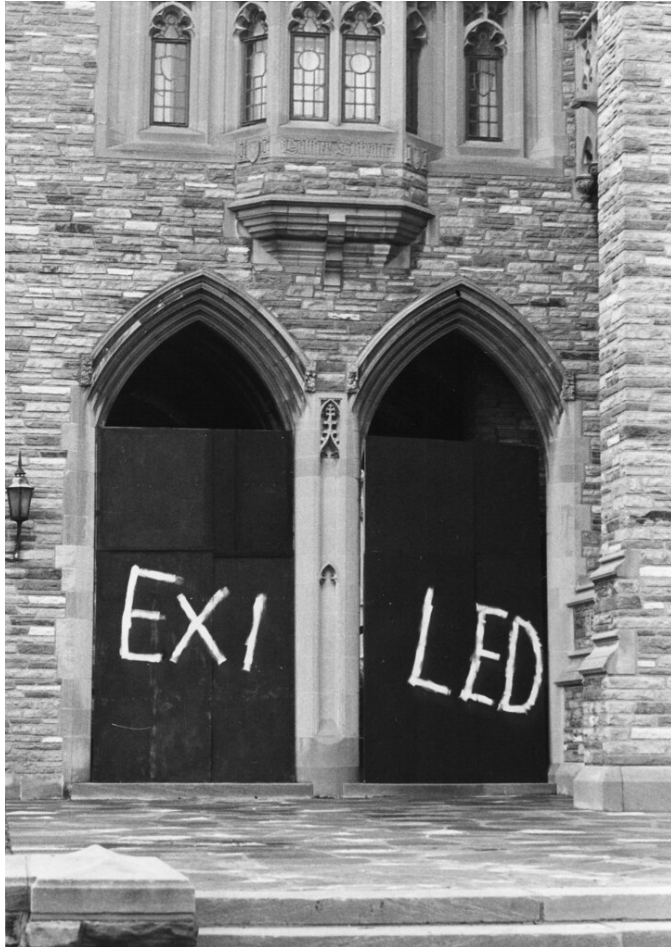


✠ The Third Sunday of Easter ✠



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

[Glendale—Queens]

✠ Sunday, April 26, 2020 ✠

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### ABSOLUTION

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### 944 KYRIE — II

sts. 1e–3e

1e Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

2e Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

3e Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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### 799 ALABARÉ — I


*Refrain*



A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.



A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.



1 John saw the num-ber of all those re-deemed,  
2 Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
3 Sing with the peo-ple, the peo-ple of God,



And all were sing-ing prais-es to the Lord.  
Whose blood has set us free from ev-'ry sin.  
And join cre-a-tion in a joy-ful hymn.



Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,  
 Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength  
 Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.  
 To God and to the Lamb be with - out 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.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this

crooked generation.” 41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 116:1–14**

- 1 I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
- 2 Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the | simple;\*  
when I was brought low, he | saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, | to your rest,\*  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from | stumbling;
- 9 I will walk be- | fore the LORD\*  
in the land of the | living.
- 10 I believed, even | when I spoke,\*  
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;
- 11 I said in | my alarm,\*  
“All mankind are | liars.”
- 12 What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,
- 14 I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17–25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## VERSE

*LSB 205*

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## ALLELUIA

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:13–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, and for the leaders of our church, especially Bp. Matthew, Bp. Derek, and Pr. James, let us pray to the Lord:



**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and our leaders, especially Donald, Andrew, and Bill, that they and all other elected and appointed officials may work for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . [*an end to the Covid-19 pandemic and all the suffering; the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff in this pandemic; those who mourn loved ones lost to this pandemic; those mourning a loss of regular life in any way*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

**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.

**C** Amen.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Catechism Class:** Today at 10AM on Zoom. Phone # 646-558-8656, Meeting ID # 943 8966 1561. Weblink <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94389661561>

**Voters' Assembly Meeting:** Next Sunday, May 3rd, at 10AM on Zoom. Information letter has been mailed. Phone #, Meeting ID #, and weblink will be posted here next week.

**Emergency Fund:** If you, or someone you love, are in need of financial assistance due to the Covid-19 crisis please reach out to us. We have set aside funds for your use.

**Offerings:** If you are able to give St. John's is currently accepting donations/tithes/offerings via the mail. Soon we will also be accepting offerings through an online giving option. More details to come!