

Third Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

EASTER GREETING

GATHERING SONG *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because

they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**O 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.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered

him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by their words and works of love. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Give us deep appreciation for the vibrant diversity of creation—flowers and streams, animals and bugs, sunsets and stormy skies. Help us to conserve the beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or imprisoned by hostile governments. Walk with refugees and immigrants as they seek safe homes. Ensure the safety of people of all faiths as they worship. Comfort those affected by the bombing of churches in Sri Lanka, and the shooting at Chabad of Poway synagogue. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You feed us at your holy table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook; restaurant servers, grocery store workers, and food pantry volunteers. Open our eyes to your grace present in every meal that we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of all knowledge. We give thanks for those who have completed their degrees at colleges and universities, especially Ian Boden and Ben Miller. Guide them as they begin new phases of their lives. Assure them of your constant presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints. Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Johanne Bodany; Ushers: Sue Daniels & Scott Bell; Acolyte: Olivia Jones; Scripture Reader: Chris Jebrael; Communion Assistant: Del Vogel; Projectionist: Marty Green; Money Counters: Dick & Theresa Eisen

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 22; Sunday 91

ANNIVERSARY: 5/11 Doris & Norm Mrosewske 62 years

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Council Meeting 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	Confirmation rehearsal & dinner 6:30 pm	Pastors' day off	Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Happy Mother's Day! Confirmation, Worship, Communion 9:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

Baseball game at Jimmy John's Field: Raffle tickets are on sale for the individual that will be throwing the honorary first pitch at the baseball game on May 19. Tickets cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds will support the youth and YES scholarship fund! See Pastor Joyce with any questions!

The annual St. Peter's Attic and Bake Sale will be held on May 17th and 18th. If anyone wishes to donate, please put items in the large room in the church basement. Anyone who wishes to help with the sale in any capacity is welcomed. The committee will be meeting on May 6 and 13 at 9 am to organize items. Baked goods for the bake sale may be brought to the church basement on Thursday, May 16 from 4 – 7 pm. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be at noon on May 8 at the *Freighters Eatery and Taproom* in Port Huron (located under the Blue Water Bridge at 500 Thomas Edison Parkway, Port Huron). We will meet at 11:30 in the church parking lot to carpool. If you have any questions, call Joanne at 810-329-4953 or Lou at 810-765- 0248.

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

The St. Clair Singers' Spring Concert will be on Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm at First Congregational UCC. Admission is free.

We are looking for players to join our church slow pitch softball league. There will be 8-10 games, a few practices and lots of fun! There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

Do you know someone addicted to opioids or heroin? Or do you want to learn how to save a life? Register for this free training to learn how Naloxone can help prevent an overdose death: May 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at St. Peter's. This one hour training will teach you: How to recognize signs of an overdose and how to safely and correctly administer Naloxone. Get a free rescue kit (must be 18 years or older and a resident of Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, or St. Clair County). To register call: (810) 987-5300.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen, Family of Len Rose.
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