



"The Sacrificial Lamb," Josefa de Ayala ca.1630 –July 22, 1684

"Worthy is the Lamb Whom Saul Saw on the Road"

Acts 9:1-22

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016**

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

~~Mandi Stilson - Choir/New Music Accompanist~~

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	Mike Bandman
<i>Comm./Asst. Elder:</i>	Matt Messmer
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Jessica Chudy, Ellie Maag
<i>Ushers:</i>	Bob Paulson, John Paulson Don Heidlauf
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Tim Faitsch, Lynn Faitsch
<i>Greeters:</i>	Al Diercks, Jones Family
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Barkley, Leicht, Mulley Families
<i>April Altar Guild:</i>	Shari Hoppe, Becky Anderson
<i>April Counters:</i>	Chris Mason, Diane Sanders

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

<i>Randy Gifford</i>
<i>Paul DeLassus</i>
<i>Brennen Hautzinger, Dane Peplow</i>
<i>Larry Peters, Linda Peters</i>
<i>David Boyle, Sarah Boyle</i>
<i>Emma Bartman, Boyle Family</i>

EASTER REFRAINS

An order of service using many refrains and hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.

Opening Anthem 8:00 AM

"Don't Look Back"

Junior Choir

10:45 AM "God Is So Good" & "Jesus Loves Me" Cherub Choir

Children's Message

Opening Verse

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Proclamation

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

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P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

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

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

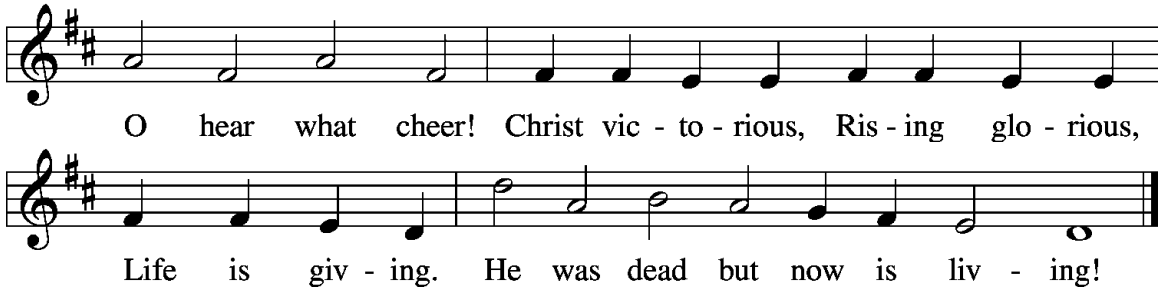
C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.

Proclamation Verse**He is Arisen! Glorious Word**

from LSB 488



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

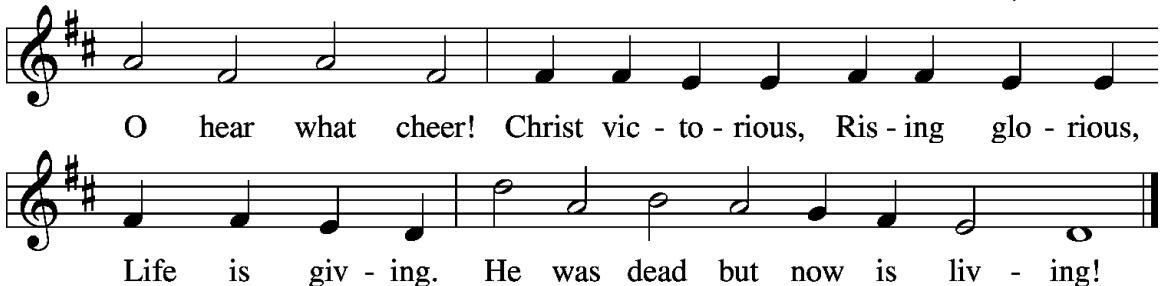
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Proclamation Verse**He is Arisen! Glorious Word**

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Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Greeting and Collect (Prayer 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.***

Entrance Verse

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913 st. 2

2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 145:4-7,9;

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

antiphon (repeated verse): Ps. 145:10

C: and all your saints shall bless you!

P: One generation shall commend your works to another,

C: and shall declare your mighty acts.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

C: and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

C: and I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

C: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

P: The LORD is good to all,

C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

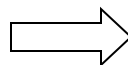
C: and all your saints shall bless you! Amen.

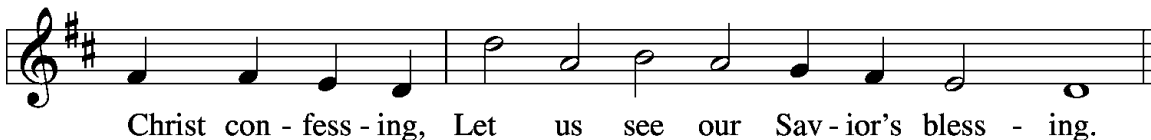
Preparation for the Word

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913 st. 3

3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er





Reading from the Early Church

Acts 9:1-22 (ESV)

¹But Saul, 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 belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, 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 at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came 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 he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je -
sus, the great-ness of mer-cy and love at the feet of Je -
sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
ly is the Lamb.

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Reading of the Eternal Kingdom

Revelation 5:1-14 (ESV)

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the
elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of
thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive
power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I
heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and
all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

This Is the Feast

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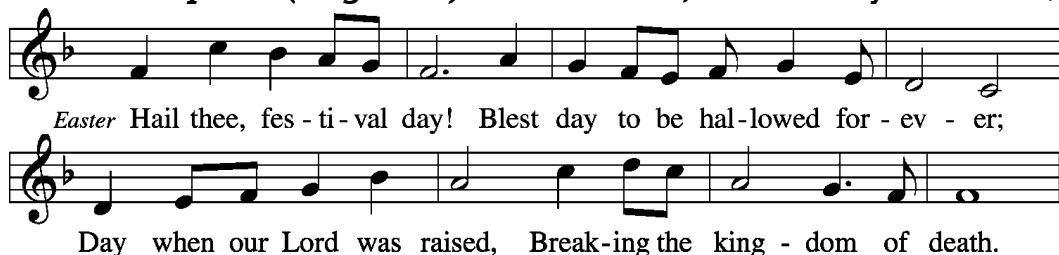
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Sermon ***“Worthy is the Lamb Whom Saul Saw on the Road”*** ***Acts 9:1-22***

Sermon Response (sing twice)

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Hail Thee, Festival Day'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782 st. ref



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Proclamation

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: Alleluia.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Closing Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Announcements

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.