

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

8:30am, 10:00am & Live Stream



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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

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PRELUDE *During this time, everyone giggles and chats while waiting for service to begin.*

WELCOME

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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



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



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



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



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.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL. Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

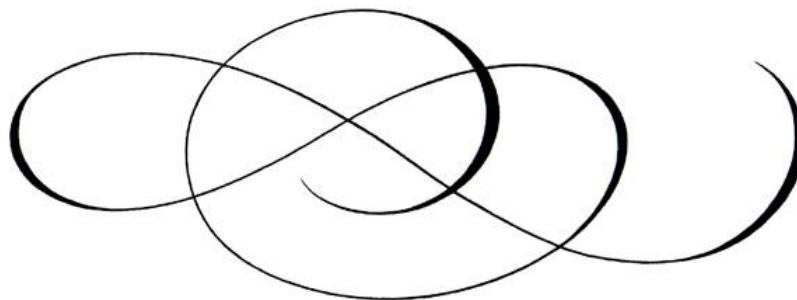
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Holy Giver and Receiver of life,

Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-34a, 46 (p. 859)

P ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^{*} there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'^{*}]]- And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

R ⁶Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables.*
³Therefore, friends,* select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit* with which he spoke.

¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.' ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, 'This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth* will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.'

¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

⁷Then the high priest asked him, 'Are these things so?' ²And Stephen replied: 'Brothers^{*} and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

⁴⁴Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God^{*} directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁵Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, ⁴⁶who found favour with God and asked that he might find a dwelling-place for the house of Jacob.^{*} ⁴⁷But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

⁴⁸Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands;^{*} as the prophet says, ⁴⁹"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? ⁵⁰Did not my hand make all these things?"

⁵¹'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen.^{*} ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.*

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Robert Neubert online

Please rise.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



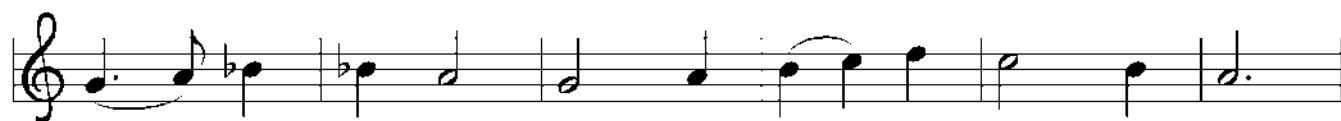
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

P Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

R Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- R God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- R God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- R Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness, especially today we lift up Lisa Thompson, Harper DeBauche, Lucy Wisner, Diane Moore, Marilyn Wolff, Virginia Steward, Heather Gehrke and her son Liam, Nancy Bartlett, Amy Mueller, and Shelby Branzanti. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BENEDICTION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

P Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



SENDING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYERS & CARES

Our Prayer List: Contact Peri Beal with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)
Virginia Steward
Harper DeBauche
Lucy Wisner
Diane Moore
Nancy Bartlett
Amy Mueller (Jean Lothe's daughter)
Shelby Branzanti (Barbara Lusk's sister)
Marilyn Wolff
Heather & Liam Gehrke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Sunday Worship: In-person at 8:30am and 10:00am by reservation only, with masking and social distancing. See website for online signups or contact the church to make your reservations.

Alternate Fill the Altar: Rather than our usual food donation, please make direct donations to The River or Sunshine Place food pantries.

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net.

May Light of Life: Articles are due now. Send items via email to burkelutheran@att.net.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

Budget News: Contributions through March 31 the last 3 years:

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| 2021 | \$36,026 |
| 2020 | \$27,560 |
| 2019 | \$28,388 |

Despite the quarantine, many members have continued their contributions and some have made special gifts. We appreciate what our members have done to help Burke pay its \$150,000 annual budget.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| April 11, 8:30am and 10:00am | Total | 59 |
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