

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 18, 2021 ~ 8:30 a.m. Service

*Gathering Song: ELW 365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**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.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

1See what love the Father has given 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. 2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

## Sermon

### Prayers of the People

*Pastor will begin a time of prayer. You are invited to add petitions to this time of prayer. You may end your petition: "Lord in your mercy." The congregation will respond: "Hear our prayer."*

## The Lord's Prayer and Communion

*Sending Hymn: ELW 376 "Thine is the Glory"*

## Benediction and Dismissal

*After the service, we kindly ask that you take this bulletin home with you, to help curb the spread of COVID-19.*