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## Third Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### GATHERING SONG: "God of Wonders"

Verse 1            Lord of all creation, of water earth, and sky;  
                         The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

*Chorus*            *God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy*  
                         *The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy,*  
                         *Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.*

Verse 2            Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
                         When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night. *Chorus*

Bridge            Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth [repeat 3x]

*Chorus 2*        *God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy*  
                         *Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me. Father hold me, hold me.*  
                         *The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, holy, holy!*

Ending            Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) [repeat 3x]

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**GREETING:**    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19 *Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

PSALM: Psalm 4 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7 *The revealing of the children of God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*spoken*) Alleluia. Our hearts burn with us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 *Eating with the risen Christ*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN’S SERMON / *NOISY OFFERING*

SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“You Are My All in All”**

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel I’d be a fool, You are my all in all

*Chorus*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name; Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name*

Verse 2

Taking my sin my cross my shame, rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

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**Jennie** Spencer

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat]

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,

"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]. Give thanks.

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OFFERING PRAYER: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

### SENDING SONG: "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)"

Verse 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia; Sons of men and angels say, alleluia.

Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia; Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, alleluia.

Verse 2 Lives again our glorious King, alleluia; Where, oh death, is now thy sting, alleluia.

Dying once He all doth save, alleluia; Where thy victory, oh grave, alleluia.

*Chorus He is not dead, He is alive; We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.*

Verse 3 Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia; Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia.

Death, in vain, forbids Him rise, alleluia; Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

Verse 4 Soar we now where Christ had led, alleluia; Foll'wing our exalted Head, alleluia.

Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia.

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BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**