



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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in person | live stream | on the radio

May 4, 2025 9:15am

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS / WORSHIP VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Jesus asked do you love me more than these?

C: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

L: A second time Jesus asked, do you love me?

C: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

L: A third time Jesus asked, do you love me?

C: Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. Christ has turned our wailing into dancing, and clothes us with joy. Therefore, our hearts sing without ceasing.

C: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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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.**

KYRIE / HYMN OF PRAISE: “Glory to God”

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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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] *Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching*

PSALM 30 [read responsively]

- ¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted 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.**
- ³ You 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 holy remembrance.**
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**
- ⁷ You, 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 declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."**
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14 *The song of the living creatures to the Lamb*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

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GOSPEL: John 21:1-19 *Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.*

Marj Anderson

Jan Buffington

Mercedes

Liam Bartleson

Ivy Mae Callow

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Taylor Bartleson

Hayden Despenas

Tim Schmidt

Joan Beebe

Mary Ellis

family of Jennie Spencer

Bob Berg

Matt Grieff

Joan Swanson

Randall Betz

Doris Johnson

Lucky Truong

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

OFFERING: "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Choir

OFFERTORY: "**Canticle of Thanksgiving**"

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OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"In the Singing"

#466

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

#474

"I Come with Joy"

#482

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "**Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds**"

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BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior,
and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Today's worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast today is given in remembrance of the wedding anniversary (4-24) of Bernie & Karen, from Bernie Kofron.

Altar flowers today are in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary (4-27) from Bink & Karen Keller.

Worship Participants:

Altar Care: Jean Yeager

Piano/Organ: Karen Post

Song Leaders: Cindi Lehmann, Scott Bertelsen, Olivia Banta

Ushers: Bryon & Denise Holst

Communion Servers: Sandy Lillquist, Mary Kingland

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Assisting Minister/Reader: Ken Korth

Communion Set Up: Cindy Korth

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Sound/Video Tech: /Ken Ferjak