# Third of Sunday Easter

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain

## **S**T. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

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#### Third Sunday of Easter

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### The Season

In this season of Easter, we celebrate that the resurrection of Jesus is a historical event. . . the historical event. W recall Easter's significance. Jesus won the victory. It is our privilege and pleasure to use the fifty days of Easter to discuss this fact: because he lives, not only is our eternity secure, but we have abundant resources to face the present.

#### The Sunday

Easter allows us to see where we sinners stand with a holy God. It enables us to see the path through life that is worth pursuing. Spiritual sight gives us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and who is worth our eternal worship. Because he lives, we can see things clearly.

#### **Prayer before Worship**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

#### Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Coralee Henning

#### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Text: © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 703484 Tune: Public domain In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### Dialogue

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die. And those who live by believing in him will never die.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



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## The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **First Reading**

Saul was given faith in the One who had risen from the dead.

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup>"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup>"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup>The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup>In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup>In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

<sup>13</sup>"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup>I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

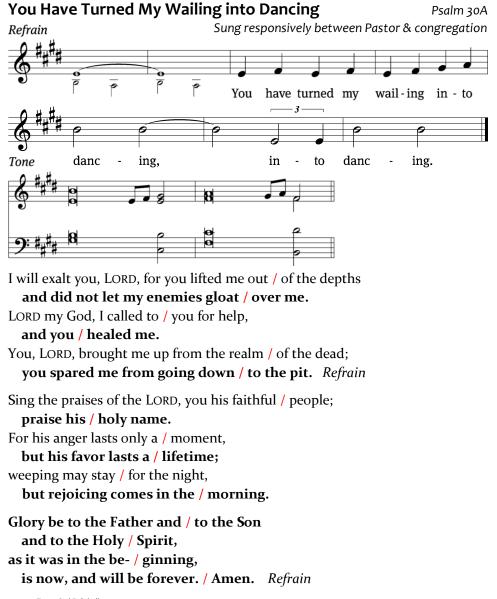
<sup>17</sup>Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup>All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And

Acts 9:1–22

hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



#### **Second Reading**

#### Revelation 5:11-14

St. John was given the ability to see the sacrificial Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.

"Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. "In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Stand

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia! Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

John 21:1–14

The disciples see Jesus clearly through eyes of faith.

<sup>1</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup>Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup>When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



#### Sermon

Stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,		
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lo	ord, the communion of saints,		
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	the forgiveness of sins,		
born of the Virgin Mary,	the resurrection of the body,		
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	and the life everlasting. Amen.		
was crucified, died, and was buried.			
He descended into hell.			
The third day he rose again from the dead			
He ascended into heaven			
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.			
From there he will come to judge the livin	g and the dead.		

Be seated

#### Prayer

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

#### Lord's Prayer

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

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O Church, Arise



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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 



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#### **Church Resources**

**Family Devotions:** Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit **wels.net/family-devotions** to get your weekly devotions.

**Marriage Moments:** Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at <u>welscongregationalsevices.net/marriagemoments</u>.

**Connecting WELS Members:** Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at **facebook.com/welslutherans**, **twitter.com/welstweets**, **Instagram.com/welslutherans**, and **vimeo.com/wels**.

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**Baptism:** If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

**Church Membership Starting Point** If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

#### Announcements

**Brewers WELS Night**: WELS night is returning to the Brewers! Join us on **Friday**, **July 1**<sup>th</sup>, to watch the Brewers take on the Nationals. WELS members will receive up to a 50% discount on tickets. Tickets are available online now at **brewers.com/wels**.

**Upcoming Concerts at KML**: Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School as KML band and choir students praise God using their talents in these upcoming concerts:

- Jazz & Echoes Concert Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 PM
- Percussion Concert Saturday, May 10, 6:30 PM
- Spring Band & Choir Concert Saturday, May 17, 6:30 PM

All concerts will be livestreamed at <u>kmlhs.org/stream</u> for those unable to attend in person.

**KM Chargers Youth Football**: The Junior Chargers Football program will begin its thirteenth season in the fall of 2025! Eligible students include those currently in 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades. We will again be playing in the Greater Metro Milwaukee Youth Football League. Check out the website at: www.gmmyfl.org.

Registration is now open through **Saturday**, **August 2nd**;

<u>https://www.cognitoforms.com/KettleMoraineLutheran/\_2025JuniorChargersFootballRegistration</u>. Early registration is important to allow for equipment orders and to provide team information to the league.

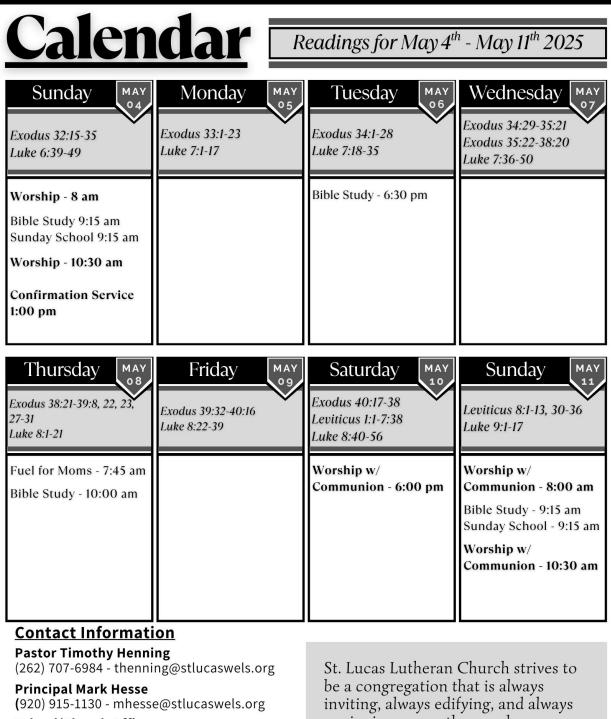
#### League Schedule:

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**KM Youth Football Summer Camp: Youth FB Summer Camp Opportunity:** The KML FB coaching staff is excited to announce that they will be leading a youth FB camp at KML in the summer of 2025! The camp will be held July 21st-23rd. Sign up today at <a href="https://kmlchargers.com/summer-camps/">https://kmlchargers.com/summer-camps/</a>.

#### **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week**

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Matthew Kempf	5/4	Richard and Sue Laubach	5/9
Shane Dreher	5/9		
Marvin Marquardt	5/9		
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