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Sunday 9:00 a.m.
May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion **is** a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Opening Hymn *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* LSB 487

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Service of the Word

Introit

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall
bless you!

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen
world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of
everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading *Acts 9:1–22*

Gradual

**ALL: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him
with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of
his hands; he has put all things under his feet. Amen.**

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Hymn of the Day *Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee* LSB 573

Sermon Theme *"In His Majesty's Not-So-Secret Service"*
Text *Acts 9:1-20*

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs.

Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of
Your people. For You have sent Your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by His
blood and make us a kingdom of priests in Your service. Bless Your

Church, that all we endeavor to do in Your name may be in accord with Your will. Accomplish Your holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ever-living God, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all [*including all missionaries*] who suffer for the Gospel, and continue to confound its enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of all nations, You provided a miraculous catch of fish to the apostles and, much more, blessed their efforts as fishers of men. Continue to bless the Church as she spreads the Gospel and gathers in as many as would be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare Your mighty acts to the generation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord enthroned in heaven, You have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set Your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, and grant them faithful and peaceful governance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of life, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, that they would know the fullness of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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