

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

**AS WE GATHER: Foundations II:** When you build a house, the most critical point is developing the proper, solid foundation, right? If you don't have a solid foundation, the most beautiful looking home can be ruined in the shortest amount of time. Just like a home, our faith needs a firm foundation to stand up against the storms of life and doubt as well. In this second series on the foundations of our faith, we will study how our faith is rooted in the grace of Jesus. We will be learning more about how Jesus delivers that grace in our lives today: through His Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### OPENING HYMN #474

*"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"*

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain  
  
**Refrain:** Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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#### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Pastor:** In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE

#633, vs. 1,2,3,4,7

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

## SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1-13

*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,  
2“**This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.***

*3**Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.***

*7“**Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.***

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“The Spotless Lamb”

CATHECHISM LESSON *from Luther's Small Catechism*

**Pastor:** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**People:** **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

People: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

People: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

#### EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

*For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

*<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.<sup>[E]</sup>*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:26-29

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the<sup>1</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**                      **Foundations 2: The Lord's Supper**  
   **Pastor Jeff Schubert**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #570, vs. 1,2,5,6**

*"Just as I Am"*

- 1        Just as I am, without one plea  
          But that Thy blood was shed for me  
          And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
          O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 2        Just as I am and waiting not  
          To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
          To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
          O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 5        Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
          Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
          Because Thy promise I believe,  
          O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 6        Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
          Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
          Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
          O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:**        I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
                  heaven and earth.

                  And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who  
                  was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin  
                  Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: You have heard our pleas for mercy, O Lord, and given up Your Son to be our Savior. Hear us now as we come to You on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Our hearts have burned in us, O Lord, as Your Word has been read and preached. Keep our faith from growing cold and grant us grace, that we may not waver in faith or succumb to temptation. Give to us and to our children receptive hearts, that we may hear and, hearing, believe and, believing, be steadfast in this faith and hope all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You have cleansed us, O Lord, with water and the Word in Baptism, and You have marked us as Your own people. Give to us grace, that we may live out this faith in holy lives, lifting up Your name in word and works for as long as we live. Guide us, that we may purify our souls by living in obedience to Your Word and in brotherly love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from all our afflictions, and grant us strength to bear all our burdens, O Lord. According to Your gracious will, heal the sick, relieve those who suffer, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Stay with us, O Lord, and be our strength in weakness and our hope in time of despair. Your gracious will once kept the saints in faith even unto death. Keep us, we pray, with them in Your faith and fear, that we may be found faithful when Christ comes again in His glory to bring to fulfillment all things, once and forevermore.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** These and whatever other things we need, O Lord, we pray You to grant us in the name of and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death has made full atonement for our sin and whose resurrection has granted to us the promise of our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**People:** Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #478

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

- 1     The day of resurrection!  
      Earth, tell it out abroad,  
      The passover of gladness,  
      The passover of God.  
      From death to life eternal,  
      From sin's dominion free,  
      Our Christ has brought us over  
      With hymns of victory.
  
- 2     Let hearts be purged of evil  
      That we may see aright  
      The Lord in rays eternal  
      Of resurrection light  
      And, list'ning to His accents,  
      May hear, so calm and plain,  
      His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
      May raise the victor strain.
  
- 3     Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
      Let earth its song begin,  
      Let all the world keep triumph  
      And all that is therein.  
      Let all things, seen and unseen,  
      Their notes of gladness blend;  
      For Christ the Lord has risen,  
      Our joy that has no end!
  
- 4     All praise to God the Father,  
      All praise to God the Son,  
      All praise to God the Spirit,  
      Eternal Three in One!  
      Let all the ransomed number  
      Fall down before the throne  
      And honor, pow'r, and glory  
      Ascribe to God alone!

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