

# Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019



## Area Churches Together ACT Parish

### DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

### Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

### Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

**for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.**

Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

**All life is sustained by you, our Source.**

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,

**who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.**

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,

**bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.**

Here, death is washed away forever, and we are grafted into the tree of life,

**with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

LBW 363 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

## 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

**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 9:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so

they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

### John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time,

“Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day      LBW 385    What Wondrous Love is This

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

## Offering

## Offertory

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Words of Institution

*In the night in which he was betrayed...*

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Holy Communion

## Blessing

## Benediction

## Announcements

## Sending Hymn

LBW 145 Thine is the Glory

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Remember in Prayer**

Lisa Carlson, Kelly Rodenberg, Beverly Johnson, Henry Jon Bloedel,  
Eunice Sanders, Douglas Glesne, Shirley Rand, Walter Anderson, Eldon Brackenbury,  
The Family of Robert Olson, The Family of Jim Wick, The Family of Nikki Rott

## **Summers Coming,**

### **Let's Catch Up from Winter**

We are having a "Catch Up Sunday." No, we did not say Ketchup, like you put on your hot dog or hamburger. This catch-up is a special offering for the winter worship services that were lost to bad weather or low attendance because of cold, ice or snow.

Summer is finally coming, but like many congregations we are feeling the loss of offerings from a difficult winter. That means ministries we support are suffering. You can help! On May 5, 12, and 19 we are having "Catch Up Sunday." You are asked to pray about your offering for **Catch Up Sunday**. Then act on any, or all the three Sunday's! We invite you to help us receive or exceed an average Sunday offering in this special appeal. Your offerings make ministry happen in Jesus' name! Thanks for giving generously!



### **Today, Sunday, May 5**

8:30am – Bethesda's Sunday School

9:30am – Bethesda's Worship & New Member Sunday

### **Tuesday, May 7**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### **Wednesday, May 8**

6:30pm – ACT Council at Bethesda

### **Thursday, May 9**

9:30am – Lakeland Conference Pastors meeting

### **Sunday, May 12**

8:30am – Bethesda's Sunday School

9:30am – Bethesda's Worship & Senior Sunday

### **Tuesday, May 14**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

### **Wednesday, May 15**

5:30pm – Bethesda's Women of the ELCA

**Thursday, May 16**

5-7pm – W.O.W at Bethesda

**Sunday, May 19**

11am-1:30pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Syttende Mai Quilt Show. The quilted items will be displayed at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Please share with us your beautiful table runners, wall hangings, and quilts. It's so much fun to see what everyone is working on. Encourage everyone to bring items for the display anytime that morning starting at 8:00 a.m. Someone will be at the church with the items during the display. Write who the quilt belongs to and a little bit about the history of the quilt. Quilts may be picked up from 1:30-2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Carlson at 366-3834 or 320-894-0508.

**Monday, May 20**

7pm - The City of Sunburg was recently awarded a \$8,000.00 grant from the Willmar Area Community Foundation "to develop programs that support community engagement and healthy development for all ages using the Sunburg Community Center." There will be a meeting at the Sunburg Community Center to discuss this grant and all the activities planned for youth and adults. We need everyone's input as we plan these exciting, fun activities for all ages. Please join us at the meeting to learn more. Thanks, Nancy Feldman, Sunburg City Clerk

**Tuesday, May 21**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

**Thursday, May 23**

2pm – Bethesda's Sara Circle at the home of Sandy Thielke

**Sunday, May 26** – *Joint Sunday Services*

8:15am – ACT Parish worship at Monson Lake

10am – ACT Parish worship at Hope

**Tuesday, May 28**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope