



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025



Opening Hymn: LSB # 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
2. O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
4. O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

Greeting and Announcements:

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence please for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**
P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian Church and by the authority of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 "He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;
 ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

Dismissal of the Sunday School

Service of the Word


Introit

Ps 145:4-7, 9; Ps 145:10


- P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
C and all your saints shall bless you!
P One generation shall commend your works to another
C and shall declare your mighty acts.
P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
C and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deed.
C and I will declare your greatness.
P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
C and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
P The Lord is good to all,
C and his mercy is over all that he has made.
C 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,
C and all your saints shall bless you!

This is the Feast


Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to

him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² 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." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 5:8-14

⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the

Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open My Eyes, Lord"

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. 2. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus.

Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ 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. ⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn: LSB # 525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,,
Whose arm the crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.
3. Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wandering eyes at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
5. Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns for He is king of all.

Sermon: “God’s Grace Never Changes”

Sermon Text: John 21:1-14

Please stand

Nicene Creed

- ☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven and was incarnate**

**by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast
me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore
unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

☐ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the front to pray

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**☩ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

☐ You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers (**All stand**)