

# *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR LUTHERAN CARE CENTER  
AND THE LCC CARE CAMPAIGN



Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

LSB 548:1

2:30pm Sunday, March 3, 2024 + St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS), Effingham



# SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #571

God Loved the World So That He Gave

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, including the ministry of Lutheran Care Center. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

- <sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? Says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

## Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits,**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
**his acts to the people of Israel.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
**nor will he keep his anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
**so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

<sup>14</sup>For he knows our frame;  
**he remembers that we are dust.**

<sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like grass;  
**he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

<sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
**and its place knows it no more.**

<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
**and his righteousness to children's children,**

<sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
**and remember to do his commandments.**

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
**and his kingdom rules over all.**

<sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
**you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**

<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
**his ministers, who do his will!**

<sup>22</sup>Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

## Hymn #790

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### Reading

*1 John 4:7–12*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

### Responsory (Lent)

P We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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### Reading

*Mark 5:21–24, 35–43*

A reading from Mark, the fifth chapter.

<sup>21</sup>And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” <sup>24</sup>And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him...

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Hymn #846

### Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

## Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the residents, children, and staff of Lutheran Care Center, and in thanksgiving for the generosity of God through the offerings to the Care Campaign, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

### **Blessing**

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

### **Hymn #548**

**Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious**

### **Postlude**

Liturgist: *Rev. Mike Burdick, Pastoral Advisor to the Lutheran Care Center Board*

Preacher: *Rev. Michael Mohr, President of the Central Illinois District, LCMS*

Organist: *Mr. Jamie Lotz*

### **Reception in the Fellowship Hall and Pastors' Bake-Off**



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