

not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out 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, 153 of them. And although 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 ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**The Apostles' Creed** (p. 192)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 485 "Long before the World Is Waking"

**The Homily**

*Offerings are not gathered during Service. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther's "Christian Questions . . ." on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.*

**The Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**The Service of the Sacrament**

*(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)*

**The Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 194-199)

**The Distribution**

**The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** (pp. 199-202)

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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### The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

**Confession and Absolution** (pp. 184-185)

### The Service of the Word

**The Introit** *Ps. 118:13-14, 17-18, 29; antiphon: Ps. 118:17*

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.**

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

**I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**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.**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**The Kyrie** (p. 186)

**The Gloria in Excelsis** (pp. 187-189)

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day** (p. 189)

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### The First Reading

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

<sup>13</sup>“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. . . .

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out . . .”

### The Gradual

*Ps. 118:24, 2*

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Let Israel say,**

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

### The Epistle

*Colossians 3:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

### The Alleluia and Verse

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed  
to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### The Holy Gospel

*John 21:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <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 as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>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