

Easter 3

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Jesus appeared to his disciples after they had spent a long night fishing with no results. He urged them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, and they were surprised with a tremendous catch of fish. God always provides for us; sometimes, though, it takes eyes of faith to see. As those who follow Jesus, we put our complete trust in his loving care, knowing that he sees our every need, physical and spiritual.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Saul of Tarsus is Blinded

Saul, a devout Pharisee who was persecuting the Christians of the early church, was confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. The Lord blinded him, but gave him a vision of one who would care for him until he was ready to fulfill his calling to be the apostle to the Gentiles.

Psalm 30

The Lord's Favor Lasts Forever

The psalmist sang praises to the Lord who, though He gets angry with humanity, will not be angry forever. The Lord restores his servant from the place of the dead; mourning and death are only for a moment.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14

Only One Can Open the Scrolls

As John recalled the vision he had been given, he described the seven scrolls that were sealed. "Who can break the seals and open them?" he wondered. No one was able to even look into them; no one was worthy in all the earth. But, there was and is One worthy: the Lion of Judah! This One whose blood bought back the people from sin and death is fully capable of opening the scrolls.

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14 (15-19)

The Enormous Catch of Fish

Peter decided to go fishing in the Sea of Tiberius. A few of the other fishermen went with him. After a long night and no catch of fish, Jesus called to them from the shore, urging them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. They followed his instructions, not knowing it was him, and caught an enormous number of fish.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White or Gold
- Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise in the Easter season.
- Use the Nicene Creed during this festival season.
- How does God provide for our needs? In today's gospel lesson, his provision was an abundant catch of fish. Is this any indication of the kind of joys that come with following Christ? As disciples, we are offered life abundant. What do the "fish" look like in your life?
- In the story of Saul being blinded, God called Ananias to tend to the Pharisee. How does God use us to help others in the faith, even if we don't particularly want to be a part of the situation?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
I Know That My Redeemer Lives!	352	---	461	619	274	274
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	---	801	680	826	41	41
This Joyful Eastertide	149	---	482	391	---	---
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	158	---	821	392	154	154
All Creatures of Our God and King	527	---	---	835	20	20
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	210	---	633	362	150	150
Crown Him with Many Crowns	170	---	525	855	22	22
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	543	---	790	858	11	11
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing	144	---	---	288	---	---
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	356	---	---	658	197	197

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Glory
(CCLI# 7034795)
Salvation is Here
(CCLI# 4451327)
We Are
(CCLI# 6136839)
Our God's Alive
(CCLI# 6190356)
Amazing Love
(CCLI# 2456623)

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