INVOCATION
L: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 67
A: Let the people praise you, O God.
   Let all the people praise you.
L: May God be gracious to us and bless us
G: and make his face shine upon us;
L: may your ways be known on earth,
G: your salvation among all nations.
L: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
G: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
L: Then the land will yield its harvest,
G: and God, our God, will bless us.
L: God will bless us,
G: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.
A: Let the people praise you, O God.
   Let all the people praise you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION
PRAYER
LORD’S PRAYER
A: 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY
A: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. (Luke 24:32 cf. NIV)

BENEDICTION
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
A: Amen
READING AND MEDITATION:

Third Sunday of Easter: The risen Christ appears to his apostles in the power of his majesty.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther’s Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. What is God saying to me in this lesson?

2. For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?

3. What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?

4. For what does this lesson lead me to pray?

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-14

Another miraculous catch of fish brings the disciples scrambling to worship at the feet of their Savior. He appeared in power, to assure them of his presence and providence for what lay ahead. The risen Lord still comes with power through Word and sacrament, assuring us of his forgiveness, promising his Spirit for lives of faithful service, and guaranteeing our resurrection to eternal life.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 9:1-19A

The risen Lord appears in power to Saul on the road to Damascus. The Light of the World shines and the blind receive sight. In the same way his light has shined in the darkness of our sin-filled hearts. In Word and sacrament the risen Lord has appeared in power to create and strengthen, to fill and overflow.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 5:11-14

The power and majesty of the hosts of heaven joined in songs of praise is surpassed by the power and majesty of him who sits on the throne. Worthy is the Lamb to receive such praise. Our resurrected Lord guarantees that we will one day join their “Amen” for eternity.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?