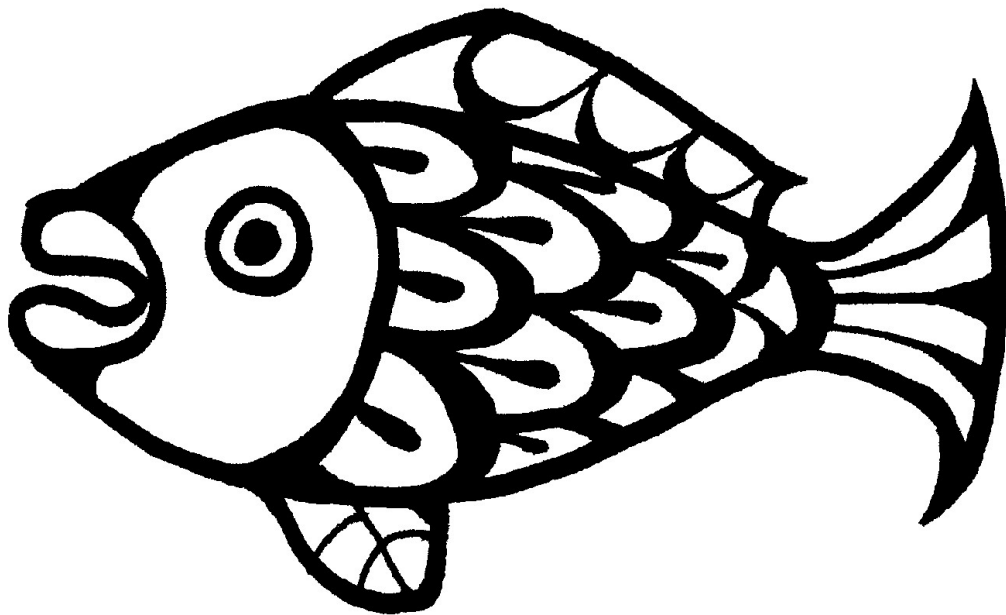


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



14 APRIL 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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Cantor

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14 APRIL 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion • LBW – Setting One • 10:30

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRELUDE

Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble under the direction of C. Noelle Partusch

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Look, here is water!

☑ **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

☐ Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom’s land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

☑ **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.


Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

GREETING


- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P The grace of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of the ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



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: ... *to verse 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 victo-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray:
Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified Jesus, the servant of God, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

Refrain: (*Sung once by the cantor, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”
- ³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **R**
- ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.
- ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.
- ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
- ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure. **R**

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you— that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-un-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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NICENE CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially those whose names and needs we hold dear. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry here at Luther Memorial. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O God our host and meal, you feed us with your very self and welcome all to your table. Bless and guide Anna, Amelia, Elliot, Maura, and Matthew who join us at your table today. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died, especially Christopher A. Fobes. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

VOLUNTARY – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Flor Peeters

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

ACS 933



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Risen One,...through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.
- ☐ When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- ☐ You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

- ☐ Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- ☑ Amen.
- ☐ Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- ☑ Amen!
- ☐ Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- ☑ Amen.
- ☐ O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
- ☐ O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- ☑ **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Our First Communion recipients will receive first with their families. Please wait until after they have received and Pastor Jay has indicated everyone else to join in Communion to stand and come forward following the instructions below.

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 462

Now We Join in Celebration



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenurf, b. 1936

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TABLE BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Shepherding God,...Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

☑ Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

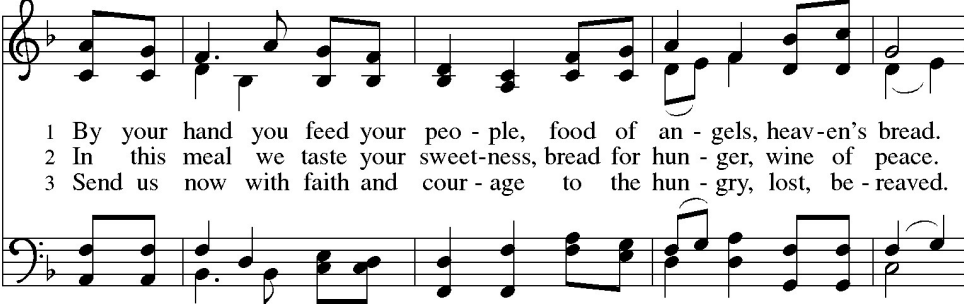
☐ ... ✠ bless you now and always.

☑ Amen.


SENDING HYMN

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By Your Hand You Feed Your People

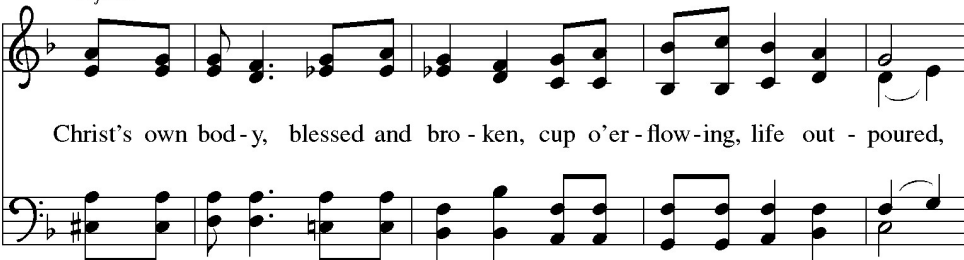


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

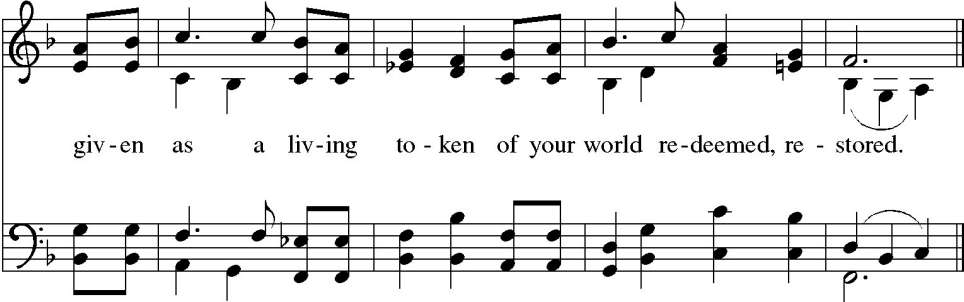


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Flor Peeters

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— SERVING TODAY —

GREETER – Mary Daniels

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Liz Stroup

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Pam Masiroff

LECTORS – Liz & Gabe Stroup

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Mary Daniels, Pat Gilbert

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher A. Fobes by Lois and Les Fobes and Amy, Jim and Garrett Carlowski.

Thank you to Bill Lasher for serving as our organist this morning.

Today's Events

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Our young people who will partake of their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 service this morning are:

ANNABELLE MARILYN COONEY

AMELIA KAYLA ROSE LANG

ELLIOT CHRISTOPHER LANG

MAURA FAYE MYHOFFER

MATTHEW MICHAEL SNIDER

Please join us in the parlor following the 10:30 service for a reception honoring our students.

Worship

A festival service celebrating the **Ascension of Our Lord** will be held at Luther Memorial on the evening of Thursday, May 9 at 7:00. All of the Erie County ELCA churches are welcome and Rev. Erik Young will be preaching. A reception will follow in our parlor.

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

“Admission to the Sacrament is by the invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized.”- Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 37. This morning we welcome Anna, Amelia, Elliot, Maura, and Matthew to join with us at the Table. Together we receive the welcome, blessing, forgiveness, and life that are offered through Jesus’ Body and Blood. This Meal we share—the Lord’s Supper—is the Feast of the Baptized and when we share it we are gathered with the Risen Christ who bids us to feast in the light of the Resurrection Dawn. In the ELCA, we practice Eucharistic Hospitality which means that we welcome all Christians who feel drawn to the Table and recognize the staple food and festive drink that we share as the very Body and Blood of Christ given for a weary and wounded world. In staple food and festive drink—most often in North American this is bread and wine—Jesus comes to us, welcomes us to the Banquet, and feeds us with his very self. We receive not just bread and wine but the very Body and Blood of Christ as well as the life, love, and forgiveness of God for us. There is nothing we can do to deserve such gifts, and yet they are given for us nonetheless. Thanks be to God that these siblings in Christ join us now in the Feast of the Lamb!

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us April 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will make a visit to Honey Baked Ham, 7200 Peach Street, on Tuesday, April 16 for a delicious lunch. Mark it on your calendar to be there by 11:30am and RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, April 12 if you plan to attend.

A **bowling party** will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** on Sunday, April 28 at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA beginning at 1:00pm. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages may be purchased at the bowling lanes.

Deborah and Tuesday W/ELCA circles will gather for their General Meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 noon in the parlor.

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 11 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Support for our Youth

80’s Bingo will be held Sunday, April 21. Doors open at 12:30pm; Bingo play begins at 1:00pm. Get back to the 80’s and have some fun with a Chinese auction and tip boards, too. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets are available in the church office and from Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

Flea Market will be held Saturday, May 4 from 8:00am – 12:00 noon in our parking lot. It’s time to clean out the clutter and stop down to find some deals. Each parking space is \$10. Bring your own table to display items. Please see Sarah Prylinski to participate.

Car Washes will be held Sunday, May 5 and Sunday, May 19 following worship services; 9:00am and 11:30am. Our youth will be armed with buckets of suds to give your car a sparkling shine.

Youth Event

Movie Night is planned for Friday, April 19 from 5:30 – 9:30pm. Our theme for the evening is Teenage Turtles. We’ll be making our own pizza and have a great time. Please let Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or the church office know if you plan to attend.

Luther Memorial Academy

LMA Spring Program will be held Monday, May 6. Stop down for a very enjoyable program, view the artistic talents of our students and have some lemonade and cookies. A book fair, provided by Werner Books, will be open in the library following the Spring Program for a little shopping.

Bethany Outreach Center

A tasty evening out to support the Bethany Outreach Center is Thursday, April 25. Visit Texas Roadhouse, 7475 Peach Street, from 3:00 – 8:00pm and 10% of your bill will support BOC. Pick up your flyer at the welcome tables and present this with your order. Thank you.

Community Event

World renowned German organist Paul Fey will perform a free concert on the magnificent Aeolian Skinner pipe organ at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY on Friday, April 26 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

First Annual Day of Learning will be held Saturday, May 4 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3108 Sterrettania Road, from 9:30am – 3:00pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Teresa Smallwood, United Lutheran Seminary Associate Professor of Public Theology. Dr. Smallwood will share her deep interest in public theology. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. We will welcome Dr. Smallwood as our guest preacher at Luther Memorial on Sunday, May 5.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Phil McAfee
Cathy Beck & Jim	Betty Pletz	Walt Gaber	
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lorraine Melms	Jeannette Bowers	Doug Blum
Jeff Granger & family	Janice Carpenter	Heather Keaster	Russ Wiest
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Paul Gustafson	Marky Stein	Jonah Allgeier
Pam (Battersby) Latronca	Tony B.	Betty M.	Kay Kaberline
Mary & Mike Collins	Stephanie Voland	Betty Peters	Marlo
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Lily	Jean Peterson	Amy Roschy
Katja Mestrom			
Grief:			
Florence Holden family	Amanda Toms family	Cheryl Lucht family	Edna Smith family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

Readings and Commemorations This Week

April 15 – Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; I John 3:10-16

April 16 – Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; II John 1-6

April 17 – Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18

April 18 – Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26

April 19 – **Olavus Petri, priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, 1573; renewers of the church** – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Maek 10:35-45 -- *These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.*

April 20 – Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 15

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 11:30am OWLS / Honey Baked Ham
 4:30pm LMA Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 1:00pm Grief Support Group
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 5:30pm Youth Movie Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship services at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

Youth will meet at 9:15am.

80's Bingo will begin at 1:00pm. Doors open at 12:30pm.

Stuffed pepper soup available for purchase following the 10:30 service. Last soup of the season.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Ann Flick
Lector	10:30am	Mary Daniels
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	(<i>1 needed</i>)
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Liz Stroup
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	