



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2021 – 5:30m



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Sondra Nelson
Liturgical Choir: open
Sound: Shannon Bruhns
Acolytes: Shannon Bruhns
Ushers: Shannon Bruhns
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for April: Kathy Nelson and Joann Villa

Sunday--9:00am Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Cindy Haugsdal
Liturgical Choir: Al Skellenger, Carlton Shaw, Nancy Guttormson, Bruce Adams
Sound: Chike Ikefuama
Live Stream: Brad Evenson
Video: Chike Ikefuama
Acolytes: open
Ushers: Lyle and Orloue Thomson
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for April: Kathy Nelson and Joann Villa

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INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may remain seated and may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Springs of Water, Bless the Lord

ELW #214

The choir or cantor will sing three of the verses of the canticle, others may join in the refrain.

Refrain – All



Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.



Give God glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

Leader or All *Refrain*



- 1 Buried with Christ in death, you are raised with him to life.
- 2 Bathed in the foun-tain of life, you are born to a liv - ing hope.
- 3 You are God's work of art, cre - ated in Christ Jesus.
- 4 You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
- 5 All of you are one, u - nited in Christ Jesus.
- 6 Re - joice, all you bap - tized, called to be chil - dren of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] 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 him walk?”¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he 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 his name, 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 he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah 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

Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector.

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.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many 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.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

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 him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the hearing of the gospel.

Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed! Amen!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (Refrain) ELW #382

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:6b-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. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, 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 he 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 he 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 our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW #479

We stand for the hymn of the day.

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended
to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS

We will be seated for the prayers.

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers
before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and
wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the
church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your
love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of. Provide all the
inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you
for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give
your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O
God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their
distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse
them back to health and wholeness. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us,
O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children
of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become
more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are.
We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have
promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your
never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

The offering is being collected at the beginning of the service as you walk in. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need at the time of the offering song and prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING**OFFERING SONG***As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
 you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and
 the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
 for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the
 earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son
 to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the
 hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await
your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this
bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your
chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love
may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTING THE SACRAMENT TO OTHERS

PRAYER AT SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger,
bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters
and brothers who are *sheltering at home due to the pandemic, are sick or
homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community,
and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen
Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Grateful
Thankful
Blessed

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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