

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018

The Service at 8:30 and 11 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 Lord's day. 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 "Christ is Alive", arranged by Wayne Kerr

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand.

Deacon In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen**

Deacon Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation **Amen**

Deacon Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Deacon Most merciful God,
Congregation **have mercy on us.**
**We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Congregation **Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon The peace of Christ be with you always.
Congregation **And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

GATHERING HYMN # 376

We invite you to turn and face the cross (as you are comfortable). Please turn to the front of the sanctuary after the cross has passed you. All sing.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son: end - less is the
 2 Lo - Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life: life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won' An - gels in bright ra - ment
 greets thee, seat - ters fear and gloom: let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife: make us more than con - qu'rors.

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay,
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son: end less is the vic t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Rev. Edmund Barry, 1851-1932; G. R. Birch Hewie, 1879-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Deacon The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

All sing



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry. "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine:
4 Let all cre a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply. "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor 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.

Congregation **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior. o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel is announced.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
Congregation **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 24:36b–48

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.

^{36b}"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.



Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Understand the Scriptures
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

HYMN OF THE DAY #705

Please stand and sing.

Thy word

Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near,

B^b C Dm D A/C# C^{sus} C⁷ *Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

wan-der-ing, Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

B^b C Dm D A/C# C^{sus} C⁷ *Refrain*

I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanzas:
Music: Amy Grant
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APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Congregation **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

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns.
After each portion of the prayers:*

Assisting Minister Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Congregation **Amen.**

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please sign the red Attendance Book and pass it down the pew.*

OFFERTORY

'How Firm a Foundation' Early American Hymn arranged by John Rutter

COME TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand and sing.

Music: Richard W. Gilbert, b. 1973
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Cre-ate in me a clean heart. O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion. and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

Congregation **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

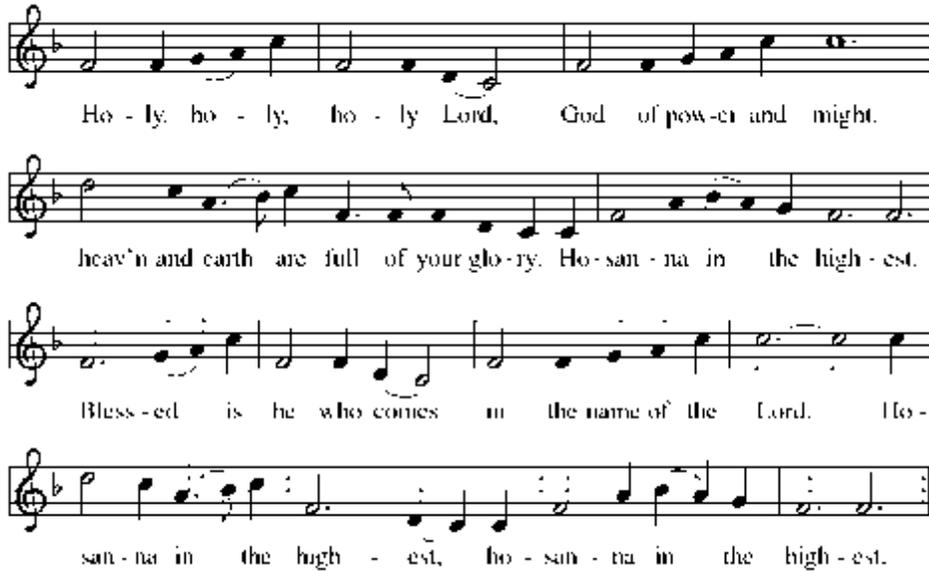
Pastor The Lord be with you
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts,
Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
Congregation **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All sing.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Congregation **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.**

Please be seated.

All sing.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the pastor when you come forward. You may take a small cup from the tray in the center aisle as you approach the altar, and the Communion assistants will fill your cup with wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice). Or, you may use intinction, where the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor.

COMMUNION HYMN #768

All sing.

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can not stray
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me,
 I am weak and I need thy strength and power
 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
 to help me over my weakest hour
 be my aid when Satan and sin oppress,
 I am blind with out thy light to see,
 Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
 I am putting all my trust in thee
 Lord, just all ways let me thy servant be.

Repeat

Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1719-1796
 Music: Isaac Watts
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COMMUNION HYMN #744

All sing.

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to day,
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day,
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day,
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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Please stand.

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 Congregation **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.
 Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation **Amen**

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Congregation **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #389

*Please follow the cross, turning toward the cross as it passes by your pew. As the cross leads, so Christ leads us out into the community to share Christ's love.
All sing.*

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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 eol - 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.

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 Music: FRED T. WILLIAMS, *Organ for Congregation*, 1789
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DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister Go in peace. Share the good news.
 Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre" - G. F. Handel, arranged by Diane Bish

*Please join the Redeemer family in the Crossroads foyer area
 for fellowship and refreshments.*

Phantom Pains

After an amputation a majority of patients experience phantom pains. The arm is not there, yet he feels it cramping. The hand is gone, yet she feels it throbbing. The foot has been removed, yet he feels it twitching.

Today we meet the disciples, gathered together on the third day after the crucifixion, afraid they are experiencing nothing more than the phantom pains of grief. They had become one body, then on that gruesome day a part of their body was severed from the rest. On this day, Christ returns, but they think they know better. He is just a figment of their imaginations, a phantom pain of the way things used to be, a ghost.

We live in a world full of phantoms. City centers that once were thriving are lonely ghost towns. Forests and plains have been churned up and cut down and turned into housing developments. At our own Easter gatherings, members of the community who once were present are now missing.

In a phantom world we come to expect nothing but disembodied hope and fleeting memory. But God is not a phantom. We are witnesses to an Easter God who raised Jesus from the dead, who dressed Christ in flesh, and who is at work today. This Easter God is restoring places where creation has been cut off from creation, resurrecting our hollowed out, hazy, ghost town world and dressing the earth and all her creatures in flesh and bone, in life once again.

We are people who “look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come” (Nicene Creed). We have become accustomed to those phantom pains, but behold! This is no trick of the imagination. That which was severed from us has been restored. Alleluia!

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Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. Also, a special cart of books is in the back of the nave. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services. A pager is available from the nursery.



Visitors are invited to sign the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

Hearing help available: We have for your use, personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

Sunday Services

9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 and 11 am for traditional services

Next Sunday's Scripture: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Assisting with Worship at 8:30

Assisting Minister: Robin Taylor
Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Acolyte/Crucifer: Zach Balleisen
Cantor: Waka Osifchin
Ushers: Marie and Will Moser
Chancel Care: Robin Taylor
Coffee Hour: Karen Miller

Assisting with Worship at 11:00

Assisting Minister:
Reader: Gordon Jones
Communion Assistants: Gordon Jones
Acolyte/Crucifer:
Cantor: Waka Osifchin
Ushers: Liz Schafer and Howie Lind
Chancel Care: Karen Devlin
Coffee Hour: Karen Miller

*The flowers are given by Betsy Kutscher to the glory of God,
And in celebration of Steven's birthday today, and Ron's birthday on the 18th.*

Today we are using Setting 10 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

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