



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 15, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.**

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## 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 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.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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*\*Please stand if able*

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation*

*(ELW—Red Book)*

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul Christ

\*GATHERING SONG

“There is Power in the Blood”

Insert

\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*ELW p. 119*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Paul Christ

\*THE GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Paul Christ

\*SONG OF THE DAY

“Beautiful One”

Insert

\*APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Linda Hewitt

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY SONG

“Breathe”

Insert

### \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

“Communion”

This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.  
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Linda Hewitt

A: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **C: Amen.**

### \*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

### \*THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits. The following is sung: “Worthy Is the Lamb”*

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.**

**High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

### COMMUNION SONG

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Insert

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Linda Hewitt

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

\*BLESSING P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG

“I’ll Fly Away”

Insert

### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** by the St. Mark’s congregation.

## LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Paul Christ

**Assisting Minister:** Linda Hewitt

**Communion Assistants:** Tanya & Greg Stephenson

**Acolyte:** Joseph Carpenter

**Praise Team Leader & Keyboard:** Myra Long

**Deacons:** Tiffany Caudill, Tanya Stephenson

**Altar Guild:** Hilka Cox, Paul & Kathy Gibson

**Tabulators:** Dotty Isenhour, Chris Cloninger, Nicky Setzer

**Vocalists:** Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

**Instrumentalists:** Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn, Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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### **ACTS 3:12-19**

[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? The 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And 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. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

### **PSALM 4**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds and be silent. Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

### **1 JOHN 3:1-7**

See 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. Beloved, 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

### **LUKE 24:36B-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then 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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”