



April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



Welcome to Worship!
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs!
Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRELUDE

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
St. Luke's Handbell Choir

Austrian tune, arr. J. Wayne Kerr



OPENING HYMN

"O the Joy"

Musicians; Lindsay Banman & Heather May

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us make honest confession of our sins to Almighty God, that we may know completely the grace of His forgiveness.

C: Loving God, You know the height and depth of our sins far better than we do. You know our weaknesses, our offenses, and all our stumbling steps.

P: You know our rebellion – our willful disobedience to Your commandments. Loving God...

C: We confess these sins before You.

P: You know our selfishness – as we serve ourselves and our own desires before serving others. Loving God...

C: We confess these sins before You.

P: You know our arrogance – our failure to acknowledge You as Lord of our lives. Loving God...

C: We confess these sins before You.

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God knows our every sin, and yet reaches out to us with forgiveness and healing. Receive then the free gift of God's mercy – and in turn reach out to those around you with the same loving grace that you have received from God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

 **PEACE**

P: God's Peace be with you.

C: And with you, too.

Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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 **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

 **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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Monte

 **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36b-48

^{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.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

 **SERMON**

Pastor Monte

 **PRAYER SONG**

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 **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

 **OFFERING**

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.
Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*

 **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Christ the Lord is Risen, Today; Alleluia!” Arr. J. Wayne Kerr
St. Luke’s Handbell Choir

Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

 **LORD’S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION - Continuous

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.
All are Welcome!*

 **DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM** “Il. Modinha Sonata No. 1 for two bassoons” Francisco Mignone
Andrea Clark & Marta Troicki



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word, and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.



BENEDICTION



SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#392, verses 1,3 & 5



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE

“I Know that my Redeemer Lives”

Robert Hobby

***Thank You to the Handbell Choir whose last Sunday for the season is today:
Nan Hoene, Judy Hassman, Mark Peterson, Kate Braatz, Sandy Hutchison,
Cheryl Dordel, Liz Keller, Sandy Telleffson, Karla Holcomb, Andrea Clark, Andy
Clark, and our substitutes: Dan Hutchison and Todd Beutin.***

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+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by ***Todd and Diane Beutin***, in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary!

Candles for the ***ETERNAL LIGHT*** in the second half of April are given by ***Ken and Janet Orlikowski***, in memory of Jacob and Lauren Schoba.

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, April 15	Newsletter Articles Due
	9:00 am Quilters
	7:00 pm Stephen Ministry
Tuesday, April 16	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 17	1:00 pm Worship
	6:00 pm Confirmation (Fe)
	7:30 pm Choir
Thursday, April 18	7:00 pm WINGS (UFH)
Friday, April 19	Church Office Closed
Saturday, April 20	9:00 am Needles & Prayers
	9:30 – 11:30 am 1 st Communion Class
Sunday, April 21	First Communion
	9:00 am Worship
	10:00 am Fellowship
	10:15 am Education Hour

Church **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY: “Baptized We Live” – 4 sessions during Education Hour on what it means to be Lutheran Christians. Pick up a book at the Welcome Center (\$5) and join us!

Support Exploit No More by bringing some items off their wish list for residents of Freedom House for this spring and summer. We will also have a **Noisy Offering on April 28** that they can use for other needed items.

April 14: Gel pens, markers and colored pencils for Art Therapy; Plastic cups, plates, bowls and silverware, and Hand Soap

April 21: New women’s shorts sizes small-xxlrg (elastic waist), New women’s shirts and tank tops sizes small-xxlrg

April 28: NOISY (and not-so-noisy!) OFFERING, Suntan lotion, Sandals, sliders and flip flops women’s sizes 5-10

SISTER ACT: St. Luke’s Ladies—get ready for “Nun-stop” laughter! We’re watching Sister Act— and there may even be some singing and dancing involved. Liz Keller’s home, Sunday, April 21. 1:00 pm. Bring snacks to share! Get the address from Liz or Pastor and join us!

MARLENE TOMSEVICS – Monday, April 22nd

Visitation: 10:30 am

Service: 12:00 pm

FUNDRAISER:

The youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be selling **Emil's pizzas** **April 14 – 28**. You can look for them at church, or watch for an e-mail on how to place an order. Orders will be handed out after worship on May 19.

MILWAUKEE MILKMEEN GAME – BATTER UP!!! Join us for a fun church outing to cheer on the Milwaukee Milkmen as they take on the Kane County Cougars. Saturday, May 11 6PM Gametime. \$17 per ticket. We will meet at Franklin Field, but if you need a ride, please let us know! Sign up at the church welcome center, or online at www.slchurch.org/sign-ups. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at heather@slchurch.org.



SAVE THE DATE:

- June 10th-14th – Music Camp
- July 29th – August 1st - Vacation Bible School

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



**** EASTER PRAISE PACKS ****



- Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.



- Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.



- Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.



- Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.



- While listening to Pastor's Sermon, take a look at your children's bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?



- Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!



- Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello



- Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!