

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *(please stand as you are able)* **“You Are Holy”**

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all. You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.

The Gospel: Luke 24:36b-49

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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 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. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

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Children’s Message *(you may be seated)*

PreK-1st Graders Sing

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering:

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

“Make Me A Servant” 2X

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the pray’r of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks” *(ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: We thank you God for Eternal Life given to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Use the gifts we lay upon your Table to bring life to our church and community. May your gift of life to us become gifts of life for our neighbors through us. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

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.* 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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

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 Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Rod Nardinger, Beth Carlson, Loraine Hinsch, Gage Miller and the Family of Jeff Matthees. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

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. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

Celebration of First Communion:

Jenna Wieme, Evelyn Volkmann, Katelyn Jenson, Hayden Lodermeier, Jacob Matthees, Keiten Matthees, Elmer Lodermeier, Adalie Hase, Kylah Dicke, Bianca Lindholm, Connor Dicke, Logan Dicke, Henry Luhman, Caleb Hanson, Tomas Ryan, Micah Diercks, Max Gadiant and Graysen Thomforde

Prayer over our 5th Graders:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Loving God, we pray today that in this sacrament you would give to these, your own, the reminder of your grace given to all. Wash away the sins that hurt their lives and the lives of others and replace their worries with confidence and hope in you. In Jesus’ Name we pray together, Amen.

The 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 Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Meal and Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Come To The Table” 2X #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord’s invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

“Alleluia”

Vs 1: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs 2: Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen.

Vs 3: He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior.

Vs 4: He is worthy, He is worthy, He is Worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy.

Vs 5: I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

Vs 6: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

“Blest Are They”

Vs 1: Blest are they, the poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow. They shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad. Blessed are you; holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Vs 2: Blest are they, the lowly ones. They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst. They shall have their fill. (refrain)

Vs 3: Blest are they who show mercy. Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart. They shall see God. (refrain)

Vs 4: Blest are they who seek peace. They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith. The glory of God is theirs. (refrain)

Vs 5: Blest are you who suffer hate. All because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see. (refrain)

Communion Prayer: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the gift 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. May the Risen Christ live through us in word and deed. Amen.

The Blessing: P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn: *“Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ”* #674

Vs 1: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Vs 2: Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.(refrain)

Vs 3: Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere! (refrain)

Dismissal: P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



St. Luke Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hanson

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30AM • April 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

First Quarter Financial Update: *by Char Volkmann*

The Easter Litany: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: Amen

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God’s people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen & precious in God’s sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”* #377

Vs 1: Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Vs 2: Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. [Refrain]

Vs. 5: City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of Life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

C: 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 & forever. Amen.

The First 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.