



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Pastor Mike Pretzer

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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.

#### **The Gathering**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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 Hymn**      **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”**      **#369**

**Kyrie**      **pg. 184**  
**Hymn of Praise**      **pg. 185**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

We 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.**

Amen.

## **The Word**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God’s promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ’s death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus’ name.*

<sup>12</sup>[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?<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm**

## **Psalm 4**

- <sup>1</sup>Answer 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.
- <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

## **Second Reading**

## **1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy 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.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

#609 vs 1-4

Apostles Creed

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## Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your Mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord’s Prayer

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Communion Distribution

## The Sending

### 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.

Sending Hymn

“Christ is Alive Let Christians Sing”

#389 vs 1,3,5

### Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church**

***For the week of April 18, 2021***

**Visitors please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church as you leave and please do come again. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee following the worship service.**

**Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church  
FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:**

**Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)**

**Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)**

**Navah DenHerder**

**Ervin & Florence Heidecker**

**Eric Sellers (Cancer)**

**Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)**

**Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)**

**Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)**

**Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)**

**Holly (Cancer)**

**Carli Ystaas**

**Marlyne Tveter**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS:**

**All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.**

**Wednesday Night Worship and Faith Formation this Wednesday at 6:30**

We're back to our regular schedule for WNW and Faith Formation. Below is the schedule and themes for the remainder of the year. All are welcome!

Wednesday April 14

6:30 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Faith Formation

Theme/Activity – The Empty Tomb – Matthew 28:1-10 – Empty tomb, full hearts

Wednesday April 21

6:30 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Faith Formation

Theme/Activity – Doubting Thomas – John 20:19-31 – Not seeing is believing

Wednesday April 28

6:30 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Faith Formation

Theme/Activity – The Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-35 – Sometimes we can't see  
what's right before our eyes

\*Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Sunday\*

Wednesday May 5

6:30 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Faith Formation

Theme/Activity – The Promise of the Holy Spirit – John 14:15-21 – the Holy Spirit helps  
us love Jesus in a big way

Wednesday May 12 – LAST DAY for WNW and Faith Formation

6:30 pm – Potluck Meal and Snoop Party

## **Thank you to all who donated and helped Pack the LWR Personal Care Kits!**

Thank you to everyone from Peace Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran in Richardton for your donations, support and help in packing the Lutheran World Relief Person Health Care Kits. The Wednesday Night Worship and Faith Formation Group at Peace Lutheran put together **128 kits!!** The completed kits will be shipped to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis in May. Thank you also to Thrivent Financial for contributing \$500 in Action Team dollars to our project! Great work everyone!

### **Peace Lutheran Confirmation Sunday is set for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

Confirmation for 5 Peace Lutheran students will take place on Sunday, May 2, 2021 during the 10:00 am worship service. Congratulations to the following students who have completed their confirmation instruction:

Camden Hjellming son of Carrie and Jim

Kolton Kupper son of Crissie and Travis

Alyssa Sadowsky daughter of Tammy and Todd

Ryan Schumacher son of Erika and Don

Codyn Ystaas son of Carli and Chad

### **Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Council members please take note of our meeting date and time next week, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church.



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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

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