



**April 14, 2024**  
***Third Sunday of Easter***



*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.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

If you are an online guest today, please leave a record of your visit, below. Thank you!

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**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Now the Feast and Celebration*  
*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” (W. Held)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

WOV 672



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ser - vant, but a friend,  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the first and last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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\*THE GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

\*THE KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Assistant:* Congregation: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: *Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation: *Congregation:*

God. A - men.

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW 167

Refrain *Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

<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.”

## THE 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.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1John 3:1-7

<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.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat*

## \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## \*THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

<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."

The gospel of the Lord

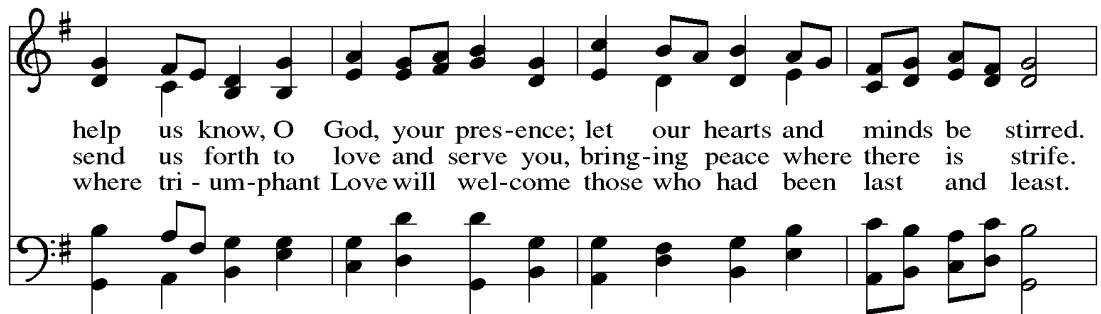
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder



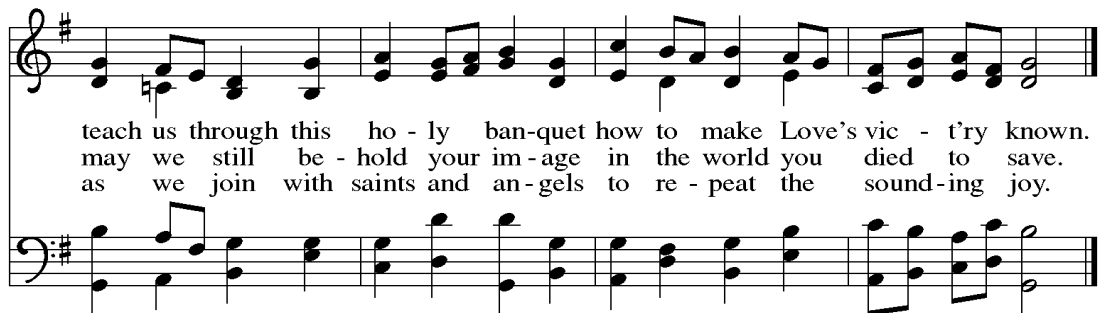
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.



**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of 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**

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

**Piano Solo (8:30) "Because He Lives" (Gaither/J. Purifoy)**

**Choir Anthem (11:00) "Alleluia, Alleluia" (D. Fishel)**

\*THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

**you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

**Amen.**



\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

*Congregation:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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HYMN: "Shout for Joy, Loud and Long"

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1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord  
 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na - ture's won -  
 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -  
 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil - dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.  
 ders dis - played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun - da - tion.  
 teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.  
 un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

*Refrain*



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

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# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Names are mentioned during Prayers of the Church

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Pat & Ron Esteppe in celebration of Kaityln and Andrews's 1st wedding Anniversary.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after both services.

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**MESSIAH "ARTREACH" WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY**, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ages welcome and all supplies included. Make some for MLC and take some to give to loved ones. This month will be stamped cards and a variety of coloring techniques.

**A CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND THE RETIREMENT POTLUCK FOR CLAIRE STRAND** is planned for Sunday, April 21 at Noon in the Parish Hall. MLC will honor God's work through this gifted and caring disciple. There will be barbeque provided. Members are asked to bring sides and a few deserts. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at the QR code on the next page.

**SPRING HANDMADE MINI MARKET** to support MLC's three *Lunches for Learning* schools in Honduras is Sunday, April 21 in the Fellowship Hall after and between services of worship. Cash, Check, and Credit Cards accepted. 100% of money raised goes to feed and nourish students through the *Lunches for Learning* mission. POC Elaine Shriver

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT OWEN'S HOUSE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month MLC provides 4 volunteers to serve meals from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. If you are interested please contact Bill Emerson at [bemerson@knology.net](mailto:bemerson@knology.net) for training and screening check.

**MUSIC CAMP 2024** The week-long camp is June 3 - 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a Saturday morning dress rehearsal on June 8, and a single Sunday morning presentation of the musical "Say What?" on Sunday, June 9 (9:30 a.m.) The cost of the camp is \$100.00 with discounts available for siblings. Info and registration at [www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org](http://www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org) to register.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR APRIL**. Your service is a gift only you can give to others. Thank you. If you need help in signing up or don't know who to contact, call the church office.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** - Cereal

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Leonardo Diaz (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Jasper Williams (11:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & LeeLinda Bagget (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lector</u>	Joan Elsworth (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Lee Smith 11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Lee Smith (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Peter, Glen Long (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		Tom McNamara, Paul Arnold(11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
<b><u>Pastor Kris Schroeder</u></b>		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Pierce (8:30)
Email: <a href="mailto:pastor.kris@mlutheran.org">pastor.kris@mlutheran.org</a>			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519		<u>Sound/Stream Team</u>	Glen Long (8:30)
Pastor's Office Hours are M-W			Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
MLC staff will never directly solicit you for funds.		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

April 21 Potluck Volunteer Sign Up

### **Sunday, April 14**

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages, Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella

### **Tuesday, April 16**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:45 a.m. - Youth & Education Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 17**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir, Seraph Choir
- 7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, April 18**

- 1:00 p.m. - Bible Study Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, April 20**

- 10:00 a.m. - MLC Artreach Card Workshop Graduates, Thinking of You & Mother's Day

### **Sunday, April 21**

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *Lutheran Book of Worship* Setting 1 w/the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. - Mini Handmade Market - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: *Band Led Service* w/the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 p.m. - Celebration of Mission & Retirement Potluck honoring Claire Strand
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella

*\*These services are live streamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**April 23** - Men of Messiah (MoMs) gather at Trash Panda Game

**May 5** - Congregation Meeting with Elections and Cinco De Mayo Potluck

### **Attendance:**

March 31 - Online - 68 April 7 - 8:30 a.m. - 47, 11:00 a.m. - 63



Online Giving

