



*Jesus
showed them his
hands and
his feet*

LUKE 24:40



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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Fanfare in C Major* – Henry Purcell, arr. E. Power Biggs

ACCLAMATION

*Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Do you reaffirm your baptismal faith, faith in resurrected Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior? If so answer: I affirm my faith in Christ.

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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.

We thank you, O God.

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 bless you, O God.

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.

We praise you, O God.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #391: *This Joyful Eastertide* VRUECHTEN

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE

(music on p. 138 ELW Setting 3)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast*

(music on p. 140 ELW Setting 3)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING: 3:12-19 *(printed on the back cover)*

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 *The psalm is spoken responsively*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and¹ hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek¹ after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me¹ when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-¹ on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us¹ any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7 *(printed on the back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music on p. 142 ELW Setting 3)

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 *(printed on the back cover)*

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

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

SERMON *The congregation is seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY #368: *With High Delight Let Us Unite* MIT FREUDEN ZART

NICENE CREED p. 104 (*ELW Setting 1*)

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.**

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you" or similar words. At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ANTHEM: *Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!* – George Frideric Handel, arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS

(music on p. 144 ELW Setting 3)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

p. 111 (*ELW Setting 1*)

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.

FRACTION

The table of life is spread before us. Receive the goodness and mercy of God. All are welcome at this table where Christ is the host and the meal.

AGNUS DEI

(music on p. 146 ELW Setting 3)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the altar should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #495: *We Who Once Were Dead* MIDDEN IN DE DOOD

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #362: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* SONNE DER GERECHTIGHEIT

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune* – Christopher Tambling

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder Dates

Fellowship/Adult Forum at 9:00 am with Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 14.

JELC Picnic Committee meeting on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30am to begin plans for picnic on June 2.

Worship and Music hearing after worship service in sanctuary on Sunday, April 14.

May Newsletter Deadline on Monday, April 15.

Women's Bible Study 10am at BULC on Monday, April 15.

Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, April 16.

Choir Rehearsal at 7pm on Thursday, April 18.

Primary Election April 23. See sign-up sheet in narthex to sit with Scott Barr.

MUSIC NOTES:

Today's prelude and postlude feature works by two English composers and organists. Henry Purcell (1659-1695), the composer of the prelude, was the most celebrated 17th-century English composer. Appointed organist at Westminster Abbey in 1679, Purcell lived all of his brief life as a London musician, composing music for the church, theater, and concert hall. He is buried adjacent to the organ in Westminster Abbey, and his epitaph reads: "Here lyes Henry Purcell Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded." Christopher Tambling (1964-2015), the composer of the postlude, served from 1997 until 2015 as both Director of Music at Downside School and Organist and Choirmaster at Downside Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Somerset, South West England. During his tenure, he led the choir to international success and published numerous choral and organ works, as well as a highly lauded method for organ students.

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FIRST READING: 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? 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.”

Psalm 4**SECOND READING: 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. 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

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.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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