

St. Luke Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry Holy Communion

The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

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.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin. *All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Orlando Gibbons

WORD OF WELCOME

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ...are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters...

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

*PEACE

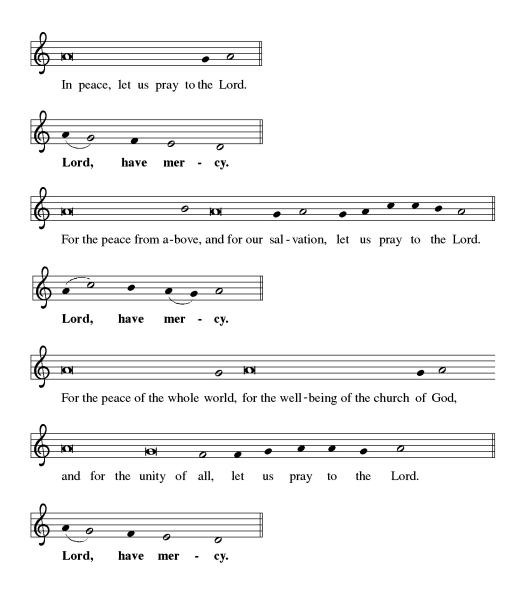
The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds: And also with you.

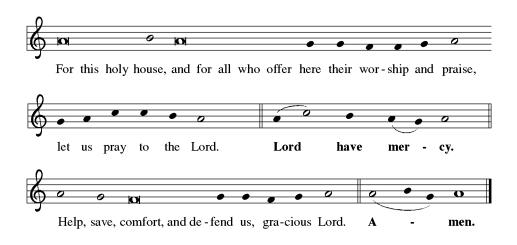


*GREETING

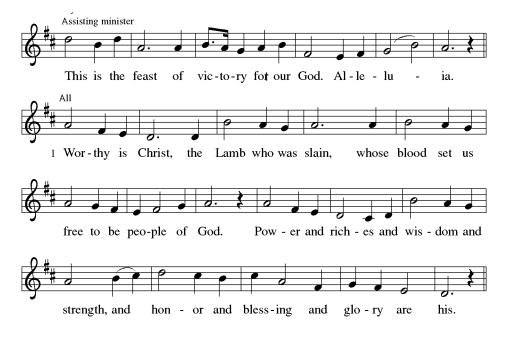
The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds: And also with you.

***KYRIE**





*HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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? 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

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

PSALM 4

The psalm is sung responsively. ¹Answer 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. ²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?" ³Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful; the Lord will hear me | when I call. ⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices, and put your trust | in the Lord. ⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord. ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart, more than when grain and | wine abound. ⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit. As it was in | the beginning, is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.



Our hearts | burn within us while you open to | us the scriptures.

*GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

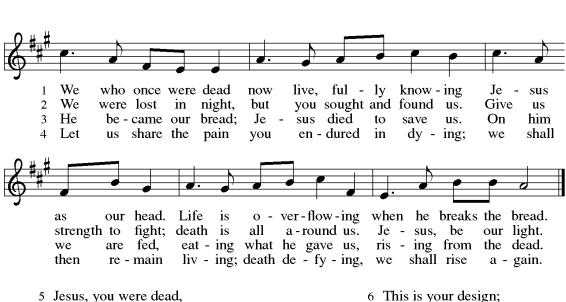
The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON



5 Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. 6 This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

MIDDEN IN DE DOOD

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*HYMN OF THE DAY 495 We Who Once Were Dead

*NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to the petitions, which all end "God of Grace," is *Hear our prayer.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org.

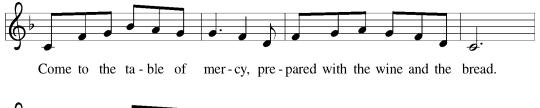
OFFERTORY

Aleluya! Cristo resucitó Luis Bojos/Nathan Zullinger Aleluya! Cristo resucitó la madrugalda del domingo.



Run, faithful women, to the graveside, marvel, the stone is rolled away! Hear from the angel "He is risen." Christ goes before you all the way. Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes. Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: "He is alive."

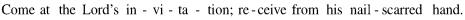
*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY 481 Come to the Table of Mercy





All who are hun-gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.







Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

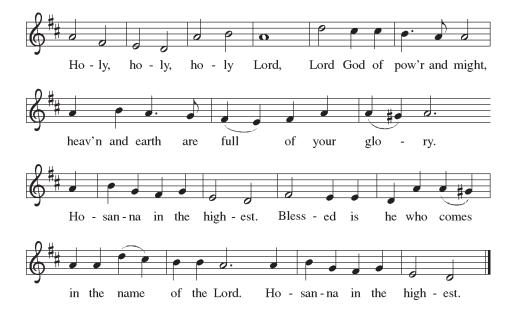
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Including the following responses:

...Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



...O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



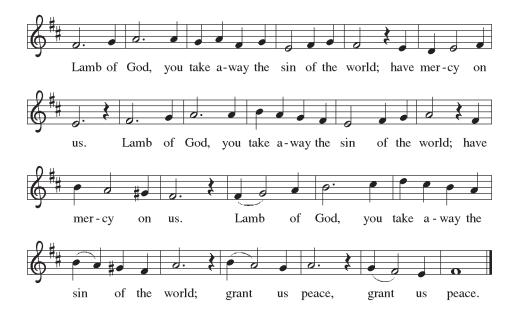
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.

*LAMB OF GOD

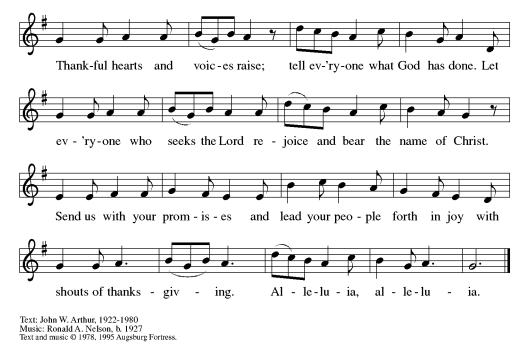


COMMUNION HYMN 391 This Joyful Eastertide

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***TABLE BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

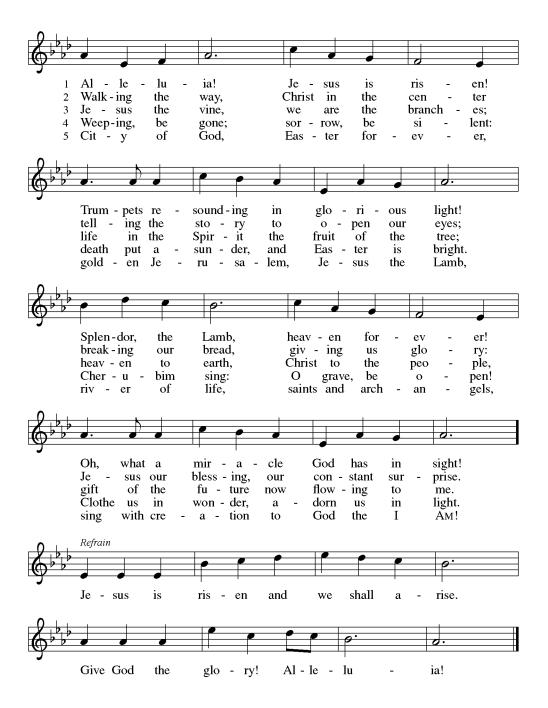
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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

...bless you now and always. Amen.



*DISMISSAL Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude to the Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

PARTCIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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All the people of this Community Carol LaBorie David Wohlhueter John and Monica Vakiner LEAD Team Erik Kibelsbeck The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Diane Conneman.

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CALENDAR

Mon., April 15	9-1 Open Doors
Tues., April 16	12:15 PM Bible Study
	1-3 PM Open Doors
Wed., April 17	6:00 PM John 3 with PB
Thurs. April 18	9 AM Quilters
-	7:15 PM final Compline of the season at Jacksonville Methodist,
	no livestream
Sun., April 21	10:00 AM The Fourth Sunday of Easter
	7:00 PM Music at St. Luke: Cayuga Vocal Ensemble"Pax Mundi"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERSONAL CARE KITS UPDATE: Donations to date are at \$927.00! Thank you to everyone who helped us exceed our goal of raising \$800.00. This will enable us to not only finish ordering supplies to complete 75 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, but we will also be able to provide kits for local distribution to the homeless. We still need help to remove packaging and labels from the items before we can pack up the kits. Contact Suz Snedeker if you can help at smsnedeker@gmail.com. Thank you!

EASTER SEASON BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BAIR

Pastor Bair is leading five sessions on John 3 on Wednesdays at 6pm in April (and May 1). These will be in person at church with a zoom option found in the newsletter or the website.

PB requests that those interested listen to a podcast prior to the sessions, these are posted on the website. This will enable us to have maximum time for conversation.

MUSIC AT ST. LUKE The Cayuga Vocal Ensemble, conducted by artistic director Sean Linfors (and including some of the singers in the St. Luke choir and compline choir!) will present "Pax Mundi" on Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Note the unusual time and that it's not May as it said in the bulletin last week! Featuring choral works by Beach, Bernstein, Palestrina, Pärt, Quartel, Rossi, and Singleton.

FORUM@ ON APRIL 28 "Trans and Lutheran" Guest Speaker (via Zoom) Dr. Stephanie Dykes is an out and proud transwoman, living in Palm Desert, California.

UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Psalm 150	Psalm 150	Psalm 23
Jeremiah 30:1-11a	Proverbs 9:1-6	Genesis 46:28—47:6
1 John 3:10-16	Mark 16:9-18	Acts 4:1-4
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Psalm 150	Psalm 23	Psalm 23
Hosea 5:15—6:6	Genesis 30:25-43	Genesis 48:8-19
2 John 1-6	Acts 3:17-26	Mark 6:30-34

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

Luke 24:36b-48

Although Mark's account of the empty tomb stated that the risen Jesus was to be seen in Galilee, at least a decade later, Luke, who described the Christian movement as beginning in Jerusalem and extending throughout the Roman Empire and beyond, tells of the risen Jesus appearing to disciples in and around Jerusalem. To demonstrate the reality of the resurrection, Luke's story tells of Jesus eating broiled fish (food more common in Galilee than in Jerusalem). Yet his risen presence is different from his prior living presence among them (v.44). Luke's narrative concludes with a summary of original apostolic preaching: Jesus is the messiah, foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures, who suffered, died, and rose to the forgiveness of sins, to which we are witnesses.

Acts 3:12-19

For Luke, the Spirit of the resurrection continues in the community of believers. Thus Peter has healed the crippled beggar (3:1-10) with the power of the name of the risen Christ. The sermon ascribed to Peter at the temple exemplifies the growing antagonism between Christian believers and the Jewish religious establishment. In this example of apostolic preaching, the Jew Peter blames "Israelites" for Jesus' death, yet forgiveness of sins (a strong Lucan emphasis) has come about through God's use of this rejection. Luke's openness to the Gentile mission is shown in that the Roman authority Pilate is exonerated.

Having heard Luke's message from Peter's sermon, we respond by singing **Psalm 4**. We hope to know the wonders that God is accomplishing in Christ, and, paradoxically, we do so with ancient Israelite religious words about sacrifices. For Christians, Christ is the sacrifice already offered to God on our behalf, and in this faith we rest secure. Along with the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, we will see the light of Christ's face.

1 John 3:1-7

The Son became like us, so that in the end—which the writer of 1 John anticipates as arriving soon—we will be like the Son, children of God. This passage exemplifies the Johnanine epistles' use of opposite extremes: God vs. the world, love vs. sin, then vs. now, lawlessness vs. purity. The writer assumes, or at least envisions, a perfected and loving believing community.

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