

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Third Sunday of Easter



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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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 Lord's day. 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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEMPLE TALK**     **Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia**     Stephanie Carlson

**OPENING HYMN:**     **"Alleluia Jesus is Risen"**     **#377 ELW**  
(verses 1,2,3,5)     Please Stand on the Last Verse

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*An extended silence may be kept.*

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:

for water to bathe in, water to drink,

for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,

for water that gives life to our planet.

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:

for water from our tap, for rain [and snow], for [*local water sources may be named*].

#### **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:

for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,

for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,

for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,

for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,

for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

#### **We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here;

for godparents and baptismal sponsors,

for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:

for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,

for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,

for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Jesus Messiah**

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people 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.”

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<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.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please Stand for the Reading of the Gospel*

## **Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

*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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

“Blessed Assurance”

#638 ELW

*Please stand if able*

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for . . . .

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn (*especially*).

Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Be known to us,

**O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Your Love is Everlasting" (Dakota Road-insert)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.*

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Organ

Ushers: 8:30am Rich & Marge Nelson

Lectors: 8:30am Winnie Z.

Hospitality Hosts: Sylvia Tapelt, Merrily Jones, Jenny Schuett, Mary Braun

Greeters: Charlie & Jackie Follmer

10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

10:00am Darlene Christensen

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am 73 10:00 am 16

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda****April 16 - April 22, 2018**

Monday	4/16	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	4/17	12:00-2:00	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	4/18	8:00-Noon	WIC
		9:00 am	No Bible Study today
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Confirmation
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	4/19	12:00 pm	Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards(12:30pm)
Friday	4/20	9:00 am	Council Meeting
		10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	4/22	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**PRAYS AND CARE CONCERNS:** Carol Hass

**JELLY MAKING:** The date for our annual jelly making has been set for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Signup sheets will be in the fellowship hall on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The jelly will be sold at the veggie stand this summer. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Donations are very welcome. Some items needed are: Sugar, Sure Jell, Certo, and 8 oz. jelly jars, and monetary donations for purchasing fruit are also welcome. If you have Rhubarb or hot peppers in your freezer from last year we could use them also. Please mark all items "Jelly making" and All donations need to be in by April 30<sup>th</sup> so we can take inventory. Thank you to everyone that helps out.

**WELCA MEETING** will be on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**HEARTLAND CONFERENCE** will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in McGrath on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is between 8:00-9:00am.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** Riverwood Healthcare center will be starting a new 6-week Grief Support series on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm. Starts on April 19, 2018. See the bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR ISLE SCHOOL PANTRY** •Oatmeal Packets •Ramen Noodles •Peanut Butter & Jelly •Men's Deodorant •Women's Hygiene Products •Bottled Water •Granola or Protein Bars •Pop Tarts •Canned Meats (Tuna, Spam or Chicken) •Tooth Brush & Toothpaste •Athletic Shorts •Money for School Lunch Accounts

**FISH FRY:** Friday, April 20 at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. 5:00pm – 7:00pm. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**RIALTO THEATRE AITKIN** Friday – Thursday, April 13 – 19. "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE" Shows at 7:15pm nightly Sunday matinee at 1:15pm