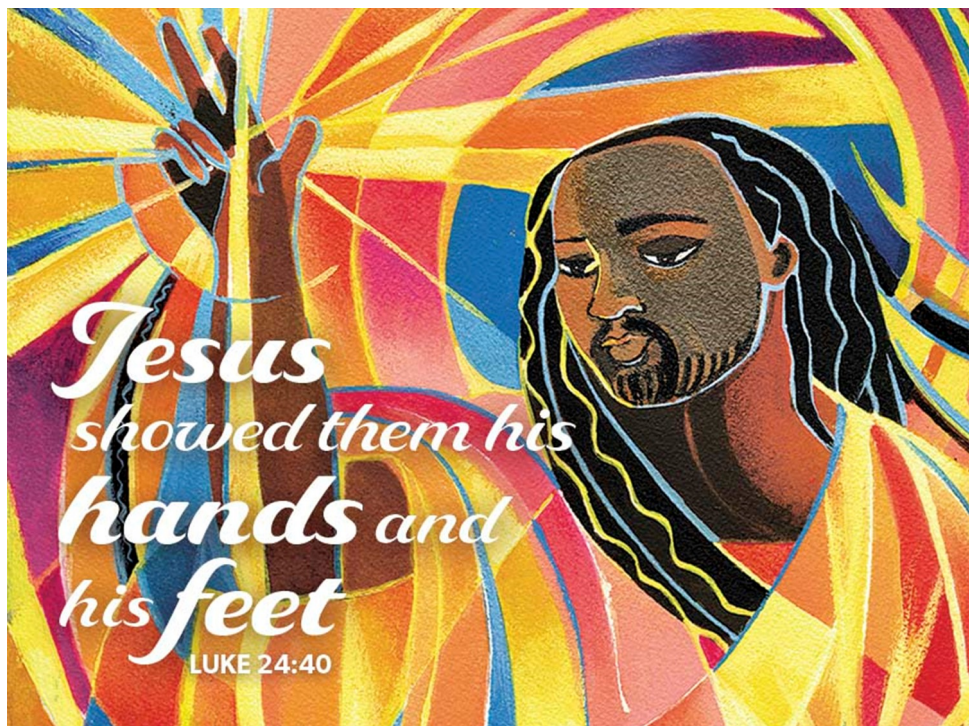


Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

***Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...
Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.***

*Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024*



Lord of the Dance© by Brother Mickey Oneill McGrath

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.

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

(Congregational responses are in bold print.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING SONG

“SHINE JESUS SHINE”

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us 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

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

¹²[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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 4 (read 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 dishonor 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 upon 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.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

¹See 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “AMAZING GRACE MY CHAINS ARE GONE”

APOSTLES’ 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

Response: God of grace,
 hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“GOD WILL MAKE THE WAY”

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

Amen

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG

"SAME POWER"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:

The family of retired Police Chief Jon Mangseth, Leroy, Carol W., Kayla, Roger, Gary (Uncle of Sue), Sarah, Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Jane (Grace's friend), Sylvia, Roberta, Dorothy (Mother of Linda), Patty (sister of Mike), and Anna.



(Please call the church office with any prayer concerns or updates.)



**Flowers Today
Given by Steven & Shirley Tigges**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie
Welcome Desk: Intentional Faith
Ushers: Glen & Dianne
Reader: Sarah
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter
Communion Assistants: Tony & Carol
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Nancy & Marilyn

♪ ♪ ♪ *THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!* ♪ ♪ ♪

Thank you for giving to support the ministries at Christ the Servant. You may donate online on our website: www.cslcvh.org/tithe. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

Eternal Flame Charter Sunday and Celebration



Today, April 14, is Eternal Flame Lutheran Church Charter Sunday and Celebration. Join us at 11:30 AM followed by a luncheon.

Welcome to Bible Study



Sunday Bible Study: Started today at 8:30 AM.

Wednesday Bible Study: Next Wednesday, April 17, at 9:30 AM.

Womens Bible Study: Next Saturday, April 20, at 9:30 AM.



Church Council Meeting

Thursday: Open Forum at 5:45 PM.
Please come share if you have any questions, concerns, joys.

Council Meeting is at 6:00 PM.

Blood Drive at CSLC

The next blood drive at Christ the Servant is scheduled for Monday, May 20, from 11 AM to 5 PM. Sign up at church or online at redcrossblood.org.



RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale

Friday, April 26 (4 PM - 7 PM) & Saturday, April 27 (9 AM - 3 PM)

As you clear out the old, remember that your junk could be someone else's treasure! See page 11. Sign up in the Welcome Area.

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

Mission & Service will meet on Monday, April 15, at 6 PM. If you are interested in this ministry, please join us!





Cross & Cradle News

Community Life

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - CSLC Bible Study

9:30 AM - CSLC Worship

11:30 AM - EFLC Charter Sunday

12:30 PM - EFLC Fellowship (FH)

Monday, April 15

9:00 AM - Package bread & deliver

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Piecemakers (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Mission & Service Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (Fellowship)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Bread Distribution + Coffee Get-Together (FH)

6:30 PM - AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Bible Study (FH)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth & Confirmation

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - AA (Class A)

Thursday, April 18

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM - YogaDevotion (S)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Pioneer HOA Meeting (Class A)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Revelation Rehearsal (S)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM - Council Open Forum (FH)

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting (FH)

Friday, April 19

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - EFLC Choir Practice (Class A)

Saturday, April 20

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - CSLC Bible Study

9:30 AM - CSLC Worship

10:30 AM - CSLC Fellowship Time

11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School

12:30 PM - EFLC Worship

Neighborhood Rummage Sale
Friday, April 26, 4-7 PM
Saturday, April 27, 9 AM to 3 PM



Are you Spring-Cleaning? Please keep in mind that we will be having a rummage sale on the last Saturday in April. We can use good, clean clothing, household items, tools, toys, etc. Sorry, we cannot handle large items of furniture or TV's. We will also be having our lunchroom and the Youth Mission Trip bake sale. Thank you for your help!

Your DONATIONS are welcomed...

- Rummage Sale items. Bring to church Monday, 4/22 – Friday, 8 AM - 2:30 PM, and by 1 PM on Friday, 4/26.
- Please NO furniture or large electronics.
- Baked goods for Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale!
- Canned Pop (Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, 7up, Root Beer, Orange – diet & regular) or Bottled Water.
- Potato Chips (individual packs, please)
- Cash donations for hotdogs/bunscondiments, etc.

Your TIME is welcomed...

- Setting up sale starting Wednesday, 4/24 from 9 AM to whenever.
- Being here during the sale on Friday from 4 to 7 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM to cashier, host our guests, answer questions, and straighten up.
- Serve in lunchroom!

Box leftovers and cleanup after the sale at 3 PM.

Call Sue W or the church office (651-429-6595) with questions. Or you can just sign up in the Welcome Area!

From Fear to Faith

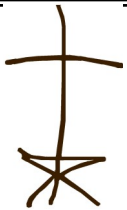
Fight, flight, or freeze: that's how our bodies tend to react when we perceive danger. Our heart rate increases, our breathing speeds up, and even our vision changes to take in our surroundings quickly so we can protect ourselves. When Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection, they seemed to be in the middle of a fight, flight, or freeze response. Their Lord had been crucified. They didn't know what to do next. When Jesus suddenly stood among them, they froze in shock and fear. Jesus overcame the disciples' fright by showing his hands and feet and by eating a piece of fish. As they looked at the scars and watched him eat, the truth of his resurrection dawned on them. The disciples' inclination to fight, flee, or freeze melted away.



Once Jesus had brought the disciples back to a calm resting state, he opened their minds to understand how he had accomplished God's plan to save the world. Jesus told the disciples that now that he was risen, it was their turn to tell his story in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Joy started to flicker in the disciples' hearts as Jesus freed them from fear. He gave them a purpose: to be his witnesses. They were to free others by sharing the good news that Jesus had died and risen again to forgive their sins and give the gift of eternal life to all who believe.

In our world today, many voices spread fear. It's easy to focus on those voices, feel overwhelmed, and freeze. But Jesus came to free us from fear and to free us for faith. Receiving the bread and wine of his supper reminds us that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. We don't have to be afraid of anything. Holy communion strengthens us to be his witnesses and to do his work in the world so others can be set free by the good news of Jesus' love.

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