

***Parish Three Lutheran Churches  
9:00 AM Immanuel, Titonka, IA***



**April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Pastor John Heille**

Today's 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 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.

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## PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Anita Eden, Organist

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER PROCLAMATION (spoken boldly)

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said.

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen."

Alleluia!

**C: Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

## GATHERING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

WOV # 651

## 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

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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM Psalm 4 (read responsively)**

<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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*"Alleluia..."*

**LBW p.62**

**GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48**

Response before the Gospel

All: **"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."

Response after the Gospel

All: **"Praise to you, O Christ"**

*(Please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*"See the Wounds"*

*Pr. John Heille*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"*

**LBW #147**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **EASTER CREED and BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

P: Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began.

Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

**C: Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!**

P: Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

**C: We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives.**

**We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord.**

**We will live as Easter alleluias!**

## **PEACE**

### **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*"Let the vineyards be fruitful"*

**LBW p. 66**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LBW p. 68-71**

*"Lord be with you..."*

*"Holy, holy, holy..."*

*Words of Institution*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*(Please be seated)*

### **COMMUNION**

*"Lamb of God..."*

**LBW p. 72**

*"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

**LBW #514**

*"O Christ, Our Hope"*

**LBW #300**

*"Let us Break Bread Together"*

**LBW #212**

*(Stand as you are able)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✚ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

**WOV #673**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Welcome to everyone worshipping today:** those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big Thank You to all those participating in worship services: organists, readers, live-streamers, ushers, communion preparer and servers, etc.

**Prayer Concerns**

We offer prayers of healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Russ Bruns, all active military, our folks in the nursing homes, those suffering from disasters, and our Bishops Eaton & Halaas.

**THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE**

- 4/14/2024 10:00 AM Immanuel 125<sup>th</sup> meeting
- 4/14/2024 6:00 PM Youth Night @ Good Hope (notice the time change)  
Youth will make pizzas and have Freeform night
- 4/15/2024 6:30 PM Bible study @ Immanuel
- 4/16/2024 1:00 PM Quilting @ St. John's
- 4/17/2024 6:00 PM WOW @ St. John's
- 4/19/2024-4/20/2024 Western Iowa Synod Assembly @ Council Bluffs
- 4/21/2024 9:00 AM Worship @ St. John's

## **PARISH THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Join the next April Bible Study** held on April 15 at 6:30 PM at Immanuel. The topic will be Jesus' after-resurrection appearances.

**\*\*A First Communion Workshop** for kids and a parent/other adult will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Good Hope. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. First Communion is open to children when their parents believe they are ready. Please let Pastor John know ASAP if your child will be attending.



**\*\*Final call for piggy banks.** Contributions throughout Lent have totaled \$1,633 to date and are designated for ELCA World Hunger (God's Global Barnyard). The piggy banks accept checks or paper currency as well as loose change. If you still have a piggy bank, please return it so that the donations can be passed along.

**\*\*Last call for Church of the Damascus Road (CODR),** the prison ministry in the men's Fort Dodge Prison, donations. The Men's Halfway House (the re-entry program) would appreciate donations of the following items:

Used, clean and in good condition: men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers.

New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X)

There are collection boxes in the back of St. John's and Immanuel. Please bring your items by today, April 14.



**\*\*Keep our voting members in prayer** as they attend the Western Iowa Synod Assembly this week. Members will hear reports and review the work of the synod, vote on proposals brought forth, elect leaders, and worship together. Parish Three voting members attending are: Becky Crone, Jim and Karen Post, and Pastor Heille.

**\*\*A couple invitations from the Titonka Care Center:** You are invited to attend an **Antique Toy Show** at the Titonka Care Center on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after the show.

You are invited you to attend a **Quilt Show** on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2;30 PM at the Titonka Care Center. Refreshments will be served after the show.

**\*\*The Titonka Care Center Annual Meeting** will be held Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Titonka Care Center. All are invited to join them for 2023 Year in Review, Employee Service Awards, Election of Board Member, Old and New Business. Refreshments will be served.

Titonka Care Center Board of Directors: Paul Larsen, Laura Phelps, Sherri Post, Brian Bartelt, Maddie Post

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**\*\*Immanuel 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration T-shirts and RSVPs:** T-shirt orders will be taken soon. They will only be available if ordered and paid in advance. Watch for the **RSVP** cards for the Saturday evening meal that will be in your church mailboxes this month.

**\*\*Immanuel will be collecting memorabilia** to display at the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Start gathering your things and watch for a Sunday to bring them. All items will be returned; make sure your name is on them to ensure that they are returned.

**\*\*Woden's 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration** will be held July 20 – 21, 2024. Pictures and information about Woden throughout the last 125 years are being requested and can be sent to [woden125th@gmail.com](mailto:woden125th@gmail.com) or dropped off at the Woden Library or City Hall. There is more information on the hot pink poster on St. John's bulletin board.

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