



“LOOK AT MY HANDS
AND MY FEET; SEE THAT
IT IS I MYSELF.”

Luke 24:39, NRSV

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA
MELO LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA

Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.

Our Savior's/ Melo Lutheran Churches
Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota
Pastor David Peterson

3rd Sunday in Easter

26 April 2009

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)
DeeDee Carlson (Melo)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand if you are able)*

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GATHERING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

GREETING & KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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.

Sit

HYMN

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW #512

WORD

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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 4

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.

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.

⁴**Tremble, 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.

⁶**Many 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.

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

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.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand if you are able)*

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THE 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

ELW #392

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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.
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**

OFFERING

(Please stand if you are able)

OFFERATORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Sent forth as witnesses to the resurrection, let us pray for the church to boldly proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sent forth as stewards of creation, let us pray for the wise and mindful use of the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sent forth as peacemakers in a world of conflict, let us pray for all who work for cooperation and reconciliation among nations, communities, and within families. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sent forth as healers and caretakers, let us pray for capable minds and compassionate hearts in attending to all who are in pain, who suffer, or are afraid (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sent forth as children of God to teach and guide, let us pray for the youth and education ministries of this parish. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Sent forth to love and serve, let us give thanks for those who have faithfully carried out Christ's mission (*especially*), that at the end we may be clothed with them with power from on high. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (OSL)

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THE 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 HYMNS (OSL)

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ELW #363

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

ELW #393

BLESSING

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW #763

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)

DeeDee Carlson (Melo)

Taste and See

The risen Christ comes to the disciples in a surprising way. He could have blown open the door in a blaze of light. He could have judged them for deserting him during his trial and crucifixion. But instead he simply becomes present as flesh and blood in their midst and eats with them.

Luke makes clear that the risen Jesus is not a ghost, but "flesh and bones" that the disciples can touch and see (Luke 24:38-39). Here, as in his human life, Jesus is really present, incarnational, a body pulsing with new life. While the disciples are still struggling to comprehend this, full of both doubt and joy, Jesus asks for a fish and eats with them (24:41-43).

Christ is known in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:30-31, 35) and the eating of fish—signs that point to Jesus' earthly ministry of feeding the hungry and nourishing the poor with good news. The simple joy of eating together is a surprising sign for us of his resurrection. When we gather around the table of holy communion, or our daily tables at home or work, Christ is really present, filling us with a word of peace and sending us to feed those who hunger for the forgiveness and love of God. Especially when we struggle with doubts and fears, the Risen One surprises us with signs of incarnation, signs of his kinship with human beings, and gives us faith and hope to participate in God's mission.

Today, like the first disciples, we are gathered in joy and doubt, fear and hope. Yet our risen Lord surprises us through grace-filled words spoken, abundant food shared, and flesh-and-blood people around us. These signs strengthen our witness of the resurrection. Taste and see the living presence of the body of Christ!

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Sunday Worship Times:
Melo 9:00am
Sunday School 9:15am
Adult Bible Study 9:15am
OSL 10:30 am

Participants for Today's Worship, April 26

Acolytes: Madeline DuBore
Ushers: Randy & Ryan Blanchard, Carol Anderson, JoAnn Laymon
Lector: Carol Anderson
Psalm Readers: 4th grade
Nursery:
Coffee Hosts: Deb Blanchard and DeDe Flaten
Melo Custodian: Gary Engstrom

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Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, May 3

Acolytes: Keaton and Colton Laymon
Ushers: Peder and Karen Larson
Lector: Peder Larson
Psalm Readers: 5th grade
Nursery: Emily Swope
Coffee Hosts: Janice Lenhart and Jeanie Ulferts
Communion Servers:
Melo Custodian: Duane Filipi

This week in the Parish

Monday, April 27- Lydia/Phoebe Circle 9:30am at Melody's Café
Weight Watchers 5:00pm
Worship & Evangelism Meeting 6:00pm
OSL Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 28- ODC Bible Study 9:00am
Quilting 1:00pm
1st Communion Class 7-8pm
Wednesday, April 29- Choir 7:00pm
Confirmation 6:00pm
New Member Class 7:15pm
Next Sunday, May 3- **1st Holy Communion**
Melo Worship 9:00am
Adult Bible Study 9:15am
Sunday School 9:15am
OSL Worship 10:30am

Prayer list

Those in need: Mitchel Benson, LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Vicki Polchow, Catie Blanchard, Cameo Folz, Larry Johnson, Leah Hamre, Emilie Hollan, Joe Yeado, Brittany Dvorak, Norita Goplin Beaudry, Ray Swanson, Doris Aase, Marlys Kohlhase

Those who mourn: Family of Adrienne Sulerud, Family of Wilford Dostal, Family of Charlotte Berdal

Flowers by the alter are given in Memory of John Grega by Joan, Gary, John, Grant, and Jarrod Peterson

Announcements

Representatives are needed from our congregation to attend the synod convention on May 16-17th. If interested please contact the church office ASAP.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after church TODAY. All proceeds will be donated to the ODC.

Aaron Weil will present a concert at 6:30pm Sunday, May 3 at Grace United Methodist Church. Aaron, native of TRF will perform Gospel music ranging from good old hymns and Bluegrass gospel to contemporary Christian music.

Zion Lutheran Church in Oslo will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 8am-3pm

“Biblical Women: Their World and Ours” will be the meeting topic at Mount Saint Benedict Center in Crookston on April 28th from 9am-3:30pm.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-18th and will need many volunteers to help in various ways. Please contact Leanne at 201-1064 or Shawn at 201-0312 if you are interested.

Please note change: The New Member classes will be held Wednesday evenings beginning April 29 and going to May 27 at 7:15pm. New members will be received on May 31st.

There will be three opportunities for conversation about the Human Sexuality Statements to be considered at the church-wide assembly. The meetings will be on April 30 at 1st Lutheran in Warren and May 7 at Our Savior's. The conversations will begin at 7pm and last 1 to 1 ½ hours.

There is a box of yarn in the office that is available to anyone who is making prayer shawls. Please help yourself.

Pathways needs your help to get camp ready. Pathways workday will be at Emmaus May 9, Minne-Wa-Kan May 16, and Lake of the Woods June 6 starting at 9am. Bring work clothes, rags, gloves and rakes. If you have a mower, weed wacker, chainsaw & vacuum please bring them. For more info check out www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com

Agassiz Swedish Heritage Society will hold its annual meeting Thursday, April 30 at the Warren Community Center. A turkey dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Please contact Marilyn Mattson at 745-4915 to reserve.