



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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.

GATHERING HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

Insert

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

OFFERTORY

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Insert

COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW #612

SENDING HYMN

Imagine

Insert

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.

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."

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and ¹hear my prayer.

²"**You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹or my glory;**

how long will you love illusions and seek ¹after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹for the faithful; the LORD will hear me ¹when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹do not sin;**

speaking to your heart in silence up- ¹on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed ¹sacrifices, and put your trust ¹in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon ¹us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹in my heart, more than when grain and ¹wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie ¹down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹rest 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.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

^{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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS-----April 14, 2024

We welcome you to Emmaus in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the back of the church in the narthex. Join us in fellowship downstairs after worship for Coffee Hour.

Large print bulletins and children’s bulletins (as well as crayons and storybooks) are available in the narthex. We also offer assisted listening devices.

All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ, this day. Come, encounter the grace and love of God! For those not yet communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing.

The next Bean Supper will be Saturday, April 20th at 5:00 p.m. Want to learn more about polar history and what it’s like to camp in an unheated tent? This month Amy Dunckelmann will be sharing photos of her trip to the North Pole. You can’t find out if Amy saw Santa unless you attend! The sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex and you can let us know what you are bringing. Bring a friend!

The Spring Workday at Emmaus will take place on Saturday, April 27th from 8-12. There is always plenty of winter clean-up to do on our grounds, along with getting the mower up and running. Overgrown shrubbery which has been obstructing the front lighting fixtures will be removed and new ones planted. Our dedicated Property Committee, however, needs more help! Please plan to come; stay for an hour or for the entire morning. Rain date is May 11th.

The Annual Yard Sale is Saturday, May 4th and we need more donations. You can drop off your gently used items (no clothes please) at church during office hours (Tuesday and Thursday from 8-3). We also need volunteers to help with set-up, working the day of, clean-up, and to provide Bake Sale items. Please be sure to let Bob or Jencie Gerwig know that you’re willing to lend a hand.

Proceeds from the Thankoffering for April will go to our own Campership Fund to help send kids to summer camp at Camp Calumet. Registration is now open on the Calumet website offering 1- or 2-week programs in July and August. You will find all the registration forms and further details about summer camp on the website at:

<https://www.calumet.org/summercamp/residentcamp>

Make sure to let Secretary Beverly Lindahl know if your kid(s) plan to attend camp. You can make your check out to Emmaus and note “Thankoffering” in the memo line.

The altar flowers this morning are given in praise to God for the arrival of Springtime in Maine by Kelly and Wayne Chadbourne.

Rev. Warren Geier is the Contact Pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church. You can reach Pastor Geier confidentially at the church office at (207) 781-4820 and leave a message.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.: 57

ASSISTING THIS MORNING:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Marian E. Marks
Assisting	Vicar Amy Dunckelmann
Altar Guild	Dick Miller
Ushers	Tom Duchesneau, Sandy Halverson
Coffee Hour	Suanne Williams-Lindgren

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Steve, Karin, Dorothy, Jim, Louise, Bonnie, Patty, Gene, Jerry, Chuck, Babette and Bartholomew, Lindsey, Sylvia and DuWayne, Penny, Mike, Cathy and Jim, Kate, Karin, Nancy G., and Barb. We pray for those who grieve. We pray for all who are being persecuted for their faith expressions throughout the world. We pray for all who serve our country and work for peace.

Names will remain on the prayer list for a month. If you’d like a name to continue, please contact the church office at contact@emmausfalmouth.org.

Gathered by God,
Forgiven in Christ,
Nurtured by the Holy Spirit;
A community of faith,
Participating in God’s grace,
Sharing with all.

Children of the Heavenly Father
Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Healer of Our Every Ill



Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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