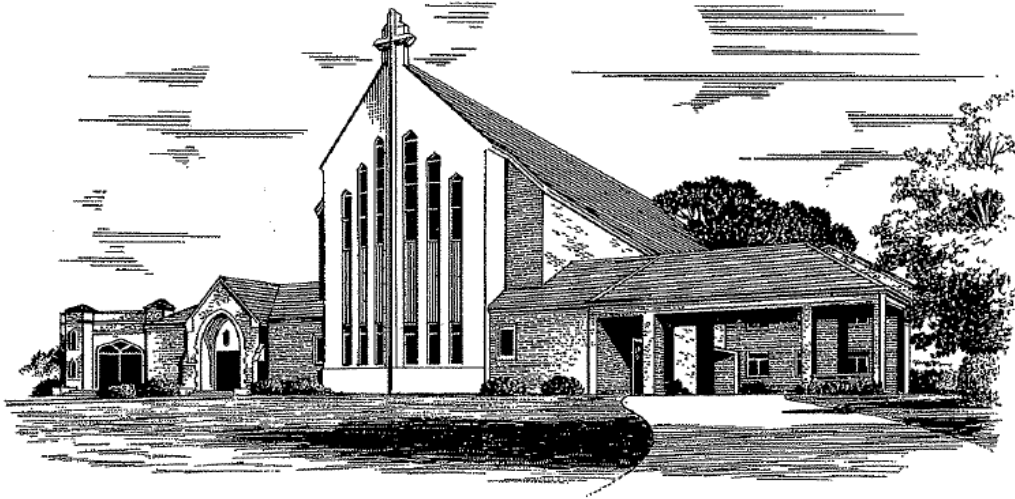


Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"When I was in want...my needs were supplied
by the people who came from Macedonia."
II Corinthians 11:9*

**Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2009
10:30 Worship Service**

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter

Setting Two (ELW) - 10:30

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

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.

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection!

arr. D. Cherwien

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the baptismal font as the Pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

The Day of Resurrection!

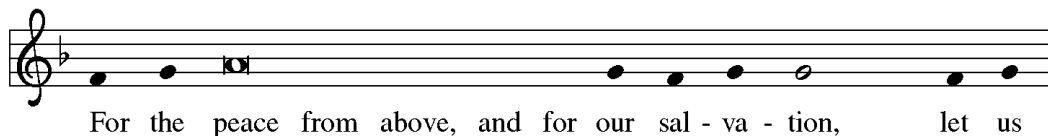
ELW 361 *(Red Hymnal)*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Men Sing Verse 1; Women Sing Verse 2; All Sing Verse 3 & Refrain)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.**

C Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Acts 3:12–19

A A reading from Acts chapter three.

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.

¹²When Peter saw it, he 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.

¹⁷And 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.

A Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-7*

A A reading from 1 John chapter three.

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.

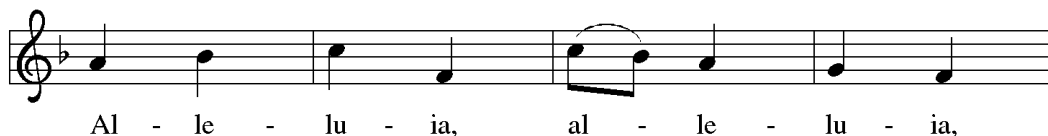
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

A Word of God, word of life
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL *Luke 24:36b–48*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C **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.

^{36b}"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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **ELW 367** (*Red Hymnal*)

SERMON **Seminarian Intern Vincent Iocona**
Text: Luke 24:36b-48

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Two Settings on an Easter Carol* arr. C. Shalk &
D. Cherwien

OFFERTORY HYMN *This Joyful Eastertide* (stz. 1 & 3) **ELW 391** (Red Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A 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.

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

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

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A 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 LORD'S PRAYER

C **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**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW 380 (*Red Hymnal*)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Savior, Now & Ever

arr. L. S. Lohmeyer

Welcome ! This is the Third Sunday of Easter. May the joy live on, just as Jesus does! We're sincerely pleased to have you here. We welcome you in the name of the risen Christ.

Visitors! We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

During the season of Easter, the **Confession and Forgiveness** is not observed. We use The Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism in its place. Enjoy and celebrate!

Could we stand? It is the ancient custom of the Church not to kneel during the Eucharistic liturgy or for the reception of communion during the "Great 50 Days of Easter," Easter Day through the feast of Pentecost. We will stand to receive during these days, as we do at major festivals. We also invite you to stand during the Eucharistic prayer. If you are unable to stand, please feel free to sit.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maxine H. and Jack O'Kelley by their son, Rusty O'Kelley.

Please remember in your prayers: Joan Blomberg, Jimmy Byrd, Buddy Kircus, Theresa Lilienthal, David Millsbaugh, Mel Petersen. The family of John Woodruff. *(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday, May 3, during the 10:30 service. If you are looking for a new church home, why not join us! Contact Pastor Rust if committed!! There will be a covered dish lunch following the service for all members of Macedonia. Mark your calendar and make sure you remember to bring your favorite dishes to share with our new members and the rest of our church family attending this event.

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of April please bring spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried beans, soup, bags of rice and saltine crackers.

Subscriptions to the **Lutheran Magazine** are due to the church today April 26. Cost is \$12.00 a year. Please make your check out to Macedonia Lutheran Church and indicate "Lutheran Magazine" in the memo.

The **Luther League** (grades 6-12) will meet at the church for a meal provided by the Johnsons. We will leave the church at 6:45 p.m. for our **MYSTERY TRIP**, returning to the church by 8:15 p.m.

The **Burlington/Alamance Church Women United** will observe the annual May Friendship Day on Friday, May 1, 2009. The celebration will be held at the Twin Lakes Community Center in the Boland Community Building with a worship service led by the Rev. Dr. Genie Martin, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, starting at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the Terrace Restaurant in the same building. Everyone is welcome.

WELCA will hold their annual **Spring Gathering** Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Lutheran Church in Summerfield. Call Pattie Graves if interested in attending.

Pickin' at the Patch! Please join Circle 6 at Iseley Farms to pick strawberries on Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m. We will be delivering these to shut-ins. Any donations towards the purchase of the strawberries would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Heilig Barnwell, (336) 437-9759. This is open to everyone so please come out for some fun and good eats!

Mother - Daughter Tea – all women and girls of Macedonia are invited to an Afternoon Tea in Luther Hall next Sunday, **May 3 at 5:00.** (*Note new time!*) Invite your daughters, mothers, and in-laws. Although not required, let's wear our hats! Questions? Contact Pattie Graves, (336) 227-3872.

On Tuesday, May 12, **The Alamance Chorale will present “Requiem” by Mozart at 7:30 p.m.** in our sanctuary. Three of our Macedonians, Yoko Moore, Debbie Riggs and Sharon Walker, participated in this choral group. The “Requiem,” Mozart’s last composition, is one of his most famous and most respected works.

The **Macedonia Lutheran Church Golf Tournament** will be held Saturday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. at Indian Valley Golf Course. The tournament is open to everyone—Men, Women and Juniors. An entry fee of \$32.00 includes greens fee, cart fee, fun and fellowship. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Put your name and handicap (or average score, if no handicap).

If you would like to contribute to the cost of our new Baldwin grand piano, your gift should be designated to the Piano Fund, and may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office during the week. Also, if you have a favorite song that you would like to hear on the organ or piano, or a favorite hymn that you would like the congregation to sing, let Joy Rust know of your request. She will do her best to honor all requests.

The **Fellowship Committee** is hosting a **breakfast** to honor all high school graduates and college graduates (under grads and post grads). The breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Please email or call the church office to provide the name of your graduate, the school, school colors, degree, future plans, and a count of how many in the family will attend (siblings, parents, and grandparents). Please call before Friday, May 22, so we can prepare appropriately to make this a special and memorable occasion.

Twin Lakes Center Auxiliary Membership Applications are available in the Narthex.

Offerings: (4/19) General: \$ 9,667.55 Capital: \$ 450.00
Piano Fund : \$1,952.75 Pew Torches: \$7,350.00 (Goal is \$8,400.00)
Sunday Attendance (4/19) SS: 62 8:15: 47 10:30: 134

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today (4/26)**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship
 - 12:00 National Youth Gathering Bible Study and Lunch
 - 3:00 Eagle Ceremony
 - 5:30 Confirmation Class
 - 6:30 Crossways II #55
 - 6:45 Youth Mystery Trip
- Monday**
- 7:00 Boy Scouts
- Tuesday**
- 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
 - 5:15 Melody Choir
 - 5:30 Cherub Choir Practice
 - 6:15 Sweet Adeline Practice
 - 6:15 Worship & Music
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts Committee
- Wednesday**
- 7:30 Chancel Choir
- Thursday**
- 6:00 Girl Scouts
- Friday**
- 9:00 Church Women United May Friendship Day
Twin Lakes Community Center
- Saturday**
- 9:00 Circle #6 Strawberry Picking
- Sunday (5/03)**
- 8:00 Circle #6
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - 12:00 New Member Luncheon
 - 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:00 Mother/Daughter Tea
 - 5:30 Confirmation Class
 - 6:30 Crossways II #56

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 26, 2009 - Third Sunday of Easter Sunday

Monday	Psalm 150, Jeremiah 30:1-11a, 1 John 3:10-16
Tuesday	Psalm 150, Hosea 5:15-6:6, 2 John 1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 150, Proverbs 9:1-6, Mark 16:9-18
Thursday	Psalm 23, Genesis 30:25-43, Acts 3:17-26
Friday	Psalm 23, Genesis 46:28-47:6, Acts 4:1-4
Saturday	Psalm 23, Genesis 48:8-19, Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

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Seminarian (665-0363).....	Intern Vincent Iocona
Director of Church Music.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Peter Gunyan
Acolytes.....	Paige Claypool, Hannah Black
Children's Message.....	Angie Gilliam
Lay Reader.....	(8:15) Karen Dosier.....(10:30) Ruth Matkins
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Greg Myers.....(10:30)
Greeters.....	Gayle Efird, Alda Hahn, Brant Adkins, Emily Adkins
Nursery Attendants.....	Vicky Hunley, Melissa Reeger
Ushers.....	Ron Reeger - Chief, Vern Misenheimer, Ass't. James Brannock, Bill Myers, Greg Myers, Clif Rippenhagen, Steve Barnwell
Sound System.....	Tom and Colleen Macklin
Dust Covers.....	Alyse Tickle, Debbie Gunyan

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