

Third Sunday of Easter – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Introduction to the Day

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.

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**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.

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.**

**Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.**

**The ark carried your creation through the flood  
into a new day.**

**Miriam led the dancing as your people passed  
through the sea**

**into freedom's land.**

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Gathering Hymn**

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

**#619 vs. 1,26,8**

**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.**

**Reading – 1 John 3:1-7**

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Holy Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48**

<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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

People of God, grace to you and peace from God, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN

This is the second week of our two-week series, “Children Say the Resurrectioniest Things.” Last week we had Bryan Barth, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, as our sermon helper showing and telling us what this story means for young people of faith in the world today.

Here at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, one of our defined values is “worship that engages EACH of God’s Children.” The word “each” was intentional. We believe that we are EACH a child of God, thus when we say, “God’s children” we are talking about everybody here.

So, today’s “Children Say the Resurrectioniest Things” is going to feature children who have accumulated just a few more birthdays. Kathy Schelfeffer, Clarice Gardow, Mavis Gardow, and Gena Coach.

The format will be much the same as last week, and as you read this at home, I encourage you to consider how you might answer these questions.

Question 1:

- We hear this story, much like last week’s Gospel from John, but some of the details aren’t there. But there are ones that are there that paint this same picture, and then there are details that weren’t included in John’s Gospel, that are included here. And I want to start with what John didn’t say as a bit of an icebreaker. If Jesus appeared in your home and asked, “have you anything to eat,” what would you have at the ready to feed him?

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Question 2:

- Going back now to the beginning of this Gospel text, we find the disciples much like they were last week. They were locked in a room for fear of those who were after them and Jesus appears to them. I

asked Bryan this same question last week that I am going to ask you now. Imagining that you are one of the disciples, what are you feeling right now?

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Question 3:

- Upon appearing to you Jesus says 4 very simple pithy little words. "Peace be with you." Does Jesus saying that to you, in that moment, bring you peace? And, what are you feeling now that Jesus has said these words to you? We see that some of the disciples still had doubts because Jesus called them on it. "Why are you frightened? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

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Question 4:

- As a person of faith, now, what does that "peace be with you" mean to you?

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Question 5:

- Finally, when have you experienced that peace?

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People of God, you are witnesses of these things.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

**Hymn of the Day**

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

**#522 vs. 1,3**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*We pray especially for Matt, David, Clarice, Steve, Kathy, Val, Cherri, Peggy, John, Judy, Keith and JoJo, Bob and Joanne, Frank and Heather, Bob and Sonja, Bill and Betty, Tom and Kay, Sherm and Mary, Dan and Sharon, Roger and MaryLee, and the Gunderson family*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
Amen.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

#471 & #466

**Lord's Prayer**

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**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.**

**Sending**

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Okay! We will! Thanks be to God.**  
And all of Good Shepherd said,  
"AMEN"

**Sending Hymn**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#674

**Blessing**

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

# Your Generosity in Action:



Ruby's Pantry last Thursday  
267 grocery shares distributed  
Leftover food delivered to local pantries  
We are always grateful for the many  
volunteers that make our Ruby's Pantry  
operation possible.  
And, we are always eager to dream  
about where our portion of the proceeds  
can be used in the community!

## Thank you!

Monthly  
Financials  
to date:

Total Revenue  
**\$14,283**  
2023: \$24,969

Total Expenses  
**\$13,416**  
2023: \$25,770

Difference  
**\$867**  
Checkbook thru  
March \$28,602



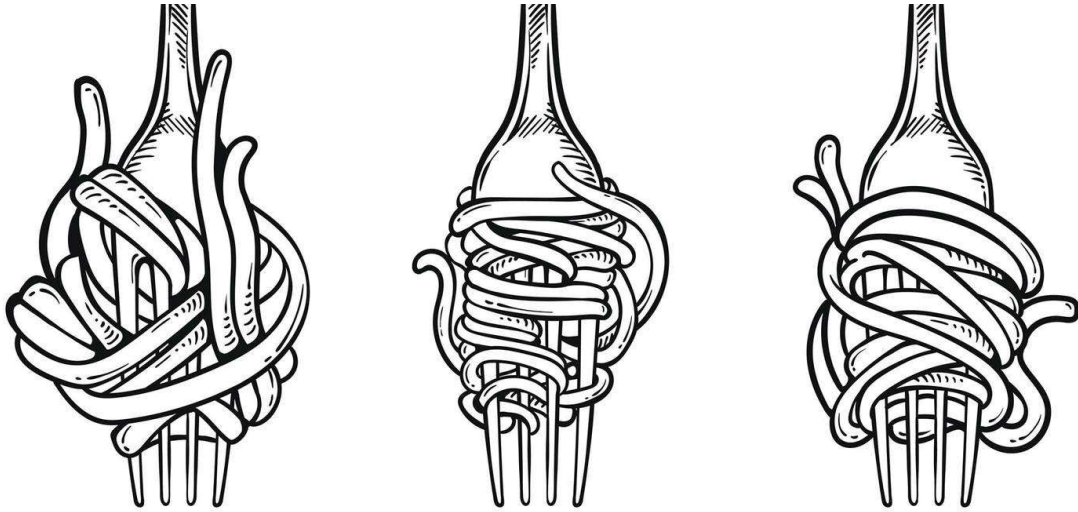
# Happy Birthday

Join us here Saturday,  
April 20 from 1-3 pm to  
celebrate Betty Davey's  
95th Birthday!

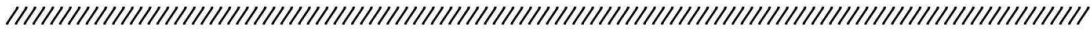


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APRIL 21 - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
DRAWN TO THE WORD  
AT GOOD SHEPHERD



# Spaghetti Feed

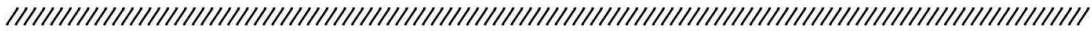


**When:** Tuesday, April 30th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

**Where:** Good Shepherd Church on 1120 Cedar Street.

**Cost:** Free will donations will be accepted.  
We recommended \$10 per Adult or \$5 per Child

**Includes:** Small salad, plate of spaghetti, breadstick,  
and your choice of coffee, milk, or water.



**Tickets available at the door.**

We will also have a bake sale, silent auction,  
and 50/50 raffle!



**All proceeds go directly to the Roosevelt Elementary neighborhood playground fund!**