

**April 22nd, 2012**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## 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.*

### **Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)**

*This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.*

## PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### OPENING HYMN:

“I Love to Tell the Story”

# 661 ELW

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion**

**forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

## **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**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:                    “God Will Make a Way”                    Randy Tofteland**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12–19**

*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.*

When 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? 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous

One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

## **PSALM: Psalm 4**

*Refrain: The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

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.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

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

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R**

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

**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

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

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

## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b–48**

*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.*

"Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.



Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

Remembering the lives of the saints who shared their faith with us, guide us by your Spirit to live in truth, as we long for the day when we shall live in your fullness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God”**

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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2012

Organist: Marlys Beavers  
Greeters: Shirley Moe & Judy Seifert  
Ushers: 8:30 - Jan Phillipp & Barb Bray, 10:00 - Darrell Kelly  
Lectors: 8:30 – Joyce Rimer, 10:00 – Joan Petersen  
Coffee Servers: Dick & Pam Norlander, Shirley Moe, Dick & Sue Stebbins

## RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK (4/15/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 116                      10:00 – 50  
Offering: \$ 3,743.05                      Building Fund: \$ 1,060.00

**\$ 3,846.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.**

**\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> THRU APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Sun., Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Faithful Families
	4:30 p.m.	NYG Bible Study
Mon., Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
Wed., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thus., Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Sat., Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Dessert Thanks – Youth Fundraiser

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TODAY GO TO OUR CONFIRMANDS: Sam Hanson, Mallory Hanson, Holly Grap, Will Petersen and Eddy Simonson. God's Blessings to you all.**

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us or if you know of anybody who would, please contact Pastor Jim. Orientation meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**COOKING SAFELY FOR A CROWD** class will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup>. RSVP at 320-983-3368. See further information on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

**MALMO EVANGELICAL CHURCH** has invited the Bethesda Women to attend their Salad Luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. The theme is New Life in Christ. Debbie Baxter will be the guest speaker. RSVP by April 27<sup>th</sup> at 320-684-2201.

Photos will be taken at Bethesda on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> for a new **PICTURE DIRECTORY** so plan on making an appointment to get your photo in the directory. Watch for further information as to when appointments will be made.

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 6 – Irene Long Birthday Party

May 12 – First Saturday Evening Service at 5 p.m.

May 20 – New member Sunday

June 18-22 – Vacation Bible School

June 28, 29 & 30 – Church Picture Directory

June 30-July 1 – Independence Day – Independence Day Worship with  
John Koziol, Jr.

July 20 – Beef & Corn Feed