



Third Sunday of Easter
April 17 & 18, 2021

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the † Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,...
And grow into the fullness
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

Most merciful God,
We confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
We have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,...
in the name of the Father,
And of the † Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Keith Kolander

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, ... 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."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

MUSICAL OFFERING *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Mark Sedio

APOSTLES' CREED – 5:00pm

**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.**

BAPTISM – Sunday 9:00am, Lucas Hunter Lawien

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,...

...To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Lucas Hunter, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. You Belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share.**

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 – Take Communion now

(Used cups may be deposited in waxed paper bags located in each pew.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,...
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Marianne Gilpatrick in honor of greatgrandchildren Luke Stuart and Sophia Soto

Ed & Arlene Raether in memory of friends risen to Christ from COVID

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Haidera in honor of Bernard & Dorothy Topper

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Haidera in honor of Andrew & Ruth Haidera

Fran Parson in memory of John Parson

Jim & Gwen Kieso in honor of mothers Dorothy Neldner and Alice Borchardt

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Gary & Cathy Jansen in memory of John & Don Benedum

Gary & Cathy Jansen in memory of Joan & Roger Jansen

Ray & Debbie Kuechler in memory of son Tayler

Ray & Debbie Kuechler in memory of Paul, Marlene, and Dennis Sussek

Rollyn & Karen Fuchs

Daniel & Carol Jorvig

Shirley Kaepernick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized into Christ this weekend at the 9:00am service is Lucas Hunter Lawien, the son of Amy and Jason Lawien. Michael Lawien and Tamara Rasmussen are the sponsors for Lucas.

St. Luke's Apparel and Anniversary Apparel is now available!

The anniversary committee has put together a line of apparel bearing either the St. Luke's logo or the 100th anniversary logo. Both the items and an order form can be found in the April edition of The Epistle or on our website located at stlukeslutheran.org in the "Spotlight" section on the right side of the page. Order forms can also be found on the Welcome Center and at the Usher Station. After you have filled out the form, it can be placed in the offering box along with a check or cash to cover your order.

Advanced Planning Workshop

Randle-Dable-Brisk will be hosting an advanced planning workshop on April 21st from 10:00am until noon at the Randle-Dable-Brisk Funeral Home located at 1110 South Grand Avenue in Waukesha. Please RSVP to 262-547-4035.

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County Annual Fundraising Dinner

Healing Hearts will be hosting their annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, WI. This year features a Roaring 20s theme. Tickets are \$80 per person and include a full dinner and program. You can register on the website located at <http://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org/support/>. Healing Hearts of Waukesha County is a community-based organization whose mission is to serve and support grieving children and their families.

Worship Volunteers

As we begin to return to a regular worship schedule, we will be looking for volunteers, specifically lectors and ushers for both indoor and outdoor worship services. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer in the church office.

office@stlukeslutheran.org or

262-542-2545.

St. Luke's Centennial Scholarships

In honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Endowment Committee has decided to announce the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Centennial Scholarship. Six \$500 scholarships will be offered annually. Applications can be found in the *Spotlight* section of the church website and will be due by **May 1** to the church office for consideration. Scholarships will be paid out in full for the beginning of the fall semester. These scholarships will be an annual reminder of St. Luke's century-long commitment to supporting the Sons and Daughters of our congregation as they pursue post-secondary education in service occupations such as the ministry, the medical field, or education.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make regular phone calls and visits to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from one of our pastors, please call the church office at 262-542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information. Our pastors are also willing to do a virtual visit with you. While we acknowledge that a virtual visit isn't the same as an in-person visit, during this pandemic with numbers continuing to rise it is another way we can stay connected while staying safe.

Ambo Flowers

If you wish to purchase the flowers for the ambo, please contact Jennifer in the office and let her know the date of the flowers you wish to purchase and the celebration or memorial to be noted, or sign up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$35 and can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Virtual Bible Studies & Groups Meeting Via Zoom:

Search Bible Study – Wednesdays, 9:00am-10:00am, led by Pastor Jordan

Women of Faith Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, led by Laurie Rohrwasser

First Tuesday Book Club – 1st Tuesday, 9:30am-11:15am, contact Diane Voit for the booklist and to join

G.I.F.T. – 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm, led by Diane Voit

In Our Prayers...

The family of Gerald Fehrman

Special Prayers

Jeff, Joyce T, Carrie, Mike, Jan C, Joanne F, Teri, Todd, Brian, Graziano, Becca, John, Bob K, Janice, Jen, Terry, Elsie, Al, Terri, Michele, Chuck S, Hailey, Angie, Chuck W, Deborah, Logan, Ben, Tom, Shane, Shirley, Janet K, Stacy, Phil, Sandy, Kenzie, Mark, BJ, Nancy, Casey, Paul G, John, Bev, Manny,

Current Prayers

For all impacted by violence

For peace, unity and healing within our country.

For racism to be recognized for what it is and to be eradicated.

General Prayers

For those who have lost loved ones and all who grieve.

For all first responders, caregivers, and medical personnel and those whom they care for.

For shut-ins and the elderly and all who are lonely.

For all who are being bullied- especially children.

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For their new president

For the people of Tanzania who are battling Covid to receive needed help

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Are Fed

It appears the gospel writers knew that people would question whether Jesus was indeed fully human. Details such as how he wept at the death of his dear friend Lazarus, lost patience with those who had turned the temple into a marketplace, and was a bit annoyed with his mother when she asked him to help out at the wedding in Cana remind us that Jesus felt many of the things we feel ourselves.

Similarly, in case anyone wondered if Jesus had really risen from the dead, Luke tells us how, after Jesus appeared to his disciples, he asked for something to eat. This may seem like a small detail, but there's no doubt it is an important one. After all, only people who are living and breathing must eat; there is no getting around that physical need.

However, this detail does not remind us only that Jesus really was raised from the dead. It also brings to mind the many times Jesus gathered around a table with a great variety of people, feeding them in both body and soul. As we remember each of these interactions, we are reminded that even though we do not dine with Jesus in the flesh, today he is still at work to nurture us.

Jesus feeds us through his words of forgiveness, through the love of our family and friends, and through the blessing of community. Most notably, Jesus feeds us at the Lord's supper, where he invites all to taste and see God's goodness and grace. Through bread and wine we are fortified with Christ's body and blood to be witnesses to God's love out in the world as we go about our daily work, bless one another with our time and gifts, and serve our neighbors in need.

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This Week at St. Luke's:

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sale
11:15 a.m. DT 7/8

Monday, April 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. Amigos
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon
8:00 p.m. Women's AA

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Congregational Council

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study, virtual
5:30 p.m. Facilities/Maintenance
7:00 p.m. NA
7:00 p.m. G.I.F.T., virtual

Thursday, April 22, 2021

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith, virtual

Saturday, April 24, 2021

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, April 25, 2021

9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship



Serving this Weekend:

	<u>5:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Presiding	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Bogie	Pastor Bogie
Preaching:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Lector:	Eileen Kron	Steve Wiley	Pastor Bogie
Ushers:	Janet & Andy Slater	Kathy & Jay Fontaine	Diane & Dennis Voit
Organist:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner