

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 April 22, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE *Festive Prelude* Richard Williamson
 GATHERING HYMN
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! ELW 393
 GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
 ELW 385(vs. 1-2)
 HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* ELW 377
 MUSICAL OFFERING
Alleluia for Christ the Lord is Risen
 John Leavitt
 COMMUNION HYMN
Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379
 SENDING HYMN *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* ELW 394
 POSTLUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden*
 G.P. Telemann

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister The Reverend Larry Hawkins
 Director of Music Daniel W. Deitzel III
 Assisting Minister Elizabeth Benion
 Eucharistic Minister Angela Tanczos
 Cantor Les Van Dam
 Acolyte Isaac Hawkins
 Lector Karyl Hawkins
 Greeters Nancy Eberly and Louise Palmer
 Ushers Greg Darr and Clair Gunnet, Jr.
 Altar Guild Floyd and Nancy Eberly
 Offering Counters Mike Ennis and Guy Kehler



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. Amen.

Heavenly father, we are your children, pilgrims in a world that is often less than friendly to you. We wrestle with the ambiguities and challenges of faith and life. We pause in prayer, seeking to strengthen our relationship with you. Thankful for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray that the power of faith may be shown in our words and deeds, our love and courage, and, our hope and vision. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

Persons with impairments - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

As part of our stewardship of the earth God has created for us, we are using our worship bulletins for a complete season of the church year. Please remove the worship service section and place it in the basket provided in the narthex. You may take this cover and the readings insert. Thank you for helping to conserve our natural resources and allowing the cost of paper to be redirected to other areas of ministry.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

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.

PROPER VERSE

Alleluia. Our hearts | burn within us*
while you open to | us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36B-48

^{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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry
Election Day Soup and Bake Sale
Helping Hands Ministry
Choir Rehearsal
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
Helping Hands Ministry

Today at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday
Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Ken Umbenhauer on April 27.

Readings for the *Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 29*, are:

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

The Primary Election Day Soup and Bake Sale will take place on Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. If you are able to contribute soup or baked goods, or, if you are available to work anytime during the day, contact Lindsay Mills (lmills266@comcast.net or 234-6644) or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Both soup and baked goods can be packaged for you. Items will be accepted from Sunday, April 22 through Election Day. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

If you have not done so, consider volunteering a few hours to help Helping Hands Ministries on a Sunday or Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. See Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions about this congregational ministry.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of the Easter Candy Makers by Norma Ickes.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God by Sue McDonald and Chris Persson.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of 13 years of membership (39 altogether!) at St. Michael on April 18, by Lindsay Mills, Elizabeth Parker and Ken Umbenhauer.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

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FIRST READING

ACTS 3:12-19

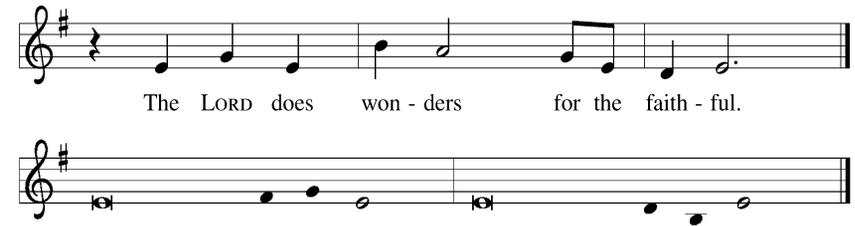
¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you 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.

PSALM

PSALM 4

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.



- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and¹ hear my prayer.
- ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek¹ after lies?"**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me¹ when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-¹ on your bed. R**
- ⁵Offer the appointed¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust¹ in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon¹ us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure. R**