

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "How Deep the Father's Love"

Lyndell Leatherman

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #370 (Green Hymnal) "Rejoice! The Lord is King"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "How Majestic Is Your Name"

Lyndell Leatherman

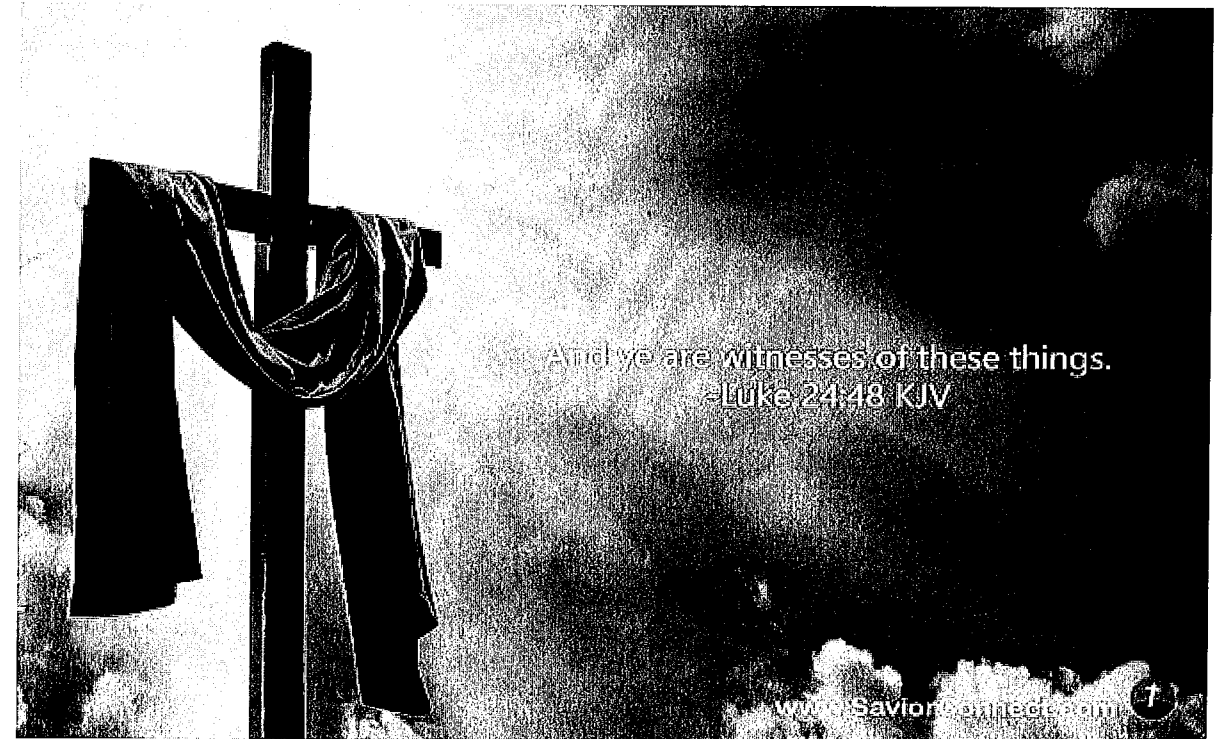
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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Reader: Rosy Gonzalez

God is Still Speaking ...

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."
- Thomas Aquinas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Great Is The Lord" Lyndell Leatherman

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:
People: Our hearts are a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

Pastor: We are God's people, created in the divine image:
People: To tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

Pastor: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:
People: Chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

* HYMN #361 (Green Hymnal) "Worship Christ, the Risen King"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news. Forgive us and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows

from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

You are no longer alone – you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You have received God's mercy through Christ who has filled us with forgiveness. As children of God, we have been redeemed and made whole and called to be of God's family of faith. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy Places" Sherrie Boren
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)
New Testament Acts 3: 12 – 19
*Gospel Luke 24: 36b - 48

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Acts 3: 12 – 19

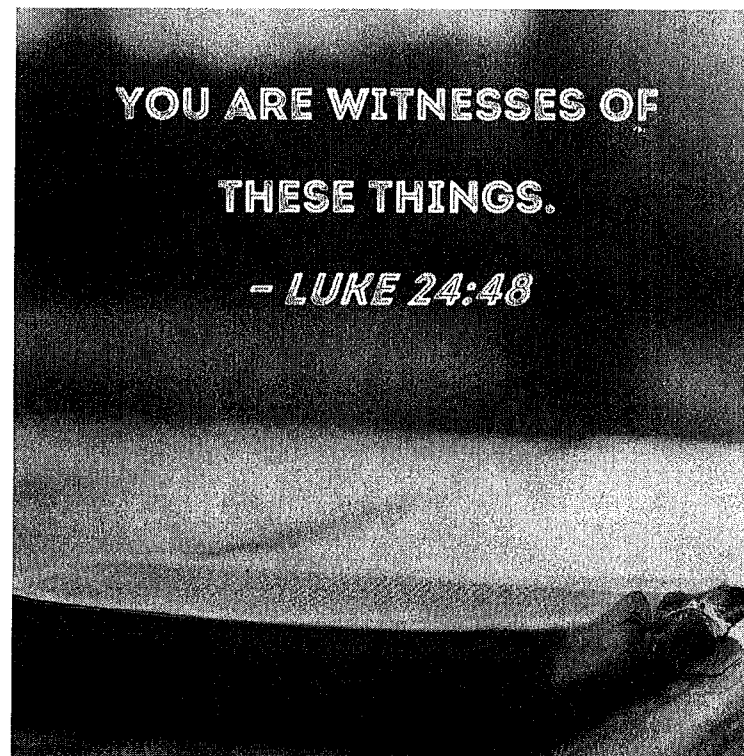
When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed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

Luke 24: 36b – 48

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "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.

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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Heather Whorley
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
John Schieber
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Linda Brandt
Regina Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR **For the Week of April 14, 2024**

Sunday Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10:00
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM

Monday Onward Christian Soldiers – 6:30 PM

Tuesday Bell Rehearsal – 7 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM and 1:30 PM

Friday CIA Meeting – 10 AM

Saturday Community Dinner – 4:45 – 6 PM



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Nancy Basselgia in memory of her parents, Dorothy and Harvey Matterness.

The bulletins are presented by Dawn and Ken Shultz to the Glory of God.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: May 26. Dates available for bulletins are: April 7 and 28 and May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Shoe Collection for Halcyon – we are collecting wearable shoes, childrens, mens and ladies. Halcyon earns money for collecting them. The shoes are sent all over the world. Please help by spreading the word and getting everyone to donate shoes you don't wear or need. Thanks, Bish Wolf.

Reminder – Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will be meeting Sunday, April 21st immediately after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Kid's Painting Party – Deb Ryland will lead the children in a painting project on a small canvas on Sunday, May 5th – 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM. There is no cost but please sign up in the narthex. Provide an old shirt that can be worn over clothing. Last day to sign up – April 28th.

Community Dinner – April 20th. We need donations of cookies, brownies and small packets of applesauce. We also need volunteers to help serve and clean up. Serving time is 4:45 – 6 PM

Hoss's Day – Sunday, April 28th – 11 AM to 8 PM. Pick up coupons in narthex.

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost and Confirmation Service – Christian Ed Committee will be hosting a luncheon after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. This luncheon will be catered by Angelo's.

Graduates – Any members who have children or grandchildren that are graduating from High School or College, please give their information to the office.

Address Changes for Members:

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Save the Dates:

April 21 Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting – 11:15 AM
April 28 Hoss's Day
May 5 Kid's Painting Party
May 19 Confirmation Service and Luncheon

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin

