

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing 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.

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."

Psalm: Psalm 4

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

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender I of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and I hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- I or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek I after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders I for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me I when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and I do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- I on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed I sacrifices,
and put your trust I in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us I any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon I us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness I in my heart,
more than when grain and I wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie I down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me I rest secure.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

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.

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.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Service Announcements – April 14, 2024

Welcome Center - If you would like to serve as a Welcome Center host, please reach out to Linda Mertz (lindamertz46@aol.com and 484-447-2024) to get on the list. The calendar is on bulletin board to sign up for service. We need someone for June 2, 23, and 30. After that, most Sundays are open except the 2nd Sunday every month and the 3rd Sunday of even months. If there are no volunteers, there will be no Welcome Center. Thank you so much to those who have provided for us all this year. You are so very appreciated!

The Chili Cook Off and Trivia Night is next Saturday, April 20th at 5:30pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Tickets may be purchased from Melissa Bleam - \$15/adult ticket; \$5/child (3-10). There is still time to sign up to make chili, volunteer to help or just buy a ticket to attend. A flyer is available with details that may be shared with friends and family!

The next Community Dinner is next Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 PM. It will be indoors again! There are hands on the bulletin board in the narthex if you'd like to contribute some of the ingredients to help make the meal. If you would be willing to help with the Community Dinner, please reach out to Marty Jordan.

We are collecting diapers and baby wipes for Birthright in Pottstown through Mother's Day. Birthright is committed to providing confidential, non-judgmental support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she might be pregnant, no matter her age, race, circumstances, religion, marital status or financial situation. Birthright is a charitable organization that relies on the dedication, time and talents of volunteers and the generosity of donations to ensure it can persevere in supporting pregnant women. If you would like to donate, please leave your donation at the foot of the cross in the sanctuary.

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Person in Peace Corps – *Jonathan King (nephew of Cindy Fields)*

Prayer Ministry: Gwen Semmens is the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. Please call Gwen (215-872-1046) or send an email (hawksmer@comcast).