

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

**Access on our YouTube
channel**

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 Sunday. 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.

Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 3:12-19**
- Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus
- **Psalm 4**
- The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)
- **1 John 3:1-7**
- The revealing of the children of God
- **Luke 24:36b-48**
- Eating with the risen Christ

Faith-Sustaining Patterns in a World of Stockpiles

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and



fear are like hunger to the disciples. Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears. Everyone's faith needs sustenance. Those who listen to the preacher and gather at the table today are looking for the God of truth and love to settle their doubts. Even though Jesus' disciples had been speaking about his appearance to two of them on the road to Emmaus just verses earlier, Jesus does not become agitated at the fact that the disciples are afraid of him. Jesus expects the fears and the doubts about his presence in the room. He knows that one post-resurrection appearance to them will never be enough. There will need to be more appearances to sustain the faith of generations of disciples! The appearances become a pattern, with Jesus entering into the lives of his disciples, eating with them and teaching them. Finally, Jesus sends the disciples out as witnesses. Today the witnesses come back into the pattern of Jesus' appearance to remember what was witnessed—so that their own testimony of a Savior who sets their fears at ease will also ease the doubts and fears of other hearers.





A LOOK AHEAD

April 14 - 21

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

Wear your name tag

Monday - Outreach prep 8-Noon; Quilting for Others 9-Noon

Tuesday - Outreach 7-11:30 a.m.; I-HELP 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Women's Bible Study 12 p.m.; Adoration Choir Rehearsal 4 p.m.

Thursday - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

April worship assistants

Readers:

14th - Ann Bruce

21st - Les Stubbs

28th - Rae Valabek

Sound/Tech:

Jim Erickson/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion:

Rosemary Vanesco and Tom Reynolds

Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

Emily Blankenship (Wine)

Ushers:

Faith Hanley & Emma

14th - Candi & Dave Amarelo

21st & 28th - Elaine Carlson, Les Stubbs

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 12 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- **Apr 16 - Barbara Urena**
- **Apr 23 - Nancy, Laura, Marlene, Pam, Gail & Dorothy**
- **Apr 30 - Gayle Denny**
- **May 7 - Hope Alive**
- **May 14 - ?**
- **May 21 - Barbara Urena**
- **May 28 - ?**

To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Items Needed

The first Tuesday of every month we are offering our clients personal hygiene products as we have them available. Our supply is limited and we need donations of incontinence products (all sizes), feminine products, bed pads, and wipes.

Brown paper bags, cereal, dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, canned fruits, and water

Donations for our Tuesday Outreach food pantry and Boutique are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m.

Adopt - A - COP

It is our goal to have every police officer in our area have someone praying for their protection: physically, emotionally and spiritually. If



you are interested in sending an officer a card on a monthly basis please contact Faith Hanley. The feedback has been tremendous.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers of strength and healing...

Submit or update prayer requests by emailing: office@Christgoodyear.org, calling the church office: 623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller
Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton
Area Churches: Pan de Vida - El Mirage; Peace - Peoria

HELPFUL LINKS

Church **Directory**
Join Our Mailing **List**
Simply **Giving** Application
Fry's Community **Rewards** CELC #MW462
CELC **Calendar**
CELC Website
<https://www.christevangelical.org/staff-and-leadership>

Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above

Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link

Pastor: Jeffery Gallen
Music: Miloy Cañete
Council President: Su Erickson
CELC Office Phone: (623) 932-2394

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