



Sunday, April 14, 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.



“Touched!”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** (indicates please stand)*

Call to Worship

Good Good Father

Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God.... in the name of the Father, and of the W Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Song

In Christ Alone

please be seated

Lesson

I John 3:1-7

Pew Bible pg 1111

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

Pew Bible pg 965

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

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Sermon

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- In today's Gospel Jesus' disciples discover the value of having a God they could touch.
- The disciples do not believe that Jesus has risen until he appears to them and invites them to touch the wounds in his hands and feet.
- Initially the disciples fear that Jesus is going to make them pay for their cowardice.
- However, Jesus overcomes their fear and assures them that he has come back not to nail them but to love them. He even eats some fish to assure them that it is he and no ghost.
- It is through such bodily touch that we meet God's love with skin on.
- Jesus touches us with us love and sends us to touch the world with the same love of Jesus.

* Song

It Won't Be Long

please be seated

The Offering

* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* The Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Lee & Wes, Wayne & Ruth, Kay, Carole,
Vickie, John

Family & Friends

Ann, Mark, Bob, Jan, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia, Tracy, Ken, Linda, David,
Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song**

Everything I Am

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**