



## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod*

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**Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class**  
9:30am

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am, 10:45am

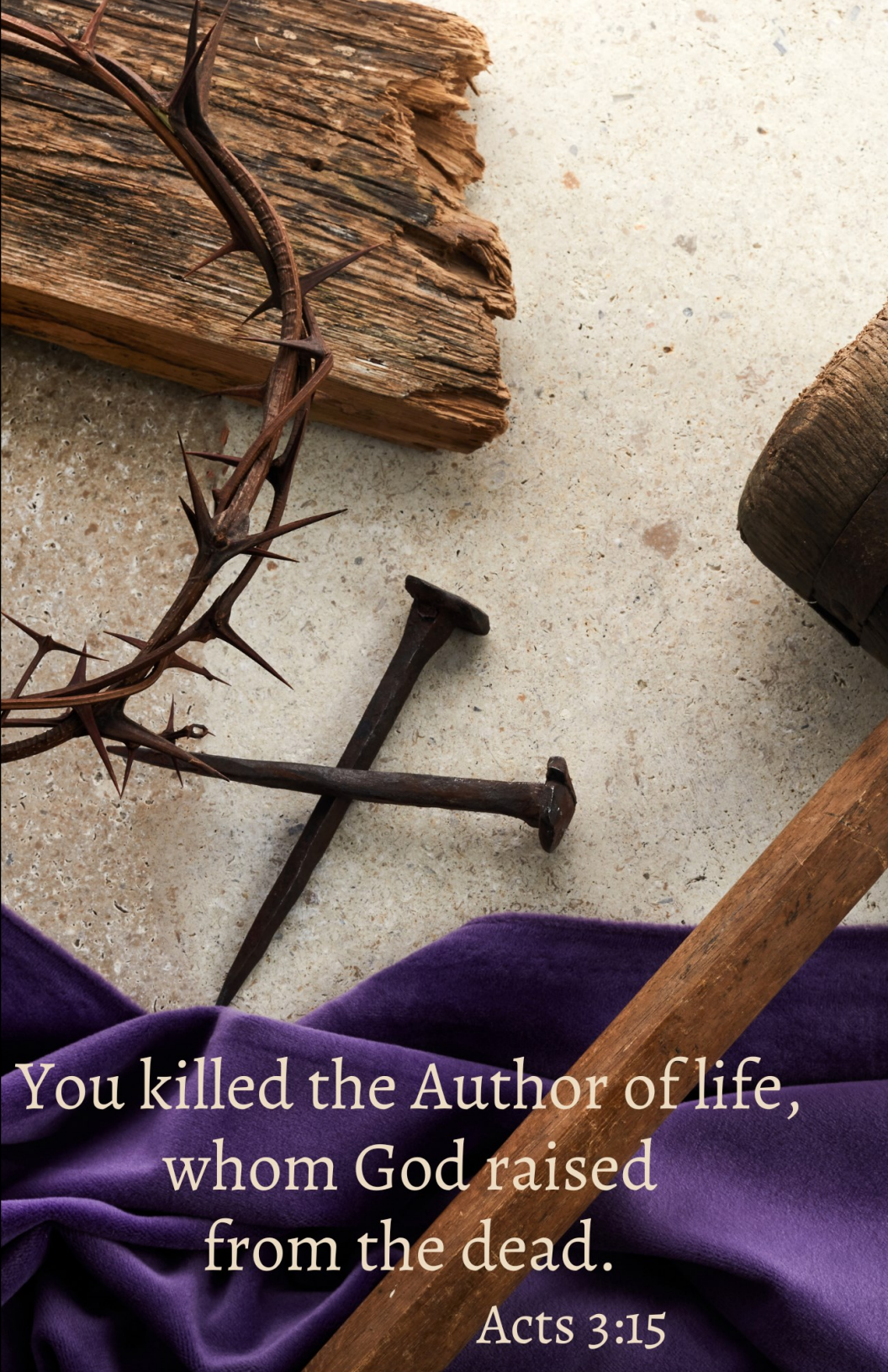
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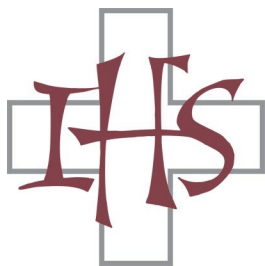
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You killed the Author of life,  
whom God raised  
from the dead.

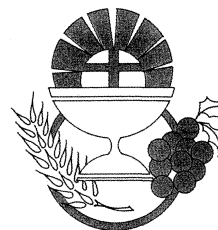
Acts 3:15



### FOR OUR VISITORS....

**Welcome! We encourage you to follow along** with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

**We love children in our church!** But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.

We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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# Divine Service—Setting Two—LSB 167

## Hymns:

483, 464, 490

## During Distribution:

594, 479, 482

## Sermon Title:

*"The Agenda of The Risen Christ"*

## Scripture:

Luke 24: 36-49

## Prelude:

"Dialogue," from *Magnificat in D* – by Jean Francois Dandrieu MIT FREUDEN ZART ("With High Delight Let Us Unite") – by Michael D. Costello VICTORY ("The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done") – settings by John Leavitt and Jan Bender

## Postlude:

"Prelude and Fugue in A minor" – by J. S. Bach, BWV 559

## Anthem: [8:00AM]

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven," arr. Larry Sue—LSB 477

### THE PREACHING OF REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS MAKES US PURE



The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *"that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead"* and *"that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all natio`ns"* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *"God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets"* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *"delivered over and denied"* this Lord Jesus and *"killed the Author of life."* Yet God *"glorified his servant Jesus"* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *"sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord"* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *"we should be called children of God; and so we are"* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *"as he is pure,"* because *"he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin"* (1 John 3:3, 5).

### Serving in God's House Today

<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Davis Debbie Goedecke Carol Hibbs Debbie Lee	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Mark Boyd	Roland Towers
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Mark Boyd	Marty Hobson
<b>Counters:</b> Veronica Hobson	<b>Acolytes:</b>		Christian Hernandez
	<b>Crucifer/ Altar Assistant</b>		Cory O'Dell

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Wendell and Peggy Wahlstedt in celebration of their wedding anniversary on April 16th.

**Introit:** *Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*



*In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me  
up\*

and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from She-  
ol;\*

you restored me to life from among those who go  
down | to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is  
for a | lifetime.\*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes  
with the | morning.

**You have turned for me my mourning into |  
dancing;\***

**you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with | gladness,**

that my glory may sing your praise and not be |  
silent.\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- |  
ever!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You  
raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful  
people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,  
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual:** *adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;  
Psalm 8:6*

*(Sung by the Choir/Kantor)*

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory  
and honor. He has given him dominion over the  
works of his hands;

He has put all things under his feet.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS: April 14—April 27**

14: Ex. 20:1-24  
Luke 4:1-15

15: Ex. 22:20-23:13  
Luke 4:16-30

16: Ex. 23:14-33  
Luke 4:31-44

17: Ex. 24:1-18  
Luke 5:1-16

18: Ex. 25:1-22  
Ex. 25:23-30:38

Luke 5:17-39

19: Ex. 31:1-18  
Luke 6:1-19

20: Ex. 32:1-14  
Luke 6:20-38

21: Ex. 32:15-35  
Luke 6:39-49

22: Ex. 33:1-23  
Luke 7:1-17

23: Ex. 34:1-28  
Luke 7:18-35

24: Ex. 34:29-35:21  
Ex. 35:22-38:20  
Luke 7:36-50

25: Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23,  
27-31; Luke 8:1-21

26: Ex. 39:32 - 40:16  
Luke 8:22-39

27: Ex. 40:17-38  
Lev. 1:1-7:38  
Luke 8:40-56



## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 04/14 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- - CONFIRMATION 1 CLASS  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 04/15 - 8:15AM - MLCA CHAPEL [MONDAY—THURSDAY—ALL ARE WELCOME!]  
- 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING BRAILLE ROOM

TUESDAY 04/16 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL  
- 6:00PM - BELLS PRACTICE—SANCTUARY  
- 7:00PM - CHOIR PRACTICE—SANCTUARY  
- 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION 2 & 3—RECEPTION ROOM & FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 04/17 - 3:30PM - MLCA CHESS CLUB—FELLOWSHIP HALL  
6:30PM COUNCIL MEETING—RECEPTION ROOM

THURSDAY 04/18 - 6:00PM - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 04/19 - 6:00PM - MLCA SPRING AUCTION—VICTORIAN TOWER HOUSE IN KELLER

SATURDAY 04/20 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

### CATECHESIS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14

#### ***What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?***

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### ***What does this mean?***

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

***Scripture:*** Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

# Please keep in your prayers...

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Claire Slaven, Melinda Cagle, Cheyenne Clemens, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Les Kaspar, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Harold Karner, Janie Peter.

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:** Judy Klingbeil, Delores Knutson, Jerry Newman, Peggy Wahlstedt, Travis Thowe, Isola Erskin, Brooke Lage, Charlotte Carey, David Loeffler Sr., Bob Towers, Tera Brinkley, Pat Deardoff, Karen Kitzmann, Luis Sr. and Ramona Munoz, Susan Copen, David Gruben, Priscilla Lindwedel, Annette Turbyfill, Richard Rigdon, Abby O'Neil, Dusty Ford, Sharon Loeffler, Mildred McLaughlin, Carmen Brannon, Jacob Brewer, Ron and Barbara Busse, Harold Karner, Martha Kitzmann, Bruce Lage, Bob Lemmon, Paul Maier Sr., Anne Meirt, Joe O'Neil, Paul Sawall, Wendell Wahlstedt.

**...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly:** Ron Klingbeil, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger Isringhaus, Rev. David Loeffler, Carolyn Blume, Susan Copan, Harold Karner, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, Mary Shafer.

**.....all of our college students in and out of state:** Katie Bolton, Olivia Bolton, Jared Brewer, James Buhler, Colby Carter, Helena Chryst, Seminarian David Christensen, Duran Crutchfield, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Aidan Richmond, David Preston, Seminarian Tanner Sawall, Madeline Stephens, Max Tonniges, Emily Torkelson.

**We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military:** Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Matthew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Chaplain Paul Weber, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

## We also pray for...

- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah church and school as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Mr. Phillip Magness and his work in Africa, and Rev. Charles Ferry in Asia, through the LCMS.
- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach blind or visually impaired people around the world, and for more volunteers to make it possible.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen, Tanner Sawall and Patrick and Grace Randolph as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.



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### Confirmation Banner Event –

Confirmation students will be working on their banner for their Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the late service at 12:00pm. Make sure to bring \$10 for pizza. We are requesting that one or both parents assist their confirmand student. For questions contact Karen Shrum at [mykjsemail@gmail.com](mailto:mykjsemail@gmail.com).



### The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be

held Sunday, April 28th immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All voting members and members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. For questions, contact our Church Council Secretary, Chris Goodwin at [cjgood123@gmail.com](mailto:cjgood123@gmail.com).



### Game Playing Day is back at Messiah!

All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4pm-7pm to play card and board games! We will provide the games and cards or bring your favorite! Come and go as you like. Bring your favorite snack. For questions, contact Karen Shrum at [mykjsemail@gmail.com](mailto:mykjsemail@gmail.com).



**Messiah's AED Team** is still looking for volunteers to help monitor the AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator) for battery life and other misc., usage. The

AED analyzes heart rhythm, and if needed can help by restarting the heart during an emergency! You do not have to be a medical professional to be on the AED Team! If you are interested, please call or text Lauren Friend at 830-992-0567. Thank you.



### Community Storehouse of Keller is

collecting canned and boxed food to make easy lunches, snacks, and breakfasts summer such as peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, apple sauce cups and other misc. fruit cups, crackers, and chef-Boyardee are needed. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex. Thank you!



### STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for April 14th – Easter 3; John 10:14 – “I

am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.



### A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for April 14 – Easter III: With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we

confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.



### Issues Etc.,...1 PETER BIBLE STUDY...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.



### The “Weekly “Look Ahead” Email:

Make sure to check the weekly “Look Ahead” email that is sent out on Wednesdays with important information. A new section has been added called “A Word From the Pastor” with weekly updates, and more! If you are not receiving these emails, be sure to check your spam folder. Please email the church office at [churchoffice@messiahkeller.org](mailto:churchoffice@messiahkeller.org).



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 65 10:45am: 110 (175 Total)**  
Sunday School: n/a **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$26,062.00** (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$17,443.00**  
**MLC FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MOST RECENT MONTH END: (Month End: FEBRUARY)**

**Offerings: \$509,952.86 Other Revenues: \$28,933.41 Expenditures: \$606,014.16 Deficit: \$-69,127.89**

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

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### First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."