

Mennonite Church of Normal
Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

Focus: At the end of Luke's gospel, just before his ascension, Jesus appears to his disciples and again allows others to minister to him. Jesus showed up hungry! We find God's grace, when we allow others to serve us. We communicate the good news of Jesus best, when we show that we are needy humans too, and allow others to minister to us.

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
I heard the voice of Jesus say. Arr. J Clemens/Cherwien		
Take thou my hand. Arr. P Clemens		
Our Father, by whose name. Arr. Kolander		
Welcome/Announcements		Melika Hershberger
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		

Praising the Name of Jesus

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing		VT # 359
Oh, for a thousand tongues		VT # 764

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time		Shannon Unzicker
Listen to the Word		VT #405
Scripture	Luke 24:36-49	Marianne Israel & Margaret Sila
Sermon	"Do you have something to eat?"	Gary Martin

Receiving God's Grace

Hymn of Response	Lord Jesus, you shall be my song	VT #581
Sharing and Prayer		Lynette Miller

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Hymn	Sent Forth by God's Blessing	VT #812
Benediction		
Postlude	Holy, holy, holy Arr. P Post	Dorothy Loepp

Luke 24:36-49

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 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." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 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." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 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, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."