

Living Word Lutheran Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018



For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall get well." Mark 5:28

PASTOR: The Rev. Gary Jepsen

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS /April 8-14

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
Monday	2:00 pm	Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
Tuesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Women's Ministry Board meeting at the LWLC Office LWLC Board at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office Living Way Bible Study at the Krumwiede's Home Adult Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office
Friday	6:30 pm	Busy Women's Bible Study at Sharlene Parker's Home

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Sharlene Parker in memory of her husband Amos and her mother May.

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down(Team 2)-Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Duane Claiborne; **Ushers**-Don & Carol Brennan; **Acolyte**-Lydia Auge; **Lector**-Bonnie Socey; **Communion Assistants**-Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Al Auge; **Communion Setup/Clean Up**-Barbara Gjerstad, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman; **Tellers**-Zale Wood, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**-Heidi Sturdivant, Linda Kupka
Altar Setup/Take Down-Sue Fields, Yvonne Olson; **Parking Lot**- Dave Ostendorf

LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Palm Sunday Offering
Palm Sunday Attendance
Maundy Thursday Offering:
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Good Friday Attendance:
Easter Offering:
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Bible Verse of the Day: "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." *Romans 10:17*

Quote of the Day: "To err is human; to forgive, divine." *Alexander Pope*



A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our Holy Week services. You are all special to LWLC and helped to make this most important week in our Christian faith so meaningful. May God bless you. Lonna & Cynthia

Women's Ministry Reminder:

Tomorrow, volunteers will be meeting at Rainier Vista Care Center at 920 – 12th Ave SE in Puyallup at 2:00 pm for visitation. Volunteers are not limited to women; **men are also encouraged to visit.** Living Word Lutheran Church is scheduled **every second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm.**

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church
Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LBW #143

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live – in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.

P (facing altar which symbolizes God’s presence): *Most Merciful God...*

C: have mercy on us. We confess to You that 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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: (facing the congregation declares God’s grace): With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

We Worship with the Setting from "Now the Feast and Celebration

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P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the...

C: LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.

Pastor: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the. . .

C: LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.

Pastor: For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the. . .

C: LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

Now the Feast

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom:
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (Refrain)**

2. **Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ, forever. (Refrain)**

3. **For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. (Refrain)**

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (we pray together):

Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, by the suffering, death, and resurrection of our LORD Jesus Christ, You have revealed Your eternal victory over sin, death, and evil. By His resurrection and by Your Spirit, transform us so that we, as grateful children, may live in the power of His victory and in a way that gives glory to Your Holy name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

The first reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans, the 6th and 12th chapters.

Here is a problem that was common not only in the early Church but also to this very day. Oscar Wilde, the witty yet flamboyant playwright, put it something like this, "*I love to sin and God loves to forgive. Truly, the world is wonderfully arranged.*" But Oscar Wilde and others like him are wrong. God does not "love to forgive"; but He forgives because He loves. God hates sin and because of it, God's scale of justice has been so tipped towards sin and guilt, that it took the cross of Christ to counterbalance sin in favor of God's grace. The cross was the price God in Christ paid to save you. An old hymn says, "*When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul*" (LBW #385 vs.2). In response, the best we can do is love God and others as He has loved us. (Pr. J.)

(The Apostle Paul writes)

Romans 6: ¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that the old self was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

Romans 12: ¹Therefore I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of yourself* more highly than you ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

This reading is from Paul's first letter to the Galatians, ch. 5, and to the Corinthians, ch. 13. (ESV)

What happens when you know you are loved? It transforms you. You want to do things that will please the beloved.

That's the way it is with God's grace and love through Jesus Christ. We don't do good works to earn God's love.

We do good works because we already have His love. Pr. J

Galatians 5: ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like

these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness,

self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1Corinthians 13: ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends.

(Here ends these readings.)

The congregation stands and sings:

Alleluia, Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter (NKJV). C: Glory to You, O LORD

Jesus performed many miracles, healing many persons: lepers, paralytics, etc. In this reading He encounters and heals a woman who had had a hemorrhage for 12 years. The miracles of Jesus are more than simply works of wonder. The Gospel of John calls them "signs" because they also point to meaning beyond the literal fact. For example, healing the blind also means people receive spiritual insight, and so on. Healing the woman with the hemorrhage also means that Jesus transforms and gives us new life. Pr. J

²¹And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered about Him... ²⁵And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse, ²⁷after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His cloak. ²⁸For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall get well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ³⁰And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him

had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" ³¹And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³²And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

(The Gospel of our LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Worship By Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Time with Lydia Auge-As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

LBW #151

Sermon

"Transformer: More Than Meets the Eye"

Pastor Gary Jepsen

We Worship in Thanksgiving by Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received.

The congregation stands as the ushers bring the offering forward.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread; so
may all Your people from all the ends of earth be
gathered into one in You.**

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of Your love.** (*Refrain*)
2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when
all creation shares this feast with You.** (*Refrain*)

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful God, **C:** everything in heaven and earth
belongs to You. We joyfully release what You have entrusted to us. May these gifts
be signs of our whole lives returned to You, dedicated to the healing and unity
of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the Church (Each petition ends with "LORD, in Your mercy"; the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer".)

Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal.

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken):

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 Him thanks and praise.*

P: *It is our duty and delight... (Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

**Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

The Words of Institution & The LORD's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you... this is My blood shed for you. '), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

Lamb of God

1. *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
2. *Lamb of God, You break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
3. *Lamb of God, You are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
4. *Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
5. *Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns:

"Because He Lives"

OSB #11

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to
 2 How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by And feel the
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

love, heal, and for - give. He lived and died to buy my
 pride and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 fi - nal war with pain. And then as death gives way to

par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 sur - ance This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
 vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Refrain
 Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,
 And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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"Just as I Am"

LBW #296 (vs. 1-4)

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

LBW #235

P: May the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
 Thanks be to You forever!
 Raising high the weak and lowly:
 Thanks be to You forever!*

*From of old You loved and sought us,
 Thanks be to You forever!
 Truth and justice You have taught us:
 Thanks be to You forever!*

*Strong is Your faithfulness,
 Strong is Your love, rememb'ring
 Your covenant of life with us.*

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
 Thanks be to You forever!
 Raising high the weak and lowly:
 Thanks be to You forever,
 Thanks be to You forever!*

The Post Communion Prayer

C: Amen.

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings the **3-fold "Amen"**

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

LBW #332

(Pay special attention to vs. 3 which speaks of Christ transforming us.)

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in peace; serve the LORD! **C:** Thanks be to God.

The following is a statement of what it takes for a congregation to be a part of the true and faithful Church of Christ throughout all times and in all places. It is from the Lutheran confessional statement, "The Augsburg Confession", the seventh article, which states: *"It is also taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and (will) remain forever. (In other words, if the Lutheran church were to fail and fade away, the Church of Christ would and will remain forever. GRJ). This (church of Christ) is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel. For it is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian church that the Gospel be preached in conformity with a pure understanding of it and that the sacraments be administered in accordance with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that ceremonies, instituted by men, should be observed uniformly in all places. It is as Paul says in Eph. 4:4-5 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.' "*

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's Table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.



**A New Member Class will be held Saturday,
May 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the LWLC Office.
Please call (253) 445-4292 or email the church office at lwloffice@gmail.com
if you plan to attend.**

Next Week's (April 15th) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick; Gary Heintz; **Ushers**-Kaye Sims, Lydia Auge; **Acolyte**-Kailan Burdick; **Lector**-Barbara Gjerstad; **Communion Setup/Cleanup**-Sharlene Parker, Valerie Claiborne; **Communion Assistants**-Sharlene Parker, Skip Whelan, Mary Vollmer; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Ron Johnson; **Tellers** -Ron Anderson, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**- Irene Feller, Ruth Anderson; **Altar Setup/Take Down**- Barbara Gjerstad, Judy Williams; **Flowers**-Ardis Kilber; **Parking Lot**-Al Auge

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2Chronicles 7:14

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Heard, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God. *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one: Prayers of comfort for **Kris Harder & family** (Heidi Sturdivant) on the passing of her father; Pray for peace and comfort for **Berny's family** (Yvonne Olson's sister) on her passing. **Kitty Smith** from Julian Estates as she is now with our Lord, pray for her family. Prayers for **Dean & Michelle Parson** (friends of Dave & Judy Ostendorf) on the passing of Michelle's mother.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. *Dixie* (Sharlene Parker's sister). *Judy Ostendorf*. *Jeff* (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, *Don Minnick* (Harold & Clarice Liemohn); *Pastor Dave Steffenson* (Dave Ostendorf). *Hank Anderson* (friend of Kaye Sims), *Bob Lungberg* (Bob & Nancy Martin), *Aunt Glenda* (Lorraine Stargel), *Cousin Sandy* (Lorraine Stargel), *Lee Brown*, Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) has finished chemo treatments and now will begin 9 months of Herceptin infusions to help her remain cancer-free. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** recently diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law) as she begins chemo for her very aggressive cancer. Pray for **John Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant)-renewed battle with melanoma, prayers for his family as they care for him. **Robert (Irene Feller's son)** pray for positive results on shoulder surgery and quick recovery and strength.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.

Mike DeBord (Bonnie DeBord's son), prayers for improved health and prayers for doctor's discernment in treatment after a heart attack. Prayers for quick healing strength and recovery for close friend **Becky Lewis** (Rosie Heintz) after back surgery. **Dennis Krumwiede**, prayers for quick recovery and healing after surgery. **Janet** (Carole Williams-Wood friend), pray for doctor's discernment and good results from tests concerning her back pain. **Gerri** (Carole Williams-Wood friend), pray for strength and quick recovery from surgery.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world.

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

One day, a man went to visit a church; He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday school, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place..."

