

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026; 9 a.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)*

## Welcome and Announcements

Organ recital today, 2 p.m.

## Temple Talk

Heather Day – Luther Park

## Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

## Thanksgiving for Baptism *(please stand)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(water may be poured)*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us, especially the mighty Chippewa,  
Eau Claire and Red Cedar rivers, for Wissota, Hallie, Altoona and Half Moon  
lakes, and for all the creeks and ponds. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you  
honor and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #479; *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

- 1 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,

the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

## Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Canticle of Praise

ACS Setting 12 – Glory to You

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *(please sit)*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from  
my bonds.

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people,**

**19 in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

### Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*

ACS Setting 12



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the

one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon** *(please sit)*

*“But We had Hoped”* - Pastor Christine Emerson

### **Hymn of the Day** *(please stand)*

W&P113; Open Our Eyes, Lord 2x

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,

and help us to listen  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the  
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right  
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I  
believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Petition:  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

## **Offering (please sit)**

*(Ushers take up the collection)*

*When In Our Music God is Glorified*

## **Offertory (please stand)**

*(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)*

*ELW #207; Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Merciful God,  
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**  
**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day**  
**when we will hunger and thirst no more.**  
**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,**  
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**  
**and bless the world you love.**  
**In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

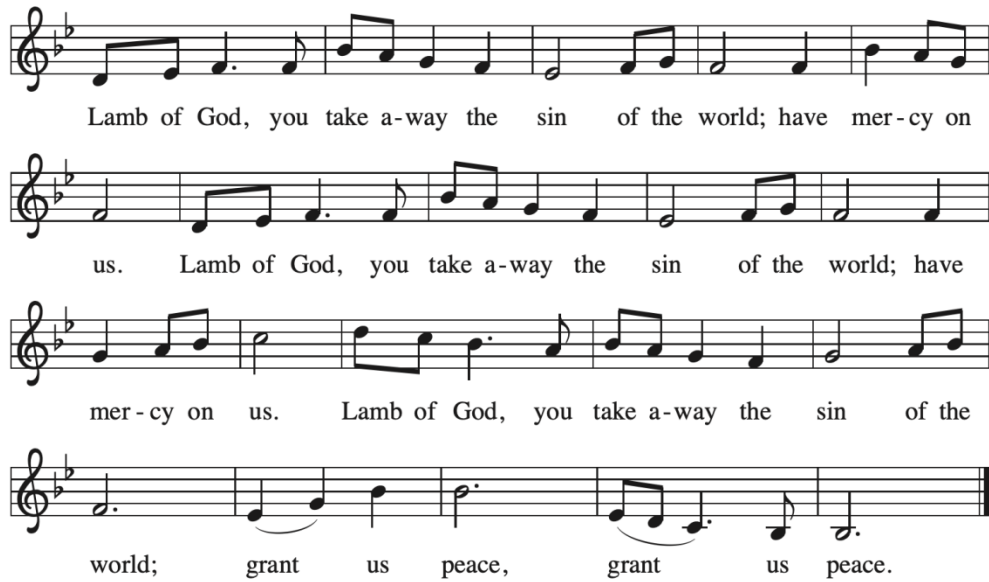
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

### Invitation to the Table

*(Acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew. Greeters will guide those wishing to receive at the altar: stop at credence table for a cup, then walk up side steps into the chancel)*

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

ELW #483; *Here is Bread*

Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, drink the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find peace,  
feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined as one,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
We'll proclaim, 'til he comes,  
Jesus crucified.

## Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Holy One,  
**through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## Benediction

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #377; *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*, vs. 1, 2, 4

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain*

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

## Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Linda Ranney

## Altar Flowers

In honor of Ron Mastin's 90th birthday given by his family.

## Altar Flowers

In honor of Karen Jorgensen's birthday from Jerry

## Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pastor Christine Emerson
Assistant	Jean Jirovec
Lector	Linda LaFave
Acolytes	Sydney Davis, Camden Rowe
Ushers	Lynn Yolitz, Larry Krause
Greeters	Dramus Peuse
Communion Servers	Cheryl Stage, Eric Nielsen, Sam Peuse, Jessica Peuse
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Lois Mai
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Mark Lundin, Director of Music, St. John's Choir; Paul Klomstad, guitar

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