



**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, A+D 2026**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’**

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## **Confession and Absolution**

## 484 Make Songs of Joy

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### Absolution

*151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
**C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**  
**P** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
 on the beard of Aaron,  
**C** **running down on the collar of his robes!**  
**P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
**C** **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life  
 forevermore.**  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as  
 it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
**C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**

## Kyrie

152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



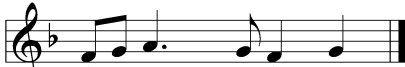
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

**A** The First Reading for The Third Sunday of Easter is from the second chapter of Acts.

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

**A** The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

"All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew 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 is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



## 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Prayer of the Church

*Responsive Form*

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And al - so 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.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer Just After Communing:** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Stand

### The Communion Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## 644 The Church's One Foundation

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*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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 Jacob Middleton  
 Travis Middleton  
 Bill & Lydia Middleton,  
     Family Brianna, Coral, Ocean,  
     Marina

#### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Wiltjer, 4/25

#### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde,**  
 Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier,  
 Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr.,  
 Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst,  
 Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer,  
 Ray & Madelaine Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, Dakoda Gaut and  
 Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom,  
 Nathan Conway, Harrison & Arianna Crome, Brianne Giba,  
 Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen  
 and Dan Zander.



# NEWS UPDATE

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/splcms/videos](http://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos). A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at [www.splcms.org/worship](http://www.splcms.org/worship).



St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, to review *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

**Christ For You the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> on KFUE.org:** We're wrapping up our study of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Tune in as we discuss chapters 48-50. Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) has just started a new series on the book of Ecclesiastes! Join us for chapters 5-9 this week. Sharathon 2026 will be here April 30-May 2! Mark your calendars and tune in to join the fun! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon).

**The Week of April 19<sup>th</sup> Book of 2 Timothy 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 recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

“Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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## On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
 Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R  
 V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E  
 Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U  
 C E P N A B J L X D E I A T X  
 T N Y K D R O I E E S L Y U H  
 J E I S E O Z K F I L C K G R  
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WALKED  
 MOSES  
 THANKS  
 CLEOPAS

JESUS  
 BREAD  
 FOOLISH  
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SUFFER  
 BELIEVE  
 PROPHET  
 VILLAGE

CRUCIFIED  
 VISITOR  
 EYES  
 EMMAUS

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 12<sup>th</sup> Attendance 21, 132 Communed, 4 Online

Envelopes	\$772.00	Weekly Missions	\$55.00
General Fund	425.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Thrivent Choice	441.00	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	105.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<hr/>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<hr/>
Offering Needed	1,342.00		

**Short**



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today 9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee &...

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Apr 19, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Apr 26, 9:30 AM</b>
Pastor	Pastor Klein	Pastor Klein
Lay Reader	Norma Allen	

## Let's Discuss

## ZOOM ROOM

### MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am  
Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

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