

The Road to
Emmaus



FAMILY OF GOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2026
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting three

Gather

Prelude "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain" arr. Jan Bender

Welcome

*Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" **ELW 377**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
 Text © 1985 Augsburg Fortress
 Music © 1988 Augsburg Publishing House

EARTH AND ALL STARS
 45 10 45 10 2nd refrain

Greeting

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.

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. | Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God

C: 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.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ 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?" ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

116:1-4, 12-19

P: ¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,

C: And listened to my | supplication,

P: ²for the Lord has given | ear to me

C: Whenev- | er I called.

P: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

C: I came to | grief and sorrow.

P: ⁴Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

C: "O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."

P: ¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord

C: For all the good things God has | done for me?

P: ¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation

C: And call on the name | of the Lord.

P: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

C: In the presence of | all God's people.

P: ¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O Lord,

C: Is the death | of your servants.

P: ¹⁶O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

C: I am your servant, the child of your handmaid ;you have freed me | from my bonds.

P: ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving

C: And call upon the name | of the Lord.

P: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

C: In the presence of | all God's people,

P: ¹⁹in the courts of | the Lord's house,

C: In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

| Hallelujah!

Second Reading

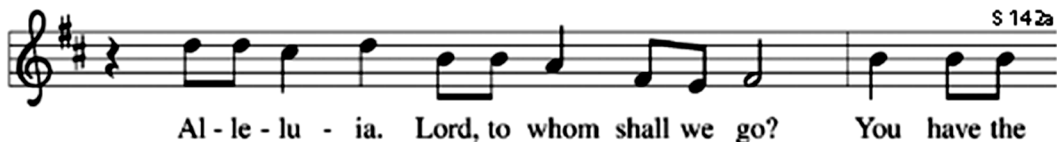
1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



§ 142a



Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

13Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18Then 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?" 19He 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, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But 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. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and 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. 24Some 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." 25Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But 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. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32They 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?" 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn of the Day

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

ELW 368

1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to
 songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by
 bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So
 set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and
 all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt
 Music: Medieval European tune
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MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the

Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

*Prayers of The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

Chancel Choir

"O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, O Love, O Love

That will not let me go

O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe,

That in Thy ocean depths its flow

May richer fuller be.

That will not let me go, (O Love)

I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe,

And in Thy ocean depths its flow

Shall richer fuller be.

That morn shall tearless be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy

That seeks me through the pain,

O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain

That morn shall tearless be,

That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love,

O Love, O Love, O Love

O Love, O Love, O Love

that will not let me go.

O Love

That will not let me go.

*Offertory Response

"Be Not Afraid"
Sing 2 times

ELW 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen Lord, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

§ 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus



S 144b

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.

*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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.

Communion

S 146

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW 879

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

Text: Felliott S. Pierpont, 1835-1917, alt.
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

DIX
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for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

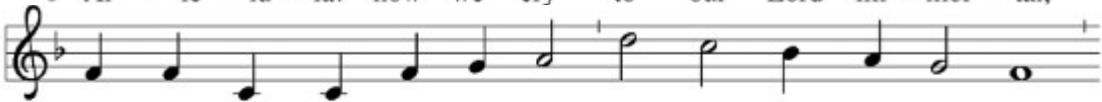
*Sending Hymn

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ELW 363



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"The Rejoicing"

Charles Callahan

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Ali O'Mara
Chancel Choir

Chancel flowers

Pam Williams

In memory of her dad, Homer Hanson's 100th birthday

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Connie Anderson, for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Family of Chuck Baerg as they grieve
Rita Loos' sister Mary Swanson for health issues
Steve Page
Alan Aleckson, who is still recovering from surgery at home
Julie Johnson recovering from surgery

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

LeAnn Moe's Funeral will be on Saturday, June 27th at 2 pm.

Streaming and viewing services are most easily accessed through our Facebook page.

New Member Class—Those interested in joining our congregation please let the church office know. We will be holding an orientation today at 11 am. New members will be received on Sunday, April 26th.

Minnesota Twins vs Houston Astros on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:40 pm. Tickets are \$52.

The New Church Website is coming along and we need pictures! If you have any *church related* pictures please send them to the admin email address.

Vacation Bible Study registration is now open! From Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18 we'll be going on a "Tropical Trek" There is no cost to sign up and it's open to all kids, from preschool age to middle school. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions! You can register on our website.

Social Ministry—In April, we will be collecting for Champlin Park HS, The Shelf. They do not have room to store canned goods. Here is a list of their current needs:

-Clothing: Socks, variety of sizes, ankle or athletic in length. Black is preferred, white okay too

-Spices and pantry basics: salt, pepper, cumin, oregano, paprika, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, sugar, vegetable cooking oil, etc

-Hygiene: toothbrushes, large family-sized tubes of toothpaste. Shampoo/Conditioner

-Laundry Soap, pods, powder

There will be a blood drive on Friday, May 1st 1 pm-7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed to sign people in for their appointments, bring and give out food and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet for that in the narthex as well.

Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years Join the National Lutheran Choir under Artistic Director Jennaya Robison for Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years of the National Lutheran Choir. This grand finale of the 40th anniversary season features collaboration with the renowned St. Olaf Choir led by Anton Armstrong and guest organist David Cherwien, former NLC Artistic Director. The program features works by J.S. Bach, F. Meilius Christiansen, Larry Fleming, David Cherwien, Earlene Rentz, and Jennaya Robison. A community ensemble of NLC alumni singers will join for the concert's conclusion.

Date & Location:

2:00pm, Saturday, May 2, 2026
Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis 55404

Tickets at NLCA.com

Groups of 10 or more receive discounted tickets. Call 612-722-2301 for info on group rates.

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Treat Bakers and Donators

- Help by baking or purchasing treats to donate for the concessions.
- Drop off treats no later than a half hour prior to the performance.

Feel free to be creative with your treats to fit the "everything goes wrong theme"

Please pre-wrap or bag treats:

Bars: 12 out of a 9 x 13" pan

Cookies: 3 medium to a bag or 2 large to a bag

Snack Mix: approximately 1 cup to a bag

*Please label if treats include any allergens

Thank you for Volunteering!!!

See sign-up Poster in Narthex for details



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