

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

Acolyte—Owen Lovejoy
Assisting Minister—Russ Allbert
Communion Assistants—Jason and Erin Parker
Communion Prep—Jean Lincoln
Lector—Callie Parker
Greeters—Julie Rath and Cindy Blair
Ushers—Bill Frisbee, Skip Rath,
Mark Sorenson, and David Van Egmund

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

GATHERING

For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: 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.
Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: 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.

C: 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.

C: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

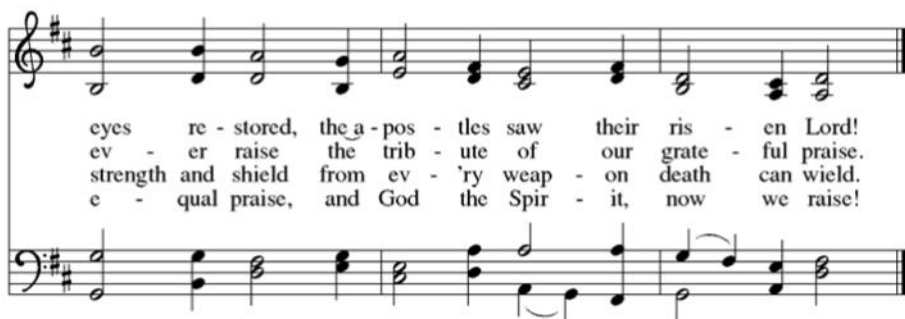
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright—ELW 384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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.

Please be seated.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

L: A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: 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?" ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

L: We read Psalm 16 responsively:

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

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

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ 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!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

L: A reading from First Peter.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through 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. ²² Now 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. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah—ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they

were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then 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. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON *Recognizing Christ in Our Midst* Pastor Anne Andert

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Arising—ELW 374



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, we join our hearts in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: O Holy One, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey in life and faith. Gather us at your table, that we might recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Give us eyes to see and hear you in others, and to receive them always in humility and love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Give us the eyes to see the tender new life pushing out from the soil. Help us to see and be blessed by the spring flowers and trees that are blooming all around us. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. We pray especially for all that is broken in our nation, and for those who have the courage to be guided by their moral compass and draw on integrity and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Receive the names and stories of those we name before you now aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of light and life,
When we encounter anger, give us wisdom and words of peace.
When we encounter injustice, give us the courage to speak out.
When we encounter despair, help us to be a light in the darkness. When we encounter falsehoods, give us a path forward in truth and love. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. We pray all of this through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.



ANTHEM

What Shall I Render (Psalm 116)

-Pote

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Here Is Bread—ELW 483:1,2



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.



In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo-ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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,

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: 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,

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go Now With God



1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger go now with God,
 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 4 Cross - ing ev - ry bound'ry, ev - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,



go now, go now with God.



Go now, go now, go now with God.

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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace to reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT—TODAY from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of cards, laughter, and friendly competition! Whether you're a seasoned player or just enjoy a good game, it's a great chance to connect and have fun together. Finger foods will be served.

LUTHERDALE CAMPERSHIPS

We are pleased to offer camperships to help cover the cost of camp! Register your student for a week of camp at Lutherdale's website lutherdale.org, submit the deposit, and **turn in your campership application to Molly Rosenbloom or the church office by TOMORROW, April 20.**

JOYOUS SOUND MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

This intergenerational, family-friendly music group IS designed to fit busy schedules. All ages and skill levels are welcome: singers, instrumentalists, and those who prefer chimes, bells, or rhythm instruments. Come join us in the Youth Room (basement) **Sunday, April 19 at 10:45 am!**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is proud and blessed to offer scholarships for students who will be enrolled in postsecondary education during the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are now available - visit www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/scholarships for all of the details. **The application deadline is April 27, 2026.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608-362-0716.

CAMP SUNDAY

Get ready to bring the joy and spirit of camp to Our Savior's! Join us for Camp Sunday on **April 26**, featuring camp-style worship, lively music, and inspiring stories. We'll welcome Grace Crevier, Youth & Young Adult Program Director from Lutherdale, and gather for a special coffee hour. Don't miss it!

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube. Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	April 19	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:45am 11:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Joyous Sound Euchre Tournament Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	April 20	8:30am 2:00pm	Sewing Bee Shalom Circle
Tuesday	April 21	9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Text Study Elizabeth Circle Boy Scouts
Wednesday	April 22	5:00pm 6:30pm	Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Constitution Update Committee
Thursday	April 23	6:00pm 6:30pm	OA Board Meeting
Sunday	April 26	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship/Camp Sunday Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

Altar flowers are given today by Lorraine Halderson in memory of her son, Troy Halderson.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

STAY CONNECTED

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SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

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CAMPERSHIP APPLICATIONS

**DUE TOMORROW
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**

LUTHERDALE

Campership applications are available for OSLC students attending Lutherdale Bible Camp in the summer of 2026. An awarded campership will cover a portion of the cost of attending one of Lutherdale's programs.



APPLICATIONS

Completed applications are due to Molly Rosenbloom or the office by **Monday, April 20**. Applications can be found in the rack between the elevator and sanctuary.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMER CAMPS AT LUTHERDALE - VISIT THEIR WEBSITE.

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