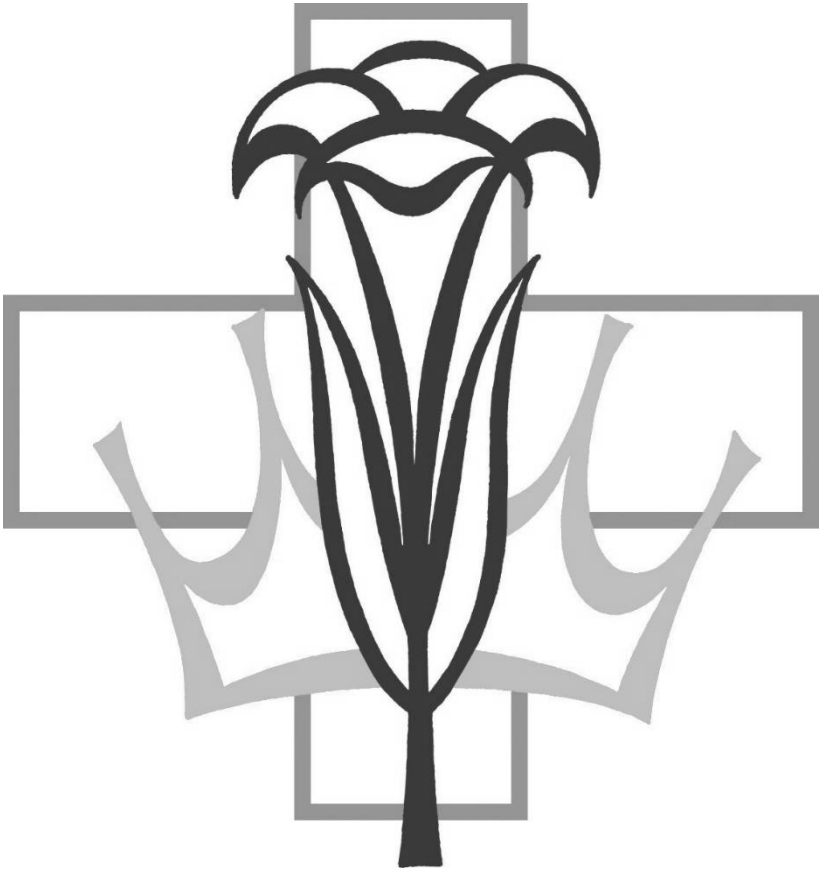


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

*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.*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

Communion Theology and Practice

Please see our statement of Communion Theology and Practice
on the back page of the worship bulletin.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

Thank you.

Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Service

Welcome

Stand

Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Baloche

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus, Verse x2, Tag

CHORUS

O - pen the eyes — of my heart, — Lord,
o - pen the eyes — of my heart, — I want to see You, —

VERSE

I want to see you; — To see you
high and lift - ed up, — shin - ing in the light of Your glo -
ry; Pour out Your pow'r and love — as we sing,
"ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," —
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, —

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20
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;

22
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to

24
1, 2, 3 see You. 4 see You.

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Stand

Song

You Have Saved Us

Baloche, Gowell

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x3

[4] VERSE

1. Who am I that You would know me,
 2. Turn your hearts from earth - ly i - dols,

4 who are we to You, Lord? You have shown Your
 turn our eyes to You, Lord. On - ly You can

7 love and mer - cy, we are stran - gers no more. We are
 heal what's bro - ken, on - ly You can re - store.

10 daugh - ters, we are sons all be - cause of what You've done.

13 CHORUS
 You have saved us, You have raised

16 us up with You. You have saved us,

19 called us out and made us new, yeah.

22 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental
 You have saved us, yeah.

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26 [7] We are daugh - ters, we are sons all be -

30 cause of what You've done. You have saved us, CHORUS

34 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

38 called us out and made us new. You have saved us,

42 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

46 called us out and made us new, yeah.

49 You have saved us.

52 You have saved us. You have saved us.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-14; antiphon: v. 5

A Together, we speak Psalm 116 responsively:

*⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.*

**¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**

⁶The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

**⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

**⁹I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.**

¹⁰I believed, even when I spoke,
"I am greatly afflicted";

**¹¹I said in my alarm,
"All mankind are liars."**

¹²What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

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

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**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.**

*⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.*

Collect of the Day

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 Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

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

³⁷Now 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?” ³⁸And 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. ³⁹For 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.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So 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

¹⁷If 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, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who 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.

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

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

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but 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

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Song

Beautiful Savior

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2

1. All _____ my days I will sing this song of
 2. I _____ will trust in the cross of my Re -
 3. long _____ to be where the praise is ne - ver

4
 glad - ness, give _____ my praise to the
 deem - er; I _____ will sing of the
 end - ing; Yearn _____ to dwell where the

7
 Foun - tain of de - lights; for in my
 blood that nev - er fails, of sins for -
 glo - ry nev - er fades, where count - less

10
 help - less - ness You heard my _____ cry, and
 giv - en, en, will con - science _____ cleansed, of
 wor - ship - ers will share one _____ song, And

13
 waves of mer - cy poured down on my life. _____
 death de - feat - ed and life with - out end. _____
 cries of worth - y will hon - or the Lamb! _____

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16 CHORUS

1 2

Beau - ti - ful Sa - viour,

19 Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, clothed in

22 maj - es - ty, Lord of his - to - ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the

25 Life. Star of the Morn - ing, glo - rious in

28 ho - li - ness, You're the Ris - en One, heav - en's

31 Cham - pi - on, and You reign, You reign o - ver

34 all! (Fine)

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response after each petition is as follows:

- L** Lord, in your mercy:
C Hear our prayer.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

Sit

Song

Heart For The Nations

Sadler, Nystrom

Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus x2

VERSE

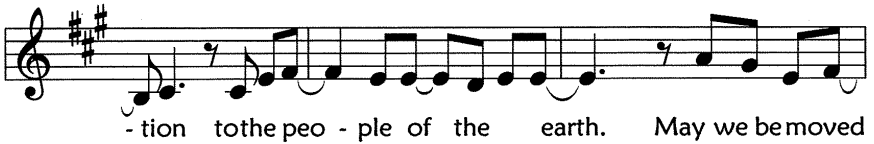


Give us Your heart for the na - tions, let us be light



to the world; Use us to de - clare Your sal - va

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- tion to the peo - ple of the earth. May we be moved



by com - pas - sion, let us know Your love for the lost;



Lord, use us to lead them to the cross.

CHORUS



Fa - ther, here we are,



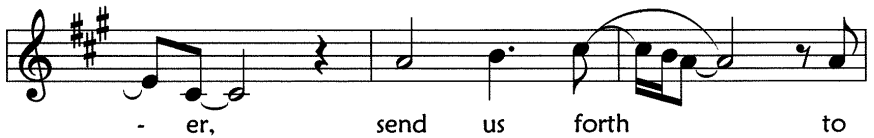
stand - ing in Your pres - ence,



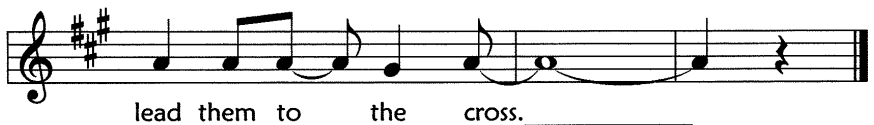
send us forth to lead them to the cross;



Spir - it, here we are, fill us with Your pow



- er, send us forth to



lead them to the cross.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 2026

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Peter 1:17–25

Luke 24:13–35

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).



Readings

Acts 2:42–47

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we *“were straying like sheep,”* the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins *“in his body on the tree”* (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we *“have life and have it abundantly”* (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also *“hear his voice”* and *“know his voice”* (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in *“the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship”* and in *“the breaking of bread and the prayers”* (Acts 2:42).



Communion Theology and Practice

Welcome! In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Matthew 26:26-28). In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant should examine him or herself and come to the Lord's Table seeking these things. As the Small Catechism teaches, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" We likewise take seriously St. Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 regarding recognizing the Lord's Body and Blood in this sacrament and receiving it worthily. We also believe that Holy Communion is a profession of confessional unity in which all who commune at the Lord's Table are united in their confession and faith (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Therefore, we practice what is often called "closed communion," in which we invite those Christians who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, who share in the same confession of faith as the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe that Jesus offers here His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, for the strengthening of their bodies and souls, cleansing them of their old nature and giving them new life, to join us at His table.

If you are new here, have not been baptized, or have not received instruction with regard to the teachings of the Lutheran Church regarding the Lord's Supper, have doubts about the nature of the sacrament, or have questions, please introduce yourself to our pastor before the service. He will be happy to discuss these things with you and help determine whether or not you should commune. If you do not wish to commune, have not been baptized, or have not been instructed in the Christian faith, we invite you to come receive a blessing. When you come to the altar, please come forward with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like the pastor to bless you. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or wish to be baptized, please speak to our pastor!