



Third Sunday of Easter  
*He Lives to Restore My Hope*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

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April 19, 2026

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## TODAY'S THEME

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That's how the disciples felt after this death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus. But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

## CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord's Supper.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki

**Organist**.....Lois Zander

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Declaration of Grace**

CW 173

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

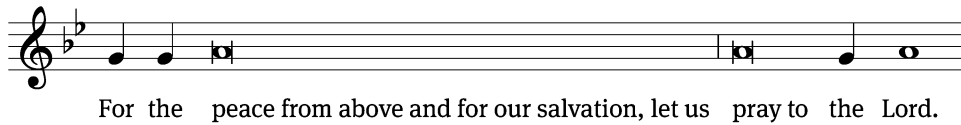
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

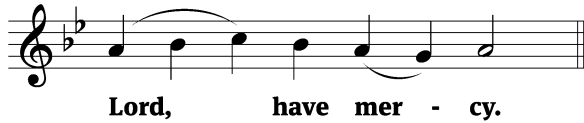
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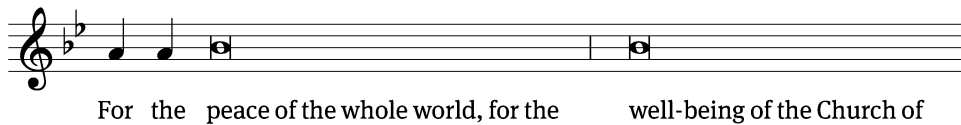
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



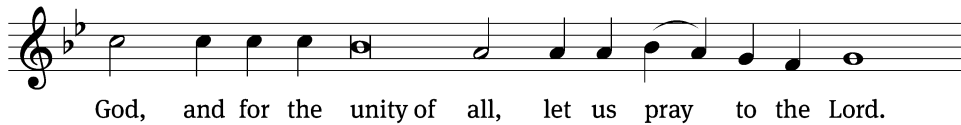
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



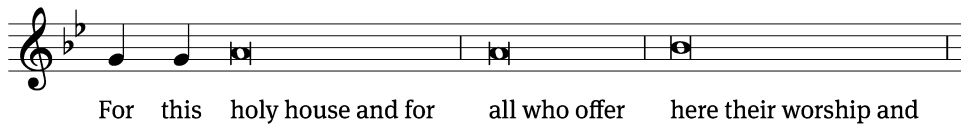
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



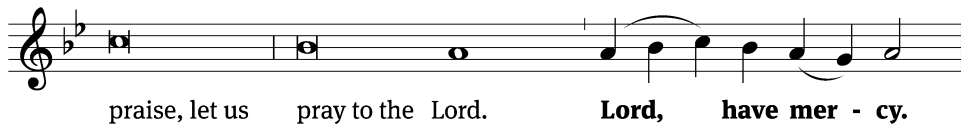
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A** - **men.**

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### 938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, 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!



- 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: *v. 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!

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a,32-41

*The message of Christ crucified and risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.*

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing. “For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says: The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool under your feet.’ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?” Peter answered 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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.” He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 116A I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Psalm 116A

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

*Our hope and expectation is joining our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live as pilgrims heading toward home.*

If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. He was chosen before the foundation of the world but

revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

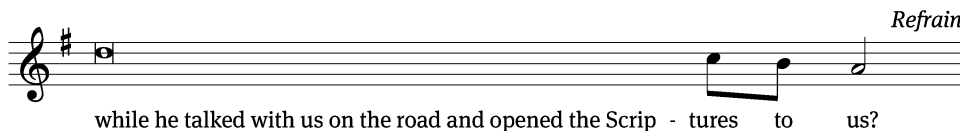
## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

Refrain



Tone



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## Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

*Jesus restored the hope of two disciples as he explained the Scriptures.*

Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to

walk along with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped. One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked them. They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. 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. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**783 Abide with Me**

*CW 783 sts. 1, 3, 5-7*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

## 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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day during this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

**Amen.**

## Offering

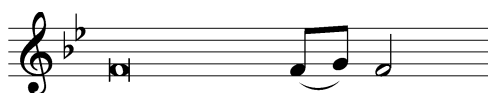
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# The Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

CW 183



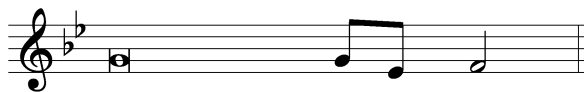
The Lord be with you.



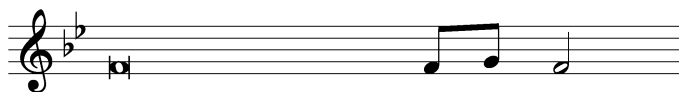
**And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, starting on G4 and ending on G4. The second staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, starting on G4 and ending on G4. The third staff is a vocal line with a treble clef, starting on G4 and ending on G4. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

## **458 Christ Is Arisen**

CW 458

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## News & Notes

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### Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Marion Bohnsack in memory of Leon Bohnsack and Elaine Gerdes, Nancy Goss, and Norma Bendzick in memory of James Heinisch. Thank you!

### Directory Photos

Directory photos are underway! There are still slots available if you would like to sign up. Your sitting takes about 10-15 minutes. The sitting includes a family photo and individual photos for use in our print and digital directory. An online sign up is available through our website at [spljordan.com](http://spljordan.com) under the "Member Info" tab or the qr code.



### Be A Greeter!

The Adult Discipleship Committee is initiating a greeter program to provide a friendly face and greeting to members and visitors alike! What is involved if you volunteer? Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the start of the service. The sign up is in the volunteer binder on the counter.

### Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Join us for fellowship, fun, and time together in God's creation! We are planning several opportunities to get together in fellowship this Summer. The first outing will be to a St. Paul Saints game on June 7. First pitch is at 2:00 pm, and tickets are \$25 each. The sign up for tickets is in the binder near the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are first-come first-serve. More information to come regarding possible transportation. Check out the flyers posted on the bulletin board for more information on the other outings!

### Monday Worship

Monday night worship resumes tomorrow, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

### Thank-You

The ladies of Woven would like to thank all who donated or bid on our silent auction.

We raised \$1500.00 dollars toward our kitchen tile cleaning and church carpet cleaning projects. We are currently getting bids for both and plan for them to be completed by late summer.

# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Woven 6 pm	2 Senior Fellowship 10 am Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm	3 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	4
5 6:30 am Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Egg Hunt 9 am Easter Festival	6	7	8 Foundations 6 pm	9	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	13 7:45 Choir	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm Reflectons Bible Study for Women 7 pm	15 Foundations 6 pm	16 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	20 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	21 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	22 Foundations 6 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am WELS Connection	27 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	28	29 Foundations 6 pm	30		

## SERVING THE LORD

	Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist	
4/19	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
4/26	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
5/3	9 am	Leah Bertrang	2	Ryan Bertrang	Lois Zander

April Altar Guild	April Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firlie/Mary Zeman	-
April Counters	Service Group 1 Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Need Volunteer
May Altar Guild	
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	

Attendance	
Sunday	79
Monday	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1690	\$3834
Online Giving	\$732	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2422</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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