



**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**L:** As children of God, we honor the true story of this land where we worship. This congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church acknowledges and honors the Sauk & Fox, Kickapoo, Kaskaskia, Myaamia, Peoria and Sioux (Očhéthi Šakówin) peoples,

**C:** upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this land and call it their home. May we tell our story in its fullness, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be.

**Call to Worship**

**A:** We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**C: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.**

A: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

**C: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

**Gathering Hymn – Morning Has Broken – ELW #556 or W&P #98**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Water is poured into the font as thanksgiving continues.*

L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

**C: We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.**

L: Blessed are you, O God. You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**C: 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.**

L: Blessed are you, O God. You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**C: 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.**

L: Blessed are you, O God. You guide us to springs of the water of life.

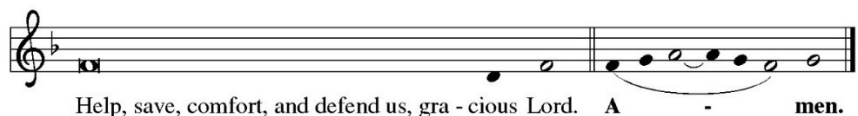
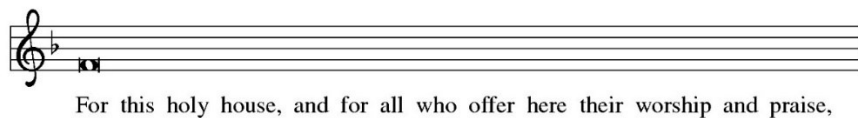
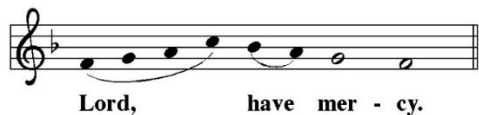
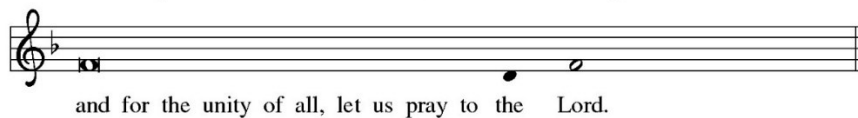
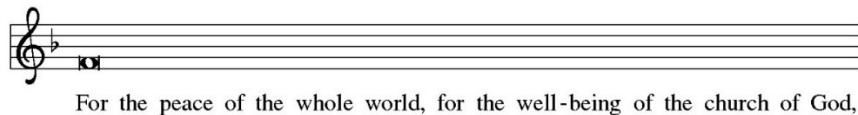
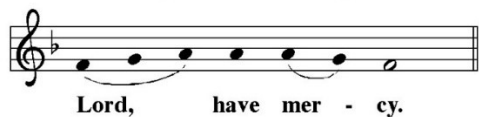
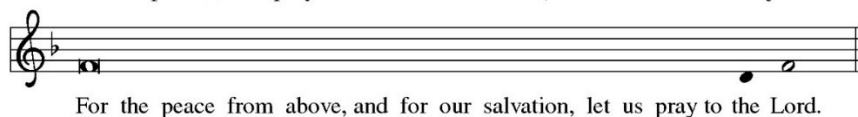
**C: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

## Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie



# Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast

*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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*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

A: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

**C: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,**

A: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Word

### First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> 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?”

<sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup> **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

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

**<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;**

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.  
**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came 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 are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?” <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place.

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Message – Tim Leitner, SAM**

### **Hymn of the Day – We Come to the Hungry Feast – ELW #479**

#### **The Apostles’ Creed**

**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**

L: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. 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. 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. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

**Offertory Hymn – Here is Bread - ELW #483 or W&P 58**

## **Offertory Prayer**

A: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

**C: You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

A: Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

**C: In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **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 Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

**C: Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.**

A: In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – Go, My Children, With My Blessing – ELW #543**

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**