

**Our mission  
is to teach,  
love,  
and connect...  
teach all ages  
about Jesus,  
love one another  
as God loves us,  
and connect  
with others  
in a hurting world.**

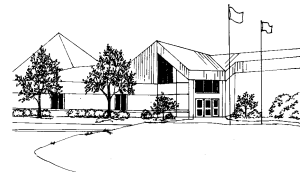
## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11:00 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**



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# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

*Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** Whether we will admit it or not, many of us are logophiles, which means that we love words. All of us have far more words in our vocabularies than we use in our daily conversation. We know what the words mean but for some reason we do not say them much. Words come into and go out of fashion and usage. One of those words that are not used much anymore is gladsome. It appears in several hymns of the Christmas season and is in the first line of the ancient evening hymn "O Gladsome Light, O Grace" (LSB 888), which dates back to the fourth century AD and was originally in the Greek language. It describes Jesus as being the ultimate gladsome light with these words: "O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father's face, eternal splendor wearing: celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in Thine appearing!" (LSB 888:1). Jesus, the risen Lord, is the light that brings gladness to each hour of the day. We are blessed in that we can always rejoice in His brightness!

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF BELL**

## OPENING SONG

## “House of the Lord”

J. Smith & P. Wickham

We worship the God who was.  
We worship the God who is.  
We worship the God who evermore will be.  
He opened the prison doors.  
He parted the raging sea.  
My God, He holds the victory.

**Chorus**

There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won’t be quiet.  
We shout out Your praise.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place.  
And we won’t be quiet.  
We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals.  
We sing to the God who saves.  
We sing to the God who always makes a way.  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave.  
My God’s still rolling stones away. *Chorus*

**Bridge**

We were the beggars.  
Now we’re royalty.  
We were the pris’ners.  
Now we’re running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted,  
Redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

*Chorus*

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## WELCOME

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**People: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

**People: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, an ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

**People: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People: And also with you.** *We share the peace of Christ with those around us.  
Remain standing for the Song of Praise.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE "What A Beautiful Name"**

by B. Fielding and B. Ligertwood

**You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation,  
Now revealed in You our Christ.**

**Chorus 1**      **What a beautiful name it is,  
What a beautiful name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is.  
Nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater.  
What could separate us now?**

**Chorus 2**      **What a wonderful name it is,  
What a wonderful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is.  
Nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

*Instrumental interlude*

**Bridge 1**      **Death could not hold You,  
The veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory.  
For You are raised to life again.**

**Bridge 2**      **You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory.  
Yours is the name above all names.**

**Chorus 3**      **What a powerful name it is,**  
**What a powerful name it is,**  
**The name of Jesus Christ, my King.**  
**What a powerful name it is.**  
**Nothing can stand against**  
**What a powerful name it is,**  
**The name of Jesus.** *Repeat Bridge 2 and Chorus 3*

**Ending**      **What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.**  
**What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

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*Please be seated.*

## COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

**FIRST READING**      *Peter preaches to the people gathered in Jerusalem.*      **Acts 2:14a, 36–41**

Reader: Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now 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?" And 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. For 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." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

*Psalms 116:1–14*

**People: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*Women & girls: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

*Men & boys: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

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

*Women & girls: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.*

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

*Men & boys:* For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

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

*Women & girls:* I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";

*Men & boys:* I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

**People:** **What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.**

**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.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Peter writes that we are redeemed by the blood of Christ.* **1 Peter 1:17–25**

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

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

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Two witnesses learn from the Risen Lord at Emmaus.* **Luke 24:13–35**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Pastor: That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each

other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" And 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and 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 and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **Nicene Creed**

**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.

*Please be seated.*

## **SONG**

### **“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”**

**LSB 476**

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow  
Down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,  
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you,  
We who also mourn our dead;  
We have stood by graves unyielding,  
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey,  
Walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom  
Depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told You  
How our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then You opened wide the Scriptures  
Till our hearts within us burned.
- 3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened  
In the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor  
Living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey,  
Still surprise us with Your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus;  
On our hearts Your image trace!
- 4 Who are we who travel with You  
On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us,  
Born of water and the Word;

**At the table still You feed us,  
Host us as our risen Lord!**

- 5 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”  
Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship  
As the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people  
Called from ev’ry land and race.  
Make the Church Your servant body,  
Sent to share Your healing grace!**

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## **SERMON**

## **“What Day Is It?”**

**Luke 24:13–35**

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.**

**WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS** *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

### **We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.**

#### **What does this mean?**

**Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.**

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table and in Your mansions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

# **Service of the Sacrament**

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for in Christ You have given us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the gladsome light of Your eternal kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

**People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"**

## **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 CONSECRATION**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PEACE and AGNUS DEI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**

**DISTRIBUTION** *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

## **SONG**

**"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"** by M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleecker

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
In the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises,  
Robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness,  
Now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended,  
Took on flesh to ransom us.**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suff'ring,  
Never trace, nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
Come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law, in Him we stand.**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Christ the Lord upon the tree,  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory;  
Grace unmeasured, love untold.**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
Slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.  
Praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected,  
As we will be when He comes.

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*Please stand.*

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **“Happy Day”**

by T. Hughes & B. Cantelon

The greatest day in history,  
Death is beaten, You have rescued me.  
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.  
The empty cross, the empty grave,  
Life eternal, You have won the day.  
Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

**Chorus**

And oh, happy day, happy day,  
You washed my sin away.  
Oh, happy day, happy day,  
I'll never be the same,  
Forever I am changed.

When I stand in that place,  
Free at last, meeting face to face.  
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.  
Endless joy, perfect peace,  
Earthly pain finally will cease.

**Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive!** *Chorus*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Bridge**            **Oh, what a glorious day,  
What a glorious way,  
That You have saved me.  
And oh, what a glorious day,  
What a glorious Name. *Chorus***

**What a glorious, glorious day, I'll never be the same.**

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## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Readings for next Sunday, 4/26**

**Acts 2:42–47**

**Psalm 23**

**1 Peter 2:19–25**

**John 10:1–10**

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