

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



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.

Luke 24:29b-31

HYMN: “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

LSB 476

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1



P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

C 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!

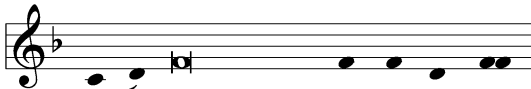
P It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

Kyrie

LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This is the Feast

LSB 155


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: *Stanza 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Sit

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



P Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

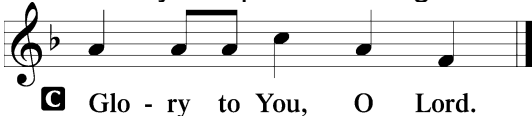


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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



C Glo - ry 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.

Sit

HYMN: "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

LSB 483

Sermon "Their Eyes Were Opened" *(based on the Gospel reading)*

The Rev. Dr. Mark Nuckols

Stand

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

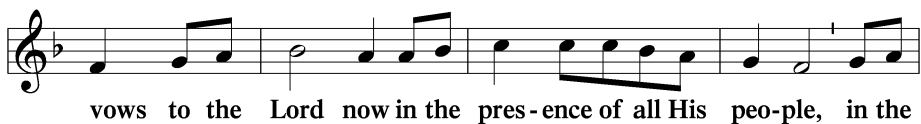
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(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 160



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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.

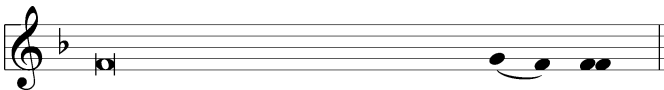
The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution and Hymns

HYMN: "Abide with Me"

LSB 878

HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

LSB 919

HYMN: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

.... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

HYMN: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923

EASTER FLOWERS 2026



***Thank you to those who donated flowers this Easter!
Please take your plant home the week of Sunday April 19th.***

Harold Boehlke - *In memory of Carole Boehlke*

Janet Block – *In memory of Wesley Block*

Marlene Bretschneider - *In memory of our parents*

Julie Caswell - *In memory of Mary Lou Johnson, Jeremy Johnson and
Cynthia Caswell*

Michele Franklin – *In memory of Tony and Brandon Pereklita*

Hans and Gail Hargens – *In memory of the faithfully departed*

Bill and Roberta Hilgendorf – *In memory of Thomas Hilgendorf*

Steve and Kathy Jagow – *In memory of our parents*

Randy and Ellen Liska - *To the Glory of God!*

Larry and Sandy Mayer - *In memory of our parents*

Tom and Bobbie Paulus – *In memory of loved ones no longer with us*

Renaë Roos – *In memory of William and Dorothy Roos*

Sandy Truebenbach – *In memory of Donald Truebenbach*

Serving Us this Week

Elders (8 AM): Aaron Viets

(1030 AM): Rob Russell

Finance Team: Dowe and D. Brookins

Altar Committee: Angela Keller and
Deborah Paape

Usher Team (#5): Rick Nelson, Captain

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun (4/19/26)

† 3rd Sunday of Easter

- **Divine Service 8am**
- Bible Study or Sunday School hour -
915am-1015am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**
- Board of Education meets after 2nd
service

Mon 4/20/2026

- Elder's Meeting – 6pm
- Council Meeting – 7pm

Wed (4/22/26)

- UGT - 11am-3pm
- Youth Catechesis 5th-7th
530pm-630pm
- **Divine Service - 7pm** with
Rev. Jacob Schultz

Thurs (4/23/26)

- Men's Bible Study – 615am *Fredonia
Family Restaurant*

Sun (4/26/26)

† 4th Sunday of Easter

- **Divine Service 8am**
- Bible Study or Sunday School hour -
915am-1015am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- † Rose Bottesi
- † Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- † Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother)
- † Judy Fischer
- † Keith Johnson
- † Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- † Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- † Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- † Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)
- † Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's friend)
- † Paul Voight (Sandy Jacque's father)
- † Amelia (Mass family friend)
- † Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- † John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- † Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- † Mike Czysh
- † Jeff Ader
- † Don Dohrwardt
- † Ron Parchim
- † James Blecha (Mike Berry's Grandson)
- † Ellen Heildendorf (cousin of Rose Bottesi)
- † Family of Kurt Feierstein
(father of Michael Feierstein)
- † Rob Russell



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GIFTS FROM THE HEART

The LWML is looking for help from local churches to support the Orphan Grain Train with Layette Kits as part of the LWML's *Gifts from the Heart* program.

Items needed include:

- Cloth Diapers
- Diaper Pins
- Rubber or Reusable Pants
- Washcloths
- Sleeper
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Blanket



Collection will take place from March 15th until May 24th. Kits will be taken to the LWML 80th year celebration in June.

A collection basket/box is in the Narthex.

Thanks for your support!

PLAY BALL!

The 2026 Men's Christian Softball season is just around the corner. If you are interested in joining the St. John Lutheran Church team to play softball and enjoy the Christian fellowship, please call or text Matt Winker at 262.689.8994.

Games are played on Mondays at 7:15pm or 8:30pm. Local game fields include Belgium, Grafton, and Port Washington. Opening pitch is May 4, 2026. Can't play? No problem. The stands need a cheering section too! Hope to see you there!



LWML Zone Rally

The LWML Zone 7 Spring Rally will be held Tuesday, April 28, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, West Bend, from 4:30-5:30pm.

All women are invited to attend. The speaker will be from the Washington County Foster Care program.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.



Indoor Rummage, Plant, and Youth Bake Sale on

May 1 from 8am-6pm & May 2 from 8am-2 pm.

Household goods, clothing, books, crafts, baby & toddler clothes, toys and much more. We are accepting donations from 12 noon on April 26 thru 2pm on April 29.

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