

Easter 3 — April 19, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **People Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Peopel Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

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Apostolic Greeting

ELW Pg. 138

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **People And also with you.**

This is the Feast Pg. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all

creation Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

ELW Pg. 138-139

L The Lord be with you

People And also with you

L O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ 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?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *chanted*

¹ I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me
whenever ¹ I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me;
I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹ save my life.”**

¹² How shall I re- ¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹ done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation
and call on the name ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your ¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death ¹ of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I ¹ am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of ¹ the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ¹ Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 142

Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 24th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

See Hymn Board

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 the Church

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

L: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

L: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

L: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

L: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

L: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

L: 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, **People: 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. **People: Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem

The Waters of Grace

Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin

All who are thirsty and weary of strife, come to the waters of grace. All who are wounded and winded by life, come to the waters of grace. All who are covered by dust from the day, Jesus is waiting to wash it away. Come, be refreshed as you learn to obey. Come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters of grace. All who are hurting in mind and in soul, come to the waters of grace. Those who are injured, who long to be whole, come to the waters of grace. All who have stumbled and fallen away, those who have wandered like sheep gone astray, come, be refreshed as you learn to obey. Come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters sparkling with love, washing the fountains that flow from above. Come to the waters, come take your place come to the waters of grace! Come to the waters of grace! Come to the fountains that flow evermore, come to the waters of grace. Jesus is waiting to heal and restore, come to the waters of grace. Vessels of earth, are you shattered today? Jesus, the Potter, won't cast you away. Love can redeem and repair broken clay, come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters of grace. Come to the waters of grace.

Offertory Hymn

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

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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.**

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 144

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Agnus Dei Pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

See Hymn Board

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Joe Abbott | Gil & Marilyn Martin | Clarence & Priscilla | Our Nursing Home Members |
| Connie Aparo | Michael Meyers | Ed | Dee Gammon |
| Charlie Blakeslee | Brigitte Mueller | Jen O. | Midge Rosenbeck |
| Kathy Ann Campbell | Bob Murphy | Jaiden | Mae Fay |
| Angelo & Nicole Capasso | Barbara Nalette | Steve | Francine Ahrens |
| Carol Cianciolo | Karen Ness | Lou W. | Betty Hilton |
| Emma Cortina | Tom O'Brien | Todd | Walter Joray |
| Emily Decker | Karen Pagano | Robert K. | Daine Wright |
| J.J. Eby | Melissa Pilbin | Terry | Eleanor Klonoski |
| Judy Elliott | Lisa & Dennis Polzun | Hagbard | Our Military Friends |
| Diane Engle | Ed & Susan Regner | Peanut | Lord Jesus, Savior of the |
| Jan Eucalitto | Baerbel Roehl | Diane L. | World and King of Peace, |
| Weston Faith | Patricia & Richard | Holly L. | watch over our sons and |
| Bruce & Liz Falls | Sawitzke | Al & Mary | daughters in the service |
| Rosemarie Foth | Jean Schlapfer | Isaac | of their Country. Protect |
| Bob Frantz | Sara Seelye | Marci | them from the physical |
| Danise Hall | Jan & Cindy Smith | Kyle W. | and moral dangers. |
| Renate Higgins | Paul Smith | Ethan & his Marine Unit | Keep them close to you |
| Kathleen Hilton | Sigrid Smitley | Jonathan E & his Army | and help them live the |
| Shannon Hilton | Lori Sola | Unit | commandments. Lord, |
| Shaelynn Holmgren | Deb & Jon Sterling | | Jesus give them courage |
| Rusty Judd | Tom Sterling Sr. | | to serve their country with |
| Brian Kiernan | RuthAnn Stone | | honor and dignity. Be |
| Marge Kiernan | Patricia Switzer | | with them when they are |
| Marilyn Killingbeck | Diane Tanner | | in danger; strengthen |
| Edwin Leifert | Gloria Thibault | | them when they face |
| John Lewis | Nancy Underwood | | hardship. Above all Lord, |
| David Little | Lucille Videtto | | grant that when their ser- |
| Rebecca Little | Carol Vrlik | | vice is finished that they |
| Kari Machowski | Justin Wade & Family | | may return to us, sound |
| Audrey Marquard | Eveyn Walters | | in mind, body and soul. |
| Abigail Marine | Sue Watkins | | Amen. |
| Eric Marine | James Weber | | Tyler Quinn |
| Richard Marine | Kim Weissman | | Eric Beyus |
| Janis Martin | Bruce Yauney | | Major Zachary Fulton |
| | | | Brandan Holbrook |
| | | | Jonathan Connell |
| | | | Tom Gregg, Jr. |
| | | | Eric Bremer |
| | | | Peter Hutchinson |
| | | | SPC Dominic Boscarino |
| | | | PVT Noah Braatz |
| | | | PVT 2 Christian Braatz |
| | | | Aiden Avenia USCG |
| | | | 2nd Lt. Ben Speaker |
| | | | Pvt. Noah Roy |

Around the Church

| Event | Date | Time |
|------------------------|------|---------|
| Hilltop CELC Art Show! | 4/24 | 5:30 pm |
| Women of the ELCA | 4/27 | 7 pm |
| Chris. Ed. Meeting | 5/4 | 6:30 pm |
| Finance Committee | 5/6 | 6 pm |
| Penny Auction | 5/8 | 5 pm |
| Motorcycle/Car Show | 5/9 | Noon |
| Council | 5/11 | 7 pm |

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome