



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
8:00 AM**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 6

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

C.E. Walz

Welcome

Gathering Song: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.(Repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia
This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.” ³⁷Now when they

heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles,

“Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through 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. ²²Now 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. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and

leaders handed him over 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 took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then 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.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Thomas

Hymn of the Day: *Day of Arising*

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| <p>1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made
known.</p> | <p>2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.</p> |
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3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's
sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and
wine.

4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

Apostles' Creed

Together let us profess our faith with the words of 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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Thank you for your gifts and offerings. Whether you give electronically, or by cash or check in an envelope, we greatly appreciate your continued support of God's ministries.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

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Open Our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach our and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Open our hearts Lord
That we might receive You
Open our spirits
And teach us to praise You
Open our lips Lord
And teach us to praise You
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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 ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *The Joyful Eastertide*

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1 This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

2 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. **Refrain**

3 Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Gina Sprunger

Announcements

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, April 19	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15AM	Faith Formation/Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Thursday, April 23	11:30AM	Sr. Luncheon – Tony Roma’s
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Sunday, April 26	8:30AM	Worship in person
	9:15AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30AM	Worship in person or online

Thank you

Thank you to Rev. Jennifer Thomas for sharing the good news of the gospel with us this morning.

April is World Hunger Month If you choose to contribute to this it can be added to the regular offering envelope.

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, **May 3rd at 9:15am** there will be an election for the next pastor of Lord of Life. A meet and greet with the candidate and his wife will be held on Saturday, **April 25 at 3:00PM** in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend these important events in the life of our church.



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Worship Online

YouTube Channel: Lord of Life Lutheran Church; website: lordoflife.online
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This Week's Worship Servants

Readers: 8:00	10:30 Darlene Curoe
Ushers: 8:00 Gilbertson's	10:30 Kevin Curoe
Tech/PPT: 8:00	10:30

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