

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19 & 22, 2026

As We Gather

What does it mean to truly trust God? Not when life is easy, but when it is uncertain, when prayers seem unanswered, and when fear takes hold. Today's readings show us both the weakness of our faith and the faithfulness of our Savior. Jesus meets His disciples in their doubt and speaks peace. Through His Word, He creates in us a faith that trusts Him, even when life does not make sense.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (LSB 461) *sts. 1–2, 8*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13

P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

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

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

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

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

C **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 Absolution

P 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.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P 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.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P 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.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P 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.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P 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.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

P Behold, how good and pleasant 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 forevermore.

C **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.**

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

Kyrie

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread. Through the gift of faith open our eyes to behold Him in all His redeeming work, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:13–35*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (LSB 685)

sts. 1,4

Series: Faith that Honors God

Sermon: A Faith That Pleases God *Luke 24:36–49*

Nicene Creed (Found on the Back Cover of the Hymnal)

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things …

Prayer of the Church

Prayer of the Church (Hear our prayer)

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

A greeting of peace may be exchanged.

Offering

We Give Thee But Thine Own (LSB 781) *sts. 1, 3, 5*

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

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✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 208-212 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 208*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution Hymns

O Sons and Daughters of the King (LSB 470)
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (LSB 490)
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (LSB 849)
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn In Thee Is Gladness (LSB 818)

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