

# **WELCOME**

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **SAT. APRIL 18/SUN. APRIL 19, 2026**



*“Easter Light—Gladsome Light”*

#### **AS WE GATHER**

The English word *camouflage* is a direct borrowing from the French word meaning, “to veil, disguise,” which, in turn, is derived from the two Italian words meaning “head” and “to muffle.” Seeing things that are camouflaged or hidden may take special effort, especially when it is creatures in nature that are using camouflage to blend in with their settings. The hiddenness of Jesus was experienced by two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Ultimately, their eyes were opened and they beheld the risen Savior. Today in our worship, we seek to see Him as He chooses to be known to us.

#### **WELCOME**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

*LSB 470 Sts. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7*

## HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/pgA7bV0kvsI?si=pVTaJYbHJ7qny2pU>

**1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 That night the \_apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13*

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 ABSOLUTION**     *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

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

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> 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?” <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>17</sup> And 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, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for “All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

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

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

**People:** **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:13–35*

*Lord at Emmaus.)*

*(Two witnesses learn from the Risen*

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

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

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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?” <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> 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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!” *LSB 474*

### **HYPERLINKS**

<https://youtu.be/K98I2ZpJBqk?si=JKhrwNqqYOVcRs5&t=47>

**1. Alleluia!**  
**Jesus is risen!**  
**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**  
**Splendor, the Lamb,**  
**Heaven forever!**  
**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**  
**Jesus has risen and we shall rise:**  
**Give God the glory, Alleluia!**

**2.Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Brfeaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus has risen and we shall rise:  
Give God the glory, Alleluia!**

**3.Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ of the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Jesus has risen and we shall rise:  
Give God the glory, Alleluia!**

**4.Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Jesus has risen and we shall rise:  
Give God the glory, Alleluia!**

**5.City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Jesus has risen and we shall rise:**

**Give God the glory, Alleluia!**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH - The 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**     *2 Timothy 4:22*

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**

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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:   Amen.**

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 443, Stanza 3*

**Hyperlinks**

<https://youtu.be/HPSKbXxpudU?si=96Znwoh0pJu-3vZZ&t=8>

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King,  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*(LSB 948, St. 4)*

**Hyperlink**

**[https://youtu.be/P8\\_76C00xfI?si=G\\_evnAyP2p-ymWZ2&t=24](https://youtu.be/P8_76C00xfI?si=G_evnAyP2p-ymWZ2&t=24)**

**You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.**

### **✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

*LSB 633 Sts. 1, 2, 6, 7*

### **HYPERLINKS**

**<https://youtu.be/izIjqDUiZEA?si=7JIBHo1NibiSGpzZ&t=11>**

**1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**2. Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim,  
Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**6. Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

**7. Easter triumph, Easter Joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*(Tune: LSB 633)*

<https://youtu.be/HzBs0Y7ymzM?si=z6B5vbLkJfmqKeU>

**For this feast our thanks we give;  
Through its gifts we ever live,  
Thanks and praise forever sing  
Till we hear the heavens ring, "Alleluia!"**

**Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for once again we have  
been served at Your Table through our receiving of the body

and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord in this joyful Eastertide. Strengthen us through this Sacrament so that we continue to be Your rejoicing people who tell of Your love to all as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**     *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor:     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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**     “He’s Risen, He’s is Risen”     *LSB 480*

**HYPERLINK**

[https://youtu.be/y9Qgcb-On5o?si=L7\\_Mh89rJ0M1qvOVerses](https://youtu.be/y9Qgcb-On5o?si=L7_Mh89rJ0M1qvOVerses)

1. He’s risen, He’s risen,  
   Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
   He opened death’s prison,  
   the\_ incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain  
   their praises prolong.

2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
   The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
   In Satan’s domain did the hosts  
   shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

**3. But short was their triumph;  
the savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished,  
His foes.**

**The conquering Lord Lifts  
His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives,  
and will nevermore die.**

**\*4. O, where is your sting, death?  
We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions  
His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven,  
we are now His own.**

**\*\*5. Then sing your hosannas  
and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise  
to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:  
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
known to others”**

**Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.  
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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
  - **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
  - **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
  - **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
  - **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
  - **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
  - **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie  
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald ([oswald1@charter.net](mailto:oswald1@charter.net)) with your prayer requests.**
  - **ALL LADIES AND FRIENDS OF WOMEN OF HOPE**  
Please join our LWML Zone 21, Saturday, April 25 Spring Rally event-Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1936 Emery, East Troy. for mission work help in the Kingdom of God! 9:00am - Registration & Fellowship followed by Bible study and Learning about Forged by Fire Ministries <https://www.weservehope.org>. Join us making "Crosses for Benny" & special favors for the upcoming LWML-South WI District Convention coming up in June. If interested, have questions or would like to carpool, please contact Beth Schneider at 262-351-6578.
  - **HELP NEEDED – JULY 11 CAR SHOW:** Sign-up sheets for helping and donations for food such as pop (cans), water bottles, hamburger buns, french bread loaves for garlic bread are in the narthex. Please see Gail with questions.
  - **INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP** setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.

- **SHARING CENTER DONATIONS** can be placed in the baskets by the mailboxes rather than in the narthex.
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Jim Tonkinson</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Peter Voigt</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Willian &amp; Susan Keating</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Tami Voigt</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Tami Voigt</b>

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Peter Voigt</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Peter Voigt</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>John &amp; Peggy Tueting</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	<b>John &amp; Peggy Tueting</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Tami Voigt</b>

**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>4/25</b>	<b>Kayvion Bloomer</b>
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**Calendar of Events This Week**  
**04/19/26–04/25/26**

- Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors**
- Tuesday: 7:00pm Twin Lakes Sportsman's Club**
- Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study**
- Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting**
- Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service**  
**9:00am LWML Spring Rally**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,**  
**East Troy**
- Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal**  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
**10:20am Bible Study &**  
**Children's Sunday School**  
**7:00pm AA Meeting**