

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10am worship

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AMAZING GRACE

I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW AM FOUND

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING SONG "Your Love Never Fails"

Verse 1

Nothing can separate Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes, but
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday
Your love never fails

Chorus

And You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails

Verse 2

The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone here
In these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide

I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

Chorus

And You stay the same through the ages Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails

Bridge

You make all things
Work together for my good You make all things
Work together for my good

Chorus

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I don't have to be afraid
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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG “Jesus My Everything”

Verse 1

I've been looking for a reason
I've been longing for a purpose
I'm losing all my meaning
I've run out of excuses
Lord it's hard to know You
I don't always see Your plan
But holiness is calling me
So take me as I am

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything

Verse 2

Lord I get so tired of the struggle within
I settle in complacency
And I'm weighed down in my sin
So lead me past emotion
'Cause they change with the wind
I want to be a true disciple
To daily choose Your hand

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything

(repeat line)

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SONG "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

repeat

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

SONG "Thy Word"

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And think I've lost my way
Still, You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

Bridge

Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

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SONG “We Fall Down”

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

repeat song

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S OFFERING - Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We will be gathering supplies to make school kits to be assembled on the ELCA Day of Service in September. During April we are collecting 12 inch rulers that include metric measurements. Your donation will help us purchase specific items needed.

CHILDREN’S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say... Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." 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?" 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. 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." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

SECOND READING *The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL *The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

Luke 24:13-35

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

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG “Lead Me To The Cross”

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss
Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death Now You're risen

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to the cross

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Robin Holt, and Mary Peters. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Jake Hovde. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.*

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILTS

Troy Green, *sponsors: Mary Streightiff, Carol Bruns*
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MISSION MOMENT ON LIVE NATIVITY - Robin Holt

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG “Shepherd Of My Soul”

Chorus

Shepherd of my soul
I give You full control
Wherever You may lead
I will follow
I have made the choice
To listen to Your voice
Wherever You may lead I will go

Verse

Be it in quiet pasture
Or by a gentle stream
The Shepherd of my soul is by my side
Should I face a mighty mountain
Or a valley dark and deep
The Shepherd of my soul
Will be my guide

Chorus

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG “How Great Is Our God”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
repeat

Chorus

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

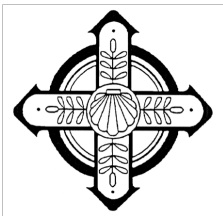
C: Thanks be to God.

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