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The Third Sunday after Easter

April 19, 2026 10:30 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

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.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”* ELW #384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

GREETING

ELW p. 138

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: 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. 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. L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 116

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

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

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

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

¹² How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

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

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

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

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;

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

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

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

¹⁹ **in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. 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. L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ELW p. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

vs 1-4, ELW #619

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Erik Anderson, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Give Thanks"

Insert in Pew

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, - give thanks to the

4 Am B \flat F/A F E \flat

Ho - ly One; - Give thanks — be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, — His

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. Chord symbols are provided below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, - give thanks to the Ho - ly One; - Give thanks — be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, — His'.

8 **1.** Gm⁷/C C⁷ Am/C **2, 3.** Gm⁷/C C⁷ C/B^b **VERSE** Am⁷ Dm⁷ C/D Dm⁷

Son. _____ Give Son. _____ And now let the weak say, "I am

12 Gm⁷ B^b/C C B^b/D C/E Fmaj⁷ Am/E Dm⁷ C/D Dm⁷

strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

16 E^b Last time to Coda **1.** Gm⁷/C C⁷ C/B^b **2.** Gm⁷/C C⁷ Am/C D.S. al Coda

done for _____ us; _____ And us. _____ Give

19 **ENDING** Coda Gm⁷/C C⁷ B^b/C F Fmaj⁷ Gm⁷/F F

us. Give thanks. _____

Offertory Prayer

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Insert in Pew

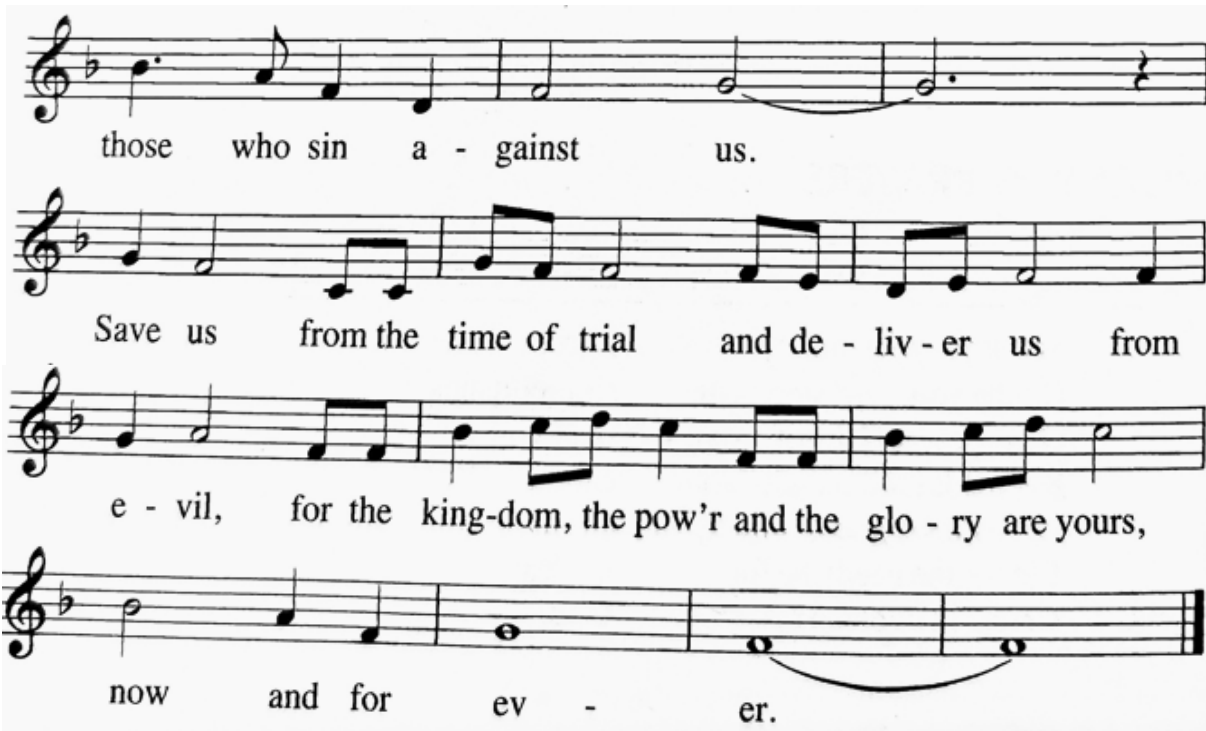
7 **LORD'S PRAYER** David Haas, 1986

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low - ed be your

name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on

earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our

dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give



those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from

e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow' r and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!

2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;

3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

DISMISSAL **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Activities this week: April 20 – April 26

- Monday Newsletter Deadline
 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
- Tuesday Pr. Mandy – Continuing Ed
 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
- Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) Confirmation
- Sunday 9:00 am – (E) Worship
 9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour
 10:30 am – (A) Worship
 11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

Church Announcements

- † A Celebration of Life was held for **Erik J. Anderson** on Friday, April 17th at 2:00 pm at Augustana. Erik passed away on April 8, 2026.
- † Order forms for the **Youth Hanging Basket Fundraiser** were sent in the newsletter and are on the tables next to bulletins. Orders are Due May 1st.
- † **BLESS A CAMPER:** If you are able and want to help our youth go to summer camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, please consider taking an envelope from the posters at East or Augustana. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tricia Anderson at 507-220-8236. Thank you!
- † **Pr. Mandy will be out of the office** on Wednesday, April 21st.
Pr. Mandy will be on vacation Monday, April 27th – Sunday, May 10th.
Deacon Lyla Klee is on call and will be our pulpit supply for May 3rd and 10th.
- † **Noisy offering** is next Sunday, April 26th! Bring in your loose change!
- † **LaSalle Volunteer Fire Department’s Pancake Breakfast** Fundraiser is TODAY, 8:00am-12:30pm at the Village Inn. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
- † **National Volunteer Week** is April 19th – 25th. Thank you to all our volunteers for all you