

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**"Energized by God's Love"**

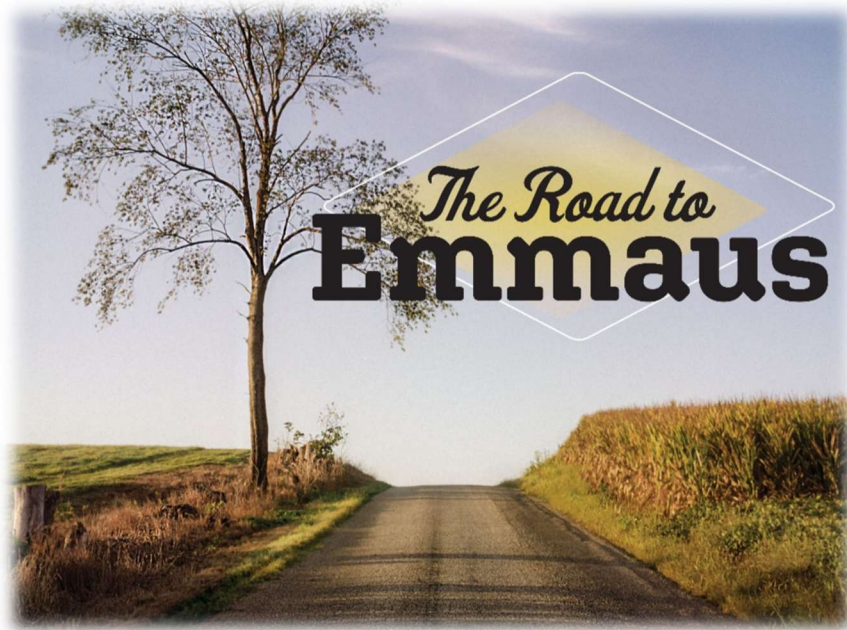
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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Setting IV**  
**April 19, 2026**

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**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty  
in the church office.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

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Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Ethan Tan, Jordan Mandac,  
Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**PRELUDE**

***"THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY"***

**Beth Stauter**

(By Laney Smith)

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

[P] Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

[C] **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

**INVOCATION**

*(music found on page 147)*

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

[C] **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *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.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us*

*pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

**[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**

**[C] Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“The Feast of Victory”*

(music found on page 149)

**[A] This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**[C] 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.*

*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, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**[A] 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.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH GRANT HANNON**

**GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 14a, 36-41**

*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.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: “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.

### **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

**OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary**

**NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary**

*[NT] I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,*

*[OT] for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.*

*[NT] The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.*

*[OT] Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”*

*[NT] How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?*

*[OT] I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.*

*[NT] I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.*

*[OT] Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.*

*[NT] O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.*

*[OT] I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.*

*[NT] I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,*

**[C] in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Hallelujah!**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“WELCOME TO GRACE”**

**St. Luke Choir**

(By Joel Raney & Joseph Martin)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Peter:17-23**

*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.*

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. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct 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 trust and hope are in God.

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. You have been

born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – Luke 24:13-35**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*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.*

Now on that same day two [disciples] 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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE**

**“INVITING JESUS IN”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“DAY OF ARISING”**

**ELW #374**

### **GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

(\*universal)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] Merciful God,

[C] Receive our prayer.

### **PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **TRANSITIONAL PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your

powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

## MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

### The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found on page 146)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

**COMMUNION SONG "BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)" Led by Andy Wadsworth  
(By Chris Tomlin)**

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

*“THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE”*

ELW #391

## BENEDICTION

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**[A] Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

[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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

**[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE:

*“ THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE ”*

**Beth Stauter**

(By David Schack)