

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 19, 2026**



**MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* - Bohemian Brethren

1566

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: #369** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia!”*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen**

**\*GREETING**

**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.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

**☐** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

**☐** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **☐** For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**☐** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



## **\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen**

## **† GOD’S WORD †**

### **FIRST READING**

**ACTS 2:14a, 36-41**

Lay Reader (Pat Haller): A reading from Acts the 2nd chapter.

*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.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

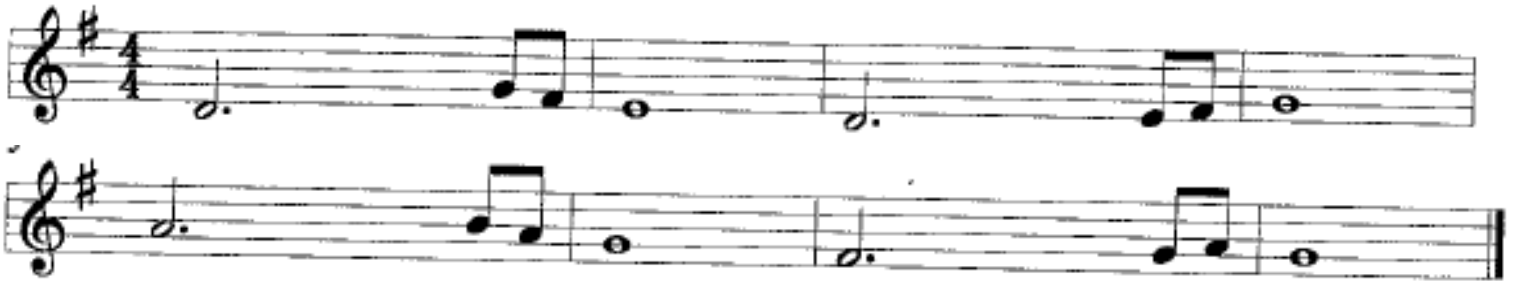
<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# THE PSALMODY

# PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19



*I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)*

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> for the Lord has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.

<sup>3</sup> **The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the  
grave | came upon me;**

**I came to | grief and sorrow.**

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:**

**“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the Lord  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God’s people.**

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O Lord,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

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

<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the Lord.

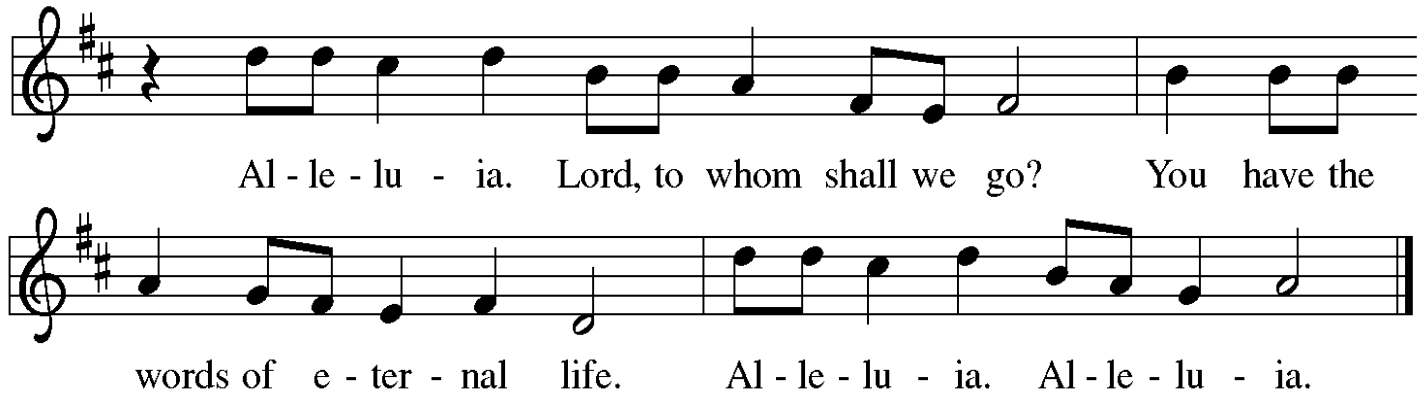
<sup>18</sup> **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God’s people,**

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

# CHILDRENS SERMON

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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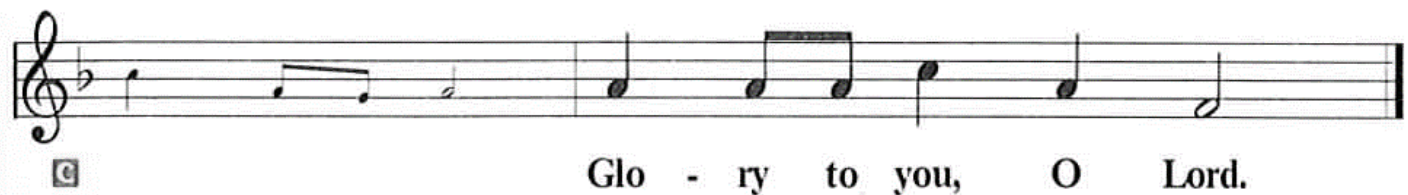


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*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.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came 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 are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?" <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed

him over 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 took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> 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.



**MESSAGE:** *“Walking Bible Study”*

-Pastor Craven

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *“Ain’t That Good News”*

-Moses Hogan

**\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C: 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**† Prayers of Intercession †**

**\*P:** Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**P:** Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**P:** Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick (*especially*). Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**  
*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Eternal Light, we give thanks for (*Olavus Petri, Laurentius Petri and*) all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**C: Amen**

### **\*THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING HYMN:**

*“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

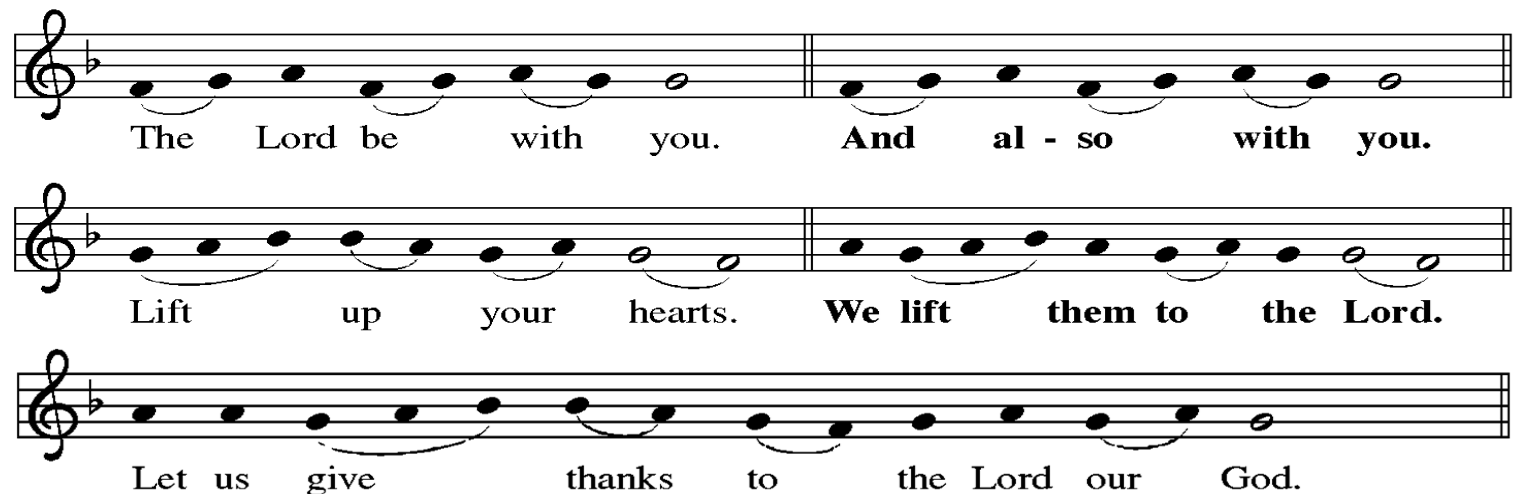
**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**\*THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*THE SANCTUS**



**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **\*TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**All Baptized Christians are welcome for Communion.**

**(If you would like baptized, see Pastor Tim.)**

**We ask parents to bring their non-communing children with them for a blessing. To receive the sacrament wine, take an empty cup from the tray. A grape juice option and gluten free communion wafers provided. If you cannot come to the Chancel, Communion will be taken to you.**

**Please notify an Usher.**

**Those in the parking lot partake of Communion at this time.**

During Communion

**Hymn #697:** *“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”*

**Hymn #773:** *“Precious Lord Take My Hand”*

**Hymn #790:** *“Day By Day”*

**Hymn #616:** *“Jesus Remember Me”*

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210:** *“Blessed Be God”*

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation,  
The spirit of mercy.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen**

**† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †**

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #385**

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”*

# DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

\***POSTLUDE:** “*Crucifixus*”

-Gordon Young

## Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Pat Haller

Communion Assistant: Brittany Hartlove

Psalmist: Choir

Videographer: The Boys

Soundboard: Troy Adair

Ushers: Lowell Yost, Linda Weaver and Alternate Dave Weidman

<b>Weekly Receipts Report as of 04/16/26</b>	
<b>Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot)</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Online Attendance</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>General Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,276.00</b>

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