

# Third Sunday Of Easter



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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

# About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

## Welcome, Visitors!

**Welcome to all visitors and guests.** If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table. **Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

**Children** are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

**Safe Church.** For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

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## Mission of the month:

### Lutheran Campus Ministry & ReconcilingWorks

April is a shared month. The organizations will each receive half of donations. If someone would like to donate specifically to one organization, contact the church office.

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is a young adult ministry at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities that centers the unconditional love of God, and is marked by curiosity, integrity, and a commitment to creating belonging for one another and our neighbors.

ReconcilingWorks is a national organization that, since 1974 has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

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*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.*

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Here, in the waters of God's mercy, we are promised unbelievable grace, peace beyond our knowing, and a call to live by faith, and so we give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The people sing "Take me to the water..." as cued by the cantor as we give thanks.*

Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.

...the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Alleluia!**



\*Opening Hymn

*Hamba Nathi/Come Walk With Us*

Ham - ba na - thi  
Come, walk with us.

Ham - ba na - thi  
Come, walk with us.

Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu  
Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long.

Ham -  
Come,

1  
Ham - ba na - thi  
Come, walk with us.

2  
mku - lu - lu we - thu  
The jour - ney is long.

ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu  
walk with us, the jour - ney is long.

Ham - lu - lu we - thu  
Come, jour - ney is long.

mku -  
The

mku - lu - lu we - thu  
The jour - ney is long.

lu - lu, mku - lu - lu, mku - lu - lu we - thu  
jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long,

mku - lu - lu, mku - lu - lu, mku -  
the jour - ney, the jour - ney, the

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*mku - lu - lu we - thu*  
The jour - ney is long.

*lu - lu we - thu*  
jour - ney is long.

*mku - lu - lu we - thu*  
The jour - ney is long.

*Additional stanzas:*

Come eat with us, and share in our bread.  
Come stay with us, for evening is nigh.

### \*Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Savior 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

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41** (Spark Bible p. 502)

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the people:]

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified to be both Messiah and Sovereign.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Siblings, 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>It was to you and your children that the promise was made, and to all those still far off whom our God calls.” <sup>40</sup>And Peter 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Contemporary Reading

In Acts, we read about how the Apostle Paul quotes contemporary poets in Athens as he spreads the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Paul says: "For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'" (17:28). This Easter season, we draw on contemporary poems as we open our imaginations to the miracle of new life in Christ.

### **Stubborn Ounces**

**Bonaro W. Overstreet**

*(To One Who Doubts the Worth of Doing Anything If You Can't Do Everything)*

You say the Little efforts that I make  
will do no good: they never will prevail  
to tip the hovering scale  
where Justice hangs in balance.

I don't think I ever thought they would.  
But I am prejudiced beyond debate  
in favor of my right to choose which side  
shall feel the stubborn ounces of my weight.

Words of wisdom, words of witness. **Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

### ***I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me***

**TFF 191**

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "I'm so glad Je - sus lift- ed me. I'm so glad". The second staff contains: "Je - sus lift- ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift- ed me.". The third staff contains: "sing- ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.".

### **\*Gospel**

**Luke 24:13-35** (Spark Bible p.488)

The holy gospel according to Luke 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O God.

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 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 Jesus 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 has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Sermon - 5th & 6th Graders**

*After the children’s sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister for children’s church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

### **Sermon**

*There is space for sermon notes on the insert page.*

D Em A D

1..When you heard the si - lence bro - ken in the square  
 2..When the com - mon fab - ric was torn be - fore your eyes  
 3..When you joined with thous - ands stand - ing side by side  
 4..When you dreamed a feast where ev - ery - one was fed

G D A D Em

Tell me was your heart on fire? When you heard the great dream  
 Tell me was your tongue on fire? When you watched the plain truth  
 Tell me was your soul on fire? When you knew you'd win what  
 Tell me was your heart on fire? When you dreamed a ci - ty

A D G Bm A

ring - ing in the air Tell me was your heart on fire? Was your  
 pa - pered o'er with lies Tell me was your tongue on fire? Was your  
 so long was de - nied Tell me was your soul on fire? Was your  
 where all had a bed Tell me was your heart on fire? Was your

D G D G Bm

heart on fire like mine? Was your heart on fire like  
 tongue on fire like mine? Was your tongue on fire like  
 soul on fire like mine? Was your soul on fire like  
 heart on fire like mine? Was your heart on fire like

mine? We gather in the morn-ing to clear the path of peace  
mine? We gather in the sun-shine and speak the truth to power  
mine? We gather at the ta - ble and pass the cup of joy  
mine? We gather in the eve-ning and long - ing is our prayer

We with hearts on fire. We with hearts on fire.  
We with tongues on fire. We with tongues on fire.  
We with souls on fire. We with souls on fire.  
We with hearts on fire. We with hearts on fire.

**\*Prayers of the People**

*All Easter season we will lift up our prayers by sharing with our neighbors. We will taste the sweetness of Christ's resurrection life and trust in God who promises to listen.*

**Blue** - pray for creation

**Purple** - pray for healing for our neighbors and loved ones

**Gold** - pray for food, shelter and the physical needs of our neighbors

**Pink** - pray for places throughout the world where there is suffering

**Silver** - give thanks for the sweet blessings in your life



# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Gathering our Gifts

### *Youth Choir*

*All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: [oursavioursmpls.org](http://oursavioursmpls.org).*

## \*Offertory

### *Everything That We Have*

*Bret Hesla*

Everything that we have,  
Everything that we are.  
Every moment is a blessing from  
above.

It's endless love that we breathe.  
It's endless love that we receive.  
What has freely come,  
we now let freely go.

## \*Offertory Prayer

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*Eucharistic Prayer

*As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:*

*As cued by the pastor, please join in the eucharistic prayer.*

... We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

... We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

... We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

**Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,**

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe**

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

## \*The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

## Healing Prayer at the Font

*During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.*

## Songs During Communion

*This Easter season, we will feature new songs by Bret Hesla and other songwriters. Praise God, who gives us new songs to sing.*

### *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

**ELW 479**

### *Till Everyone's Back Home*

**Bret Hesla**

1. This lull won't bring us peace till ev - ery - one's back home. Till  
2. We face a long re - pair .  
3. Our work will not be done  
4. Our sor - row will re - main

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major, 4/4 time. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (F major) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (F major) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Dm, Gm, C.

ev' - ry fam - ily torn a - part has been made whole.

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5. We'll hold each other up  
till everyone's back home.  
Till ev'ry family torn apart  
has been made whole.

6. Our prayers go marching on  
till everyone's back home.  
Till ev'ry family torn apart  
has been made whole.

## Love, Take a Walk With Me/Amor, acompáñame

Charles Murphy

Sing vs.1 in English, then vs 1. in Spanish, and then the remaining verses in the language of your heart.

5 Love take a walk with me.  
Amor a - com - pá - ña - me.

9 Love take a walk with me.  
Amor a - com - pá - ña - me.

13 Love take a walk with me. Oh,  
Amor a - com - pá - ña - me. Y,

Spirit, guide my feet.  
Espíritu, guía a mis pies.

2. Friends, take a walk with me (3x) Oh, Spirit, guide my feet.

3. Hope, take a walk with me (3x) Oh, Spirit, guide my feet.

4. Grief, take a walk with me (3x) Oh, Spirit, guide my feet.

2. *Amigos, acompáñame (3x) Y Espíritu, guía a mis pies*

3. *Esperanza, acompáñame (3x) Y Espíritu, guía a mis pies*

4. *Pena, acompáñame (3x) Y Espíritu, guía a mis pies*

### \*Blessing

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

### \*Benediction

*This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.*

As you go on your way may Christ go with you

May Christ go before you to show you the way

May Christ go behind you to encourage you

Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over

Within you to give you peace.

## **\*Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

## **Postlude**

*All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.*

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## **Interested in Membership at OSLC?**

Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors in person or via email to share your interest and questions. This year, we will receive new members in late spring or early summer.

Leading up to new member Sunday, get to know OSLC:

**After church on May 3, join a lunch with the pastors, members, and other new folks.** We'll get to know each other, share a little about the congregation, and answer your questions about membership.

**On May 10, our 9am forum will be all about OSLC ministries.** This will be a great time to get to know some of the ministries of the congregation and some of our partners.

**We will pair new members with a 'sponsor,'** a current member who you'll get to know and who will be part of blessing you on new member Sunday.

# Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell & Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Alan Storey
Reader:	1st & 2nd graders
Prayers:	3rd & 4th graders
Children's Sermon	5th & 6th graders
Special Music:	OSLC Youth
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

## This week at OSLC:

### Wednesday, April 22

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Activities

6:30PM-7:30PM Adult Choir

### Saturday, April 25

10AM-Noon Property Work Day

### Sunday, April 26

9AM Adult Forum: Welcoming Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

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to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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