

Welcome to Worship
St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

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To the Glory of God

April Altar Candles, Bulletins, & Newsletters: [*available for signup*](#)

Food Pantry Needs

The **April** requests for the Food Pantry are canned fruits, jellies, and soups. Thank you.

Graduations are upon us

If you have a graduate in your family graduating from high school, trade school, or college, please let the church office know. We would like to recognize them in our May newsletter. See the bulletin insert for information sharing. Thank you so much.

Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN #641**

ALL ARE WELCOME

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. 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.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: 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.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: 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.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

*KYRIE



1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

Leader: 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.

ALL: Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST



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.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in prayer. God who calls us into service,

ALL: Transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

Reader: I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

Reader: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications

ALL: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Reader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

ALL: Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

Reader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

ALL: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Reader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

ALL: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

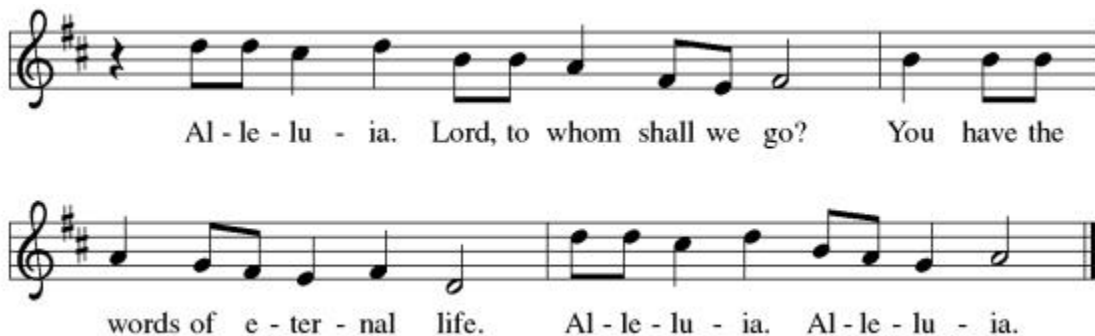
Reader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

ALL: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

SETTING 3 #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 READING**

ACTS 9:1-19A

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Acts chapter 9. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as

he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #655

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

***THE NICENE CREED**

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: As we gather in this third week of Easter, we celebrate the victory of our risen Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death. In this season of renewal and hope, let us bring our prayers and petitions before God, trusting in His boundless mercy and love.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL:** hear our prayer.

We pray for Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Ruth, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Dan, Heather, Howard, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Sue, Carol, David, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Eric, Lisa, Kris, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Josh, Linda, and Ellery.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshipping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: We are here together in the spirit of unity and purpose. As we give our tithes and offerings let us acknowledge the greatest gift from God and to give as we have received.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Generous God,

ALL: you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our tithes and offerings that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

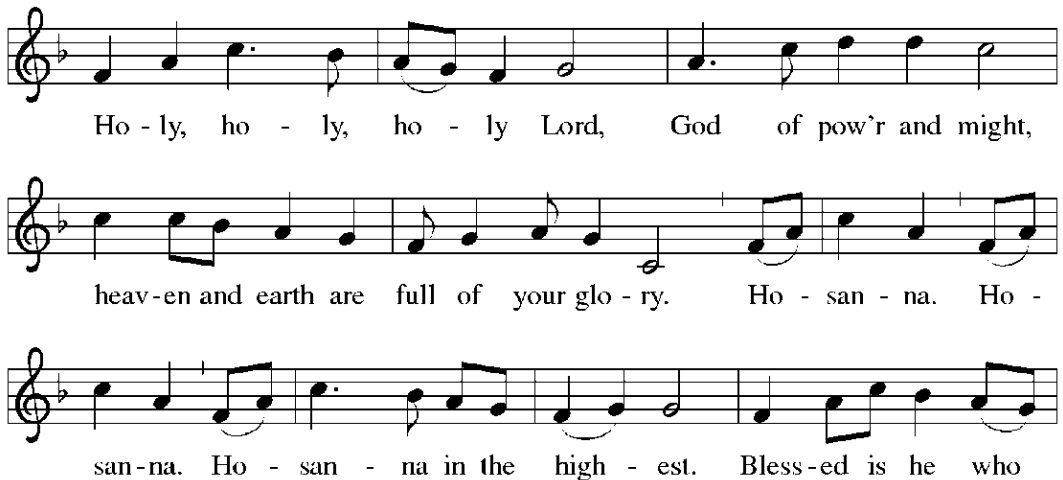
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL:** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord of God. **ALL:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: 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, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer. Holy One,

ALL: 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,

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #376

THINE IS THE GLORY

(VERSE 1)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
Refrain
where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

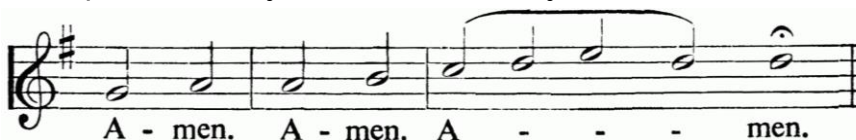
*BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

*The Amen



*SENDING HYMN #705

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the “hunger bowls” on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** our church family, our fellowship, and all of God's gifts in this place and time. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ned Slughterbeck, Lorraine Ferguson, Pat Wheeler, Rut Heilman, Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

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**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** **Mwanawotta Lutheran Church**, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the **ELCA** (**E**vangeli**C**al **L**utheran **C**hurch in **A**merica), our presiding **Bishop Yehiel Curry**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the **NWOS** (**N**orth**w**estern **O**hio **S**ynod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our **15 Central Conference** congregations.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Saul] asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

—Acts 9:5

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*A couple of questions to ask as you read: What happens to Saul (Paul) in each of these stories? Where do you see yourself in these stories?*

|           |                 |                                |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Acts 9:1-19a    | Saul's Conversion              |
| Monday    | Acts 9:19b-25   | Saul Begins to Preach          |
| Tuesday   | Acts 9:26-31    | Saul Comes to Jerusalem        |
| Wednesday | Acts 13:1-12    | Barnabas and Saul Commissioned |
| Thursday  | Acts 15:1-21    | The Council of Jerusalem       |
| Friday    | Acts 15:36–16:5 | Timothy Joins Paul             |
| Saturday  | Acts 16:11-15   | Conversion of Lydia            |
| Sunday    | Acts 16:16-34   | Paul and Silas in Prison       |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Call your local services for people with visual impairments, and ask what kind of donations they need. Donate one item (clothing, reading glasses, food) or some money.

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