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Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him.*

—Luke 24:30-31



3rd Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, and throughout the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 903 – *"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

First Lesson – Luke 24:13-34

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” 19 And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were

hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Easter Acclamation

P: The Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Thus it is written, that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

C: And that repentance and forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in His name to all nations.

P: I am always aware of the Lord's presence.

C: He is near and nothing can shake my hope.

P: The stone that was rejected by the builders:

C: Has become the cornerstone.

P: The Lord has turned my sadness into a joyful dance.

C: The Lord has taken away sorrow and surrounded me with joy.

P: He is near, and nothing can shake my hope.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

P: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever!

C: The Lord is risen indeed!

Second Lesson – 1 Peter 1:17-21

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a church service. It consists of four staves of music in a single treble clef. The first staff is a melodic line for the word 'Alleluia'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'These words are written that we may believe that'. The third staff continues the lyrics 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff is another melodic line for 'Alleluia'. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Confession of Faith – Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty. From there 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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 811 – *"In Thee Is Gladness"*

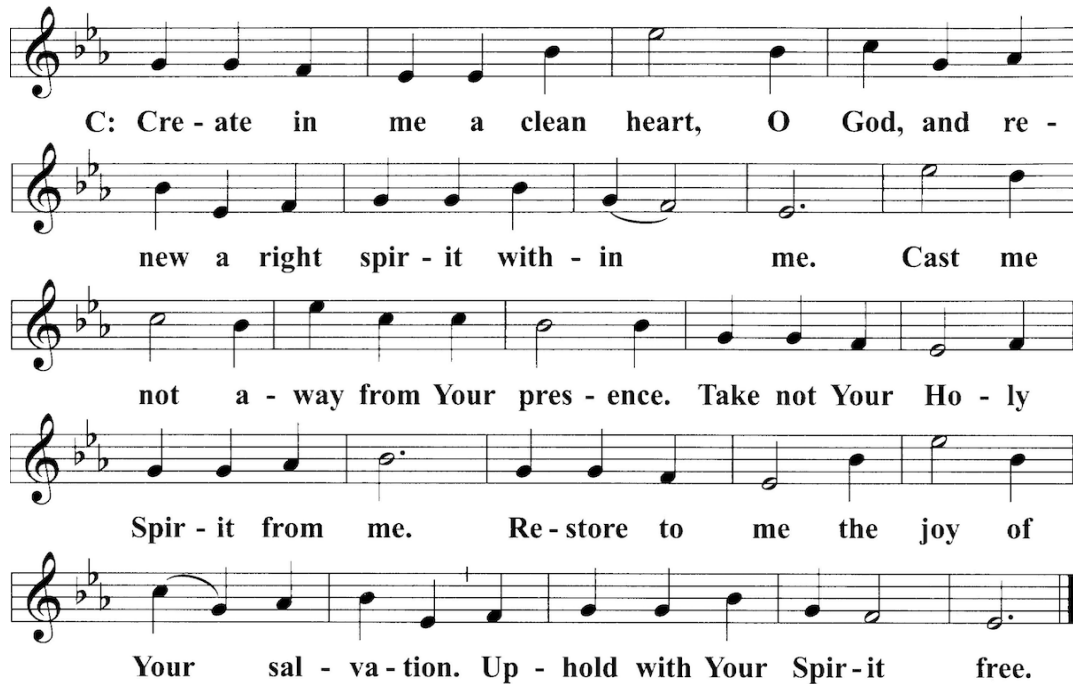
Sermon, based on Acts 2:14, 36-47

There's No Power Shortage with the Risen Christ!

1. He uses His unlimited power to save the lost.
2. He energizes the saved for service in His kingdom.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. | 36 “Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Offertory



C: 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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

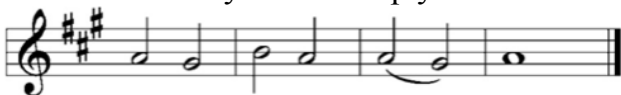
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 611 – *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C: 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

WS 730 – *"Now, Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful"*

This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/19)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sat	8:00 am	Spring Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Today (4/26)	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

Extended Calendar

- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21 (hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne)
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival: Sunday, June 14, 2:00 pm (hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland).
- 37th CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thurs-Sun, June 25-28

Prayer Needs: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Ruth Greening, Mark Hartmeister, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, Jerry Wamboldt, and Julie Ann Zamora.

St. Paul Directory Update: Jerry Wamboldt, Lakeside Post Acute, 6270 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Tour Choir Donations: St. Paul parishioners are invited to share a donation to offset travel costs for the ILC Tour Choir. To do so, you may use your St. Paul offering envelop with "Tour Choir" written in "other synod purpose" blank. Or you place a donation in the collection plate using a regular envelope earmarked for the Tour Choir. Thank you.

Synod News & Notes

- ◆ The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, to ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel.
- ◆ The women of Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE invite you to the CLC Women's Retreat-West this September in Oacoma (Chamberlain), SD! We're holding it at the beautiful Arrowood Cedar Shore Resort, overlooking the Missouri River. Registration is now open in both digital (<https://tinyurl.com/WR-West2026>) and paper formats (available from Pastor). More information is also available at <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net> and in the CLC Ladies Facebook group. We hope to see you this fall!

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 20-25

Mon John 10:11-16 The Jesus who rose Easter morning is the Jesus who said, “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (v11). This is our Shepherd and Savior! Hallelujah!

Tues 1 Peter 2:21-25 Jesus, our Savior, suffered insult, agony, and death on the cross because our sins were laid on Him. He bore this willingly to return us to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

Wed Ezekiel 34:11-16 Already in the Old Testament the Lord describes Himself as a shepherd. He searches for His flock, gathers and brings them out, leads them to good pasture, heals and protects them.

Thurs Psalm 23 With the Lord as our Shepherd, we lack nothing. He provides spiritual food that sustains our life forever. He protects us in evil days, showers us with blessings and welcomes us into His house.

Fri Psalm 70 As sheep look to their shepherd in the face of harm and danger, so we with David say: “I am oppressed and poor. God, hurry to me. You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay” (v5).

Sat Hebrews 13:20-21 May God, who brought our great Shepherd back from the dead, equip us with everything we need to glorify the name of Jesus Christ, who won for us peace with God and eternal life.

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