



# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Two*

*Standing in the Shadow of the Cross*

Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday April 19, 2026



Processional Hymn: LSB # 420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living” vs 1-4

1. Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee, bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;  
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;  
yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround thee, treating thee with cruel scorn,  
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne  
that as thine thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Greeting and Announcements:

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

***The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.***

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Ps. 133; antiphon: Ps. 133:1*

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is,  
**C** when brothers dwell in unity!  
**P** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
**C** running down on the collar of his robes!  
**P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
**C** **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
**C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**

## This is the Feast

*Refrain*

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

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Please be seated**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

**C** Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-25

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Special Music - Praise Choir “This Is Your House “

### ***Please Stand***

#### Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew 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 is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us

while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"<sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,<sup>34</sup> 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 he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Please be seated***

Sermon Hymn: LSB # 761 "Rock of Ages"

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Sermon: "The Resurrection: What Difference Does it Make?"

Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35

Special Music- Praise Choir "The Storm Is Passing Over"

***Please stand***

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

***Please be seated.***

Offering

Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

**☞** Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray  
**(The congregation sings the following before and after the prayers:)**

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**☞ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**☞** You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers