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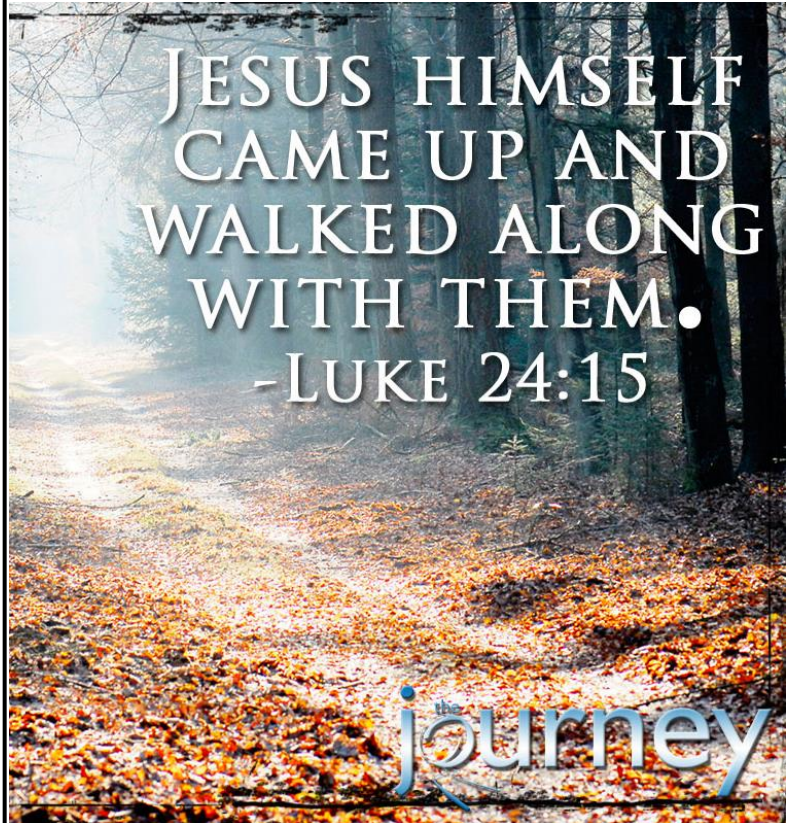
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*“Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ”*

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10:45 AM



EASTER LIGHT—GLADSOME LIGHT

AS WE GATHER

The wearing of camouflage-patterned clothing is not limited to military personnel and hunters these days. It can be seen in many forms on the clothing of people of all ages in a variety of settings. The English word *camouflage* is a direct borrowing from the French word meaning, “to veil, disguise,” which, in turn, is derived from the two Italian words meaning “head” and “to muffle.” Seeing things that are camouflaged or hidden may take special effort, especially when it is creatures in nature that are using camouflage to blend in with their settings. In our worship, we are most blessed in seeing our Lord present in the Sacrament, hidden under the forms of bread and wine. One communion hymn begins, “Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be” (*LSB* 640:1). The hiddenness of Jesus was experienced by two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Ultimately, their eyes were opened and they beheld the risen Savior. Today in our worship, we seek to see Him as He chooses to be known to us.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13*

Leader Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Congregation **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Congregation **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**

Leader I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

Congregation **For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Ending

O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

Congregation **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

Congregation **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have

been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Congregation **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

Congregation **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

Congregation **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

Leader May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

Congregation **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now 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?” ³⁸And 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. ³⁹For 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.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 116:1–14*

Congregation **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Left Side *Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

Right Side *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

Congregation Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Left Side The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

Congregation Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Right Side For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

Congregation I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Left Side I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";

Right Side I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

Congregation What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? 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.

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.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25*

¹⁷If 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, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who 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.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:13–35*

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

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE –

Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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SERMON

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Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter victory of Jesus Christ be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the nations of the world, that the governments of all nations be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms be hindered. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for ourselves in this season of our Lord's great victory that we truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and other emergency personnel. We also remember the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized [*including . . .*], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and those homebound. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they have a sense of victory in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Leader Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this day we remember those no longer among us on earth who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory

in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table and in Your mansions. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

Nothing But The Blood (Plainfield)

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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Grace

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour

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BENEDICTION

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation **Amen.**

Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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