

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

PRELUDE

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Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

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

the Kinnickinnic River and the St. Croix River, Bushnell Lake and Pine Lake.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #377 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
 telling the story to open our eyes;
 breaking our bread, giving us glory:
 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **To Refrain**
- 3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
 life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
 gift of the future now flowing to me. **To Refrain**
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
 death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
 Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **To Refrain**
- 5 City of God, Easter forever,
 golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 river of life, saints and archangels,
 sing with creation to God the I AM! **To Refrain**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
 and listened to my supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
 I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I re-pay the LORD
 for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE TFF #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, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love
he has shown us by his life that he is love.
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.

He gives faith, He gives faith,
He is risen from the dead and He gives faith;
Ev'ry mind and heart, open to the Lord
For Jesus Christ gives faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples
in the breaking of bread. Open our eyes with faith, that we may see him
in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #388 "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
 Christ is risen, alleluia!
 Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
 Christ is risen, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY ELW #480 "O Bread of Life From Heaven"

- 1 O bread of life from heaven,
 O food to pilgrims given,
 O manna from above:
 feed with the blessed sweetness
 of your divine completeness
 the souls that want and need your love.
- 2 O fount of grace redeeming,
 O river ever streaming
 from Jesus' wounded side:
 come now, your love bestowing
 on thirsting souls, and flowing
 till all are fully satisfied.
- 3 We love you, Jesus, tender,
 in all your hidden splendor
 within these means of grace.
 Oh, let the veil be riven,
 and our clear eye in heaven
 behold your glory face to face.

NICENE CREED

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, 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #692 "We Are an Offering"

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor,
gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us,
a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God,

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & SONG ELW #491 "Come, Let Us Eat"

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
(Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)

come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)

in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (*Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,*)

rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One, **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, Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #376 “Thine Is The Glory”

- 1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

***Refrain:* Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! ***To Refrain***

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. ***To Refrain***

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!