



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling
worship.**

**Serve God's people, both within our
congregation and without.**

**Learn about the Lord's will for us
through sharing and teaching.**

**Connect within our membership and
reach out to connect with others.**

Witnesses to the Resurrection

"Jesus Opens Eyes, and Our Hearts Burn with Fire"

April 23, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Jesus encountered two of his followers on the road to Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem. He walked and talked with them, gifting them with a greater understanding of the Scriptures. Still, they did not recognize that it was Jesus until they invited him into their home and broke bread with him. Upon reflection, they realized that their hearts burned within themselves as he spoke to them. When have we encountered Jesus, not known it at the time, but looking back realized that our hearts burned with zeal when it was happening?"

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“This Joyful Eastertide”

David Polley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(Please stand as you are able.)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

ELW 377

- 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. *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. *Refrain*

THE GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our 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.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: In Jesus's name, we:

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,
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Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and
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(Please be seated.)

MISSION MOMENT *"A Burning Desire to Witness"* The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"* Cruger/Behnke
Flutists: Kelly Newell and Lisa Wade

Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid, where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light, our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted, when Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory
He who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens, what peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens, the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son, in love for me has won.
Awake, my heart, with gladness.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

Kelly Biebelhausen

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A: The first reading is from the book of Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

A: The second reading is from the book of Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

⁶Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all of the dough? ⁷Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch of dough, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

VERSE – from “*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*”



GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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 took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus
“Jesus Opens Eyes, and Our Hearts Burn with Fire”

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day of Arising”

ELW 374

- 1 Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
- 2 When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.
- 3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
- 4 Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Kelly Biebelhausen

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Tender God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

What is the Sharing of the Peace?

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

How Do We Share the Peace?

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

STEWARDSHIP READING

Proverbs 28:6

Better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be crooked in one's ways even though rich.

OFFERING

"Allegro" from Concerto in A Major

John Stanley

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus's name. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW 674

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Risen One in love.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Kristina Langlois

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream service possible.*

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

People can worship with us on Sundays in person at 9:00 a.m. with a traditional style or 11:15 a.m. with a contemporary style. Also, the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services are livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages, and recordings are available once worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 a.m. in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word is spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

April 2	Lori Calbeck / Janet Gehrke / Wayne Geik / Louise Green / Laura Hall / Bob Hoffman / Ann Hussar
April 9	Louise Green
April 16	Gwen Fitzgerald
April 23	Kelly Biebelhausen
April 30	Lori Calbeck

PowerPoint

April 2	Nancy Geik
April 9	Tim Jehowski
April 16	Karen Brant
April 23	Chuck Biebelhausen
April 30	Gwen Fitzgerald

Ushers

April 2	Tim Jehowski / Chuck Benson
April 9	Tim Jehowski / Gino Salciccioli
April 16	Tim Jehowski / Chuck Benson
April 23	Tim Jehowski / Luke Hall
April 30	Tim Jehowski / Luke Hall

Communion Assistants

April 2	A. Hussar/K & M Lewis
April 9	S. Siems/M. Turowski/J. Wilson
April 16	A. Venola/C. Gonda/A. Bazil
April 23	S. Beck/G. Fitzgerald/C. Gonda
April 30	K & C Biebelhausen/L. Calbeck

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