

*Easter Series*

# WHERE IS JESUS?

April 26

8:30 & 11:00

Jesus  
in our  
Heart



## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

### *Prelude & Entrance Hymn*

[Tune: ELW 771]

1. Who are you who walk in sorrow  
down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,  
bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you,  
we who also mourn our dead.  
We have stood by graves unyielding,  
eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
2. Who is this who joins our journey,  
walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown stranger, can you fathom  
depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told you  
how our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then you opened wide the Scriptures  
till our hearts within us burned!
3. Who are you? Our hearts are  
opened  
in the breaking of the bread —  
Christ the victim, now the victor  
living, risen from the dead!
4. Who are we who travel with you  
on our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font you claim and name us,  
born of water and the Word.  
At the table still you feed us,  
host us as our Risen Lord!
5. "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
Is the Easter hymn we sing!  
Take our life, our joy, our worship  
as the gift of love we bring.  
You have formed us all one people  
called from ev'ry land and race.  
Make your church your servant  
Body,  
sent to share your healing grace!

## *Easter Greeting*

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

**C: Amen!**

*A: Christ is risen!*

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Amen.**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Gracious God, in this Easter season we give you thanks for your faithfulness to your promise to raise your Son from death to bring us hope and new life. As we come now to know his presence in the hearing of the Word, the gathering around the table and the fellowship of our community, do not leave us wondering about His presence in our lives. Renew in us the Spirit, that we will boldly bring His life and hope to all as He commands. In His name we pray. Amen.**

## *First Lesson*

*Acts 2:14, 22-32*

*On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples received the Holy Spirit like tongues of flame and they spoke in many languages, Peter stood up with the other eleven disciples and raised his voice to the gathered crowd and said: "Fellow Israelites, hear our words! Jesus, the Nazarene, a man who was shown to have come to you from God because you saw the powers, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you . . . this same Jesus, God raised up! All of us are witnesses to that! So, since Jesus is now exalted at the right hand of God, and since he has received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, Jesus has poured out this Spirit that you are seeing and hearing right now! For even though David did not ascend into the heavens, he still said,*

*'The Lord said to my Lord,*

*"Sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your enemies your footstool." ' [Ps 110:1]*

Certainly, then, let all the house of Israel know that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, the one you crucified."

But as they heard this message from Peter, those in the crowd cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

So, Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized each one of you in the of the name of Jesus Christ for the liberation from sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

*Psalm*

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1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joi - ce be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

## *Second Lesson*

*Luke 6: 43-49*

Jesus concluded his famous Sermon on the Plain by saying, "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person, out of the good treasure of the heart, produces good, and the evil person, out of evil treasure of the heart, produces evil, for it is from what is abounding in the heart that the mouth speaks.

Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. They are like someone building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock, then, when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears my words and does not act on them is like someone who built a house without a foundation. Then, when the river burst against it, this house immediately collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house!"

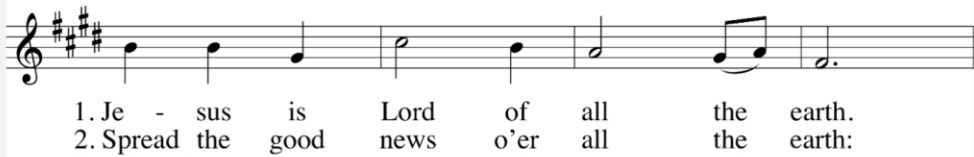
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## *Children's Sermon*

### *Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:



He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

D.C.

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## *Gospel*

*Luke 24*

And behold, on the same day that the women had gone to the tomb and found it empty, two other followers of Jesus left Jerusalem headed for the town of Emmaus. They discussed the incredible convergence of events that was happening. While they were discussing this, Jesus came and walked along with them. However, the two followers did not know it was Jesus who had joined them because God kept their eyes from recognizing that it was him.

But Jesus said to them, "What topic are you debating as you walk along?"

This question stopped the two followers in their tracks, and they stood there looking very sad.

The follower named Cleopas, said, "Really? You must be the only visitor to Jerusalem who is not aware of what has been happening here!

Jesus asked, "What are you talking about?"

So, they said, "Everything that has happened with Jesus, the Nazarene. In the opinion of God and all the people this Jesus had become a prophet powerful works and words. So much so that our chief priests and other leaders handed him over to the judgment of death and crucified him. However, we hoped that he was the one getting ready to redeem Israel. And besides all this, it is now the third day since that all happened to him, and some women of our group got us all excited when they came back from

his tomb early this morning because they were speaking about how they did not find his body, but, instead, that they saw a vision of angels who were saying 'he lives!' Some of Jesus' other followers who were there with us went to the tomb and found it just like the women had described it, but they did not see Jesus." Jesus then said them, "Oh, how confoundedly slow the heart is to gain faith from anything that the prophets have said! Wasn't it an essential part of God's plan that the Christ should undergo these things that happened and then, after them, enter into his glory?" And beginning from Moses and going through all the prophets, Jesus revealed to them what the scriptures said about himself.

Then, as the three of them got close to the town to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he had no intention of stopping there. But the other two tried hard to persuade him to stop, saying, "The sun is setting, and it will soon be dark, so, stay with us."

And Jesus went into town to stay with them. He even went to dinner with them. At dinner Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to the other two. However, in doing this the eyes of the other two were opened and they recognized who he was in the same instant that he became invisible to them.

The two followers said to each other, "Weren't our hearts set on fire while he talked to us along the way - as he made it possible for us understand the scriptures?!?"

Even though it was now dark, they headed back to Jerusalem.

There they found the eleven apostles gathered together with some of the other followers of Jesus.

All of them were saying, "It is true! The Lord has been raised! Simon has seen him!"

Then the two who had returned from Emmaus told the whole group what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been revealed to them in the breaking of the bread.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord!*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Sermon*

# Hymn of the Day

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1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## *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 and the Son, 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.

## *The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace*

### *Offertory*

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

### *Offertory Prayer*

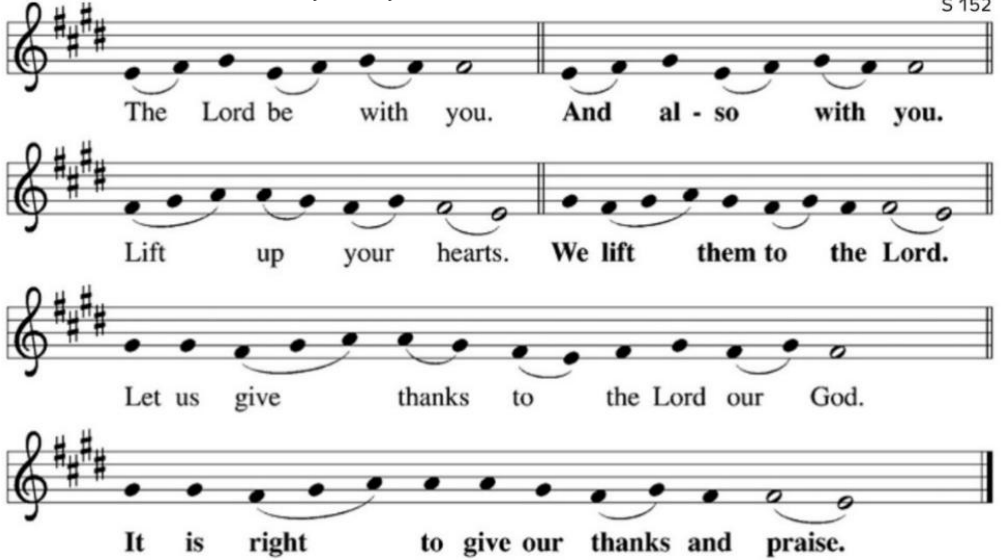
*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and**

us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving*

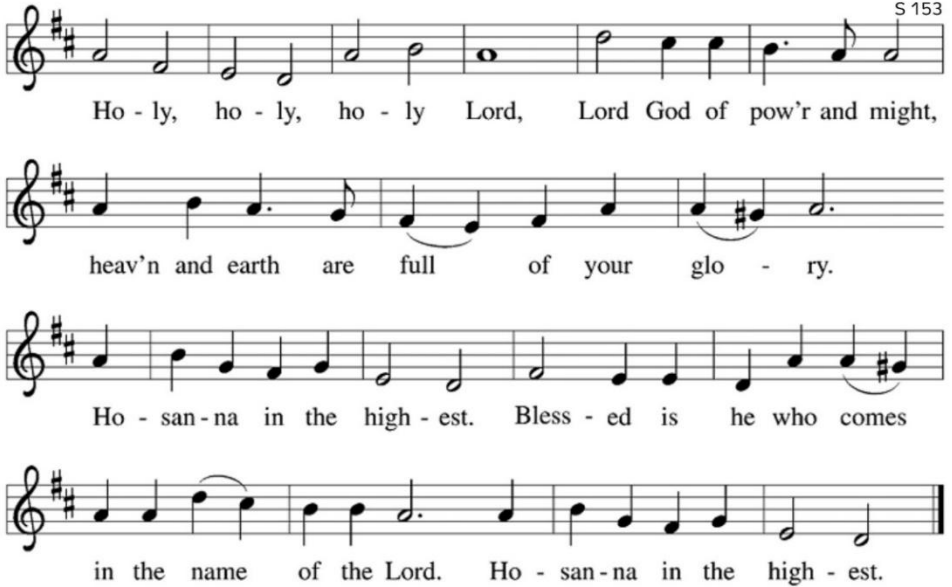
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

# The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

366, 361, 392

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes five lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the music.

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes five lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the music.

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The final system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in,  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## Post Communion Prayer & Benediction

### Recessional

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has  
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the ho - ly  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to

voic - es raise. Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to  
 met de - feat. See the an - cient powers of e - vil in con -  
 har - vest yield, which will all its full a - bun - dance at his  
 God on high; al - le - lu - ia! to the Sav - ior, who has

God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a vic - tim  
 fu - sion and re - treat. Once he died and once was bur - ied;  
 sec - ond com - ing yield. Then the gold - en ears of har - vest  
 won the vic - to - ry; al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it,

Em D Em B C B

for the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus Christ, the  
 now he lives for - ev - er - more— Je - sus Christ, the  
 will their heads be - fore him wave, rip - ened by his  
 fount of love and sanc - ti - ty; al - le - lu - ia,

Em G D7 3 G B7 Em

King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
 glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 al - le - lu - ia! to the tri - une Maj - es - ty.

*Dismissal*

*A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!*

**C: Thanks be to God!**



**Sunday, April 26**

- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Swanson farewell luncheon in

the fellowship hall - all are welcome!

**Monday, April 27**

- 7:30 p.m. Confirmands attend Church Council Meeting
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**Tuesday, April 28**

- 6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite - w/ Pastor Chris
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

**Wednesday, April 29**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

**Sunday, May 3**

*Scout Sunday*

*Name Tag Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Congregational Breakfast hosted by Troop 174 – all are welcome!

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Regular Worship Service



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**SCOUT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Troop 174 will be assisting in worship during the 8:30 a.m. service. All scouts are encouraged to wear your uniform to church!

The Troop welcomes everyone to breakfast following the 8:30 a.m. service in the fellowship hall

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