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**North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

**North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District**

*Bringing Joy to the  
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.

*COME SHARE THE JOY!*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

**APRIL 19, 2026**



### **Our Members, Guests and Visitors**

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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### **Prelude**

*You may use this time to prepare you heart for worship*

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Music & Worship Team Meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm.
- Blaine Davis is leading our Worship next Sunday, April 26th at 10:30 am
- Youth Sunday School is winding down. Remaining dates are April 26th; and May 17th & 24th. The Youth will celebrate the upcoming summer break with a trip to Shenanigans on May 24th.
- Ladies Bunco Night is Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and \$5 to play; Bobbie Chubbs, the hostess, is providing a dessert.
- Men's Gathering at Pastor Martin's home (903 Windham Dr., Rockwall) on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m.
- Family Movie Night & Pizza Party scheduled for Friday, May 1st at 6:45 pm.
- A potluck luncheon is scheduled after service on Sunday, May 17th.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL ~ “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME” (Red P. 414)

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name** **414**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross † may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.*

Pastor (P): "In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**Congregation (C): Amen**

(P): "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord." **(C): Amen.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

**(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(P): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**(C): Amen**

## 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.**

KYRIE ~ (Red, P. 147)

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."  
(C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"**

*CRESCENDO MODERATO*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*All*

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

(P): O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**(C): Amen**

*Please be seated*

### HOLY WORD

*(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)*

**FIRST READING:**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<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.

(R): The Word of the Lord

**(C): Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSIVE READING**  
Psalm 116:1-12

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;\***  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:\*

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

<sup>4</sup>**Gracious is the LORD and righteous;\***  
**our God is full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent;\*

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup>**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \***  
**for the LORD has treated you well.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup>**I will walk in the presence of the LORD \***  
**in the land of the living.**

<sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.”\*  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

**10How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

**11I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

**12I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>17</sup>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..

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple: Let all the earth keep  
si - lence be - fore Him; Keep si - lence, keep si - lence, Keep si - lence be - fore Him.

*p* *Rall.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part and a grand staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *Rall.* (rallentando).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles 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): The Gospel of the Lord.  
(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### HOMILY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### BURNING HEARTS AND BROKEN BREAD

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN" (Red 494)**

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494**

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

*Please Remain Standing*

## APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

**(C): I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): The peace of the Lord be with you always. **(C): And also with you.**

(P): Let us share God's peace with one another.

*Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]*

## GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar, we will sing the Offertory Response*

*Please stand.*

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

(C): Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain standing*

THE HOLY MEAL  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. (C): And also with you.

(P): Lift up your hearts. (C): We lift them up to the Lord.

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

### SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

*Please remain standing.*

### HOLY MEAL

*(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(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.'

(P): 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.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

**(C): Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(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*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

*Please stand*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

**(C): Amen**

*Please remain standing*

## SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

## BLESSING

(P): 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.

(C): Amen

**SENDING HYMN ~ JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"** (Red 697) (Sing Refrain first, then sing refrain after each verse)

697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes a refrain and three verses. The second system includes the continuation of the refrain and the end of the verses. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

**DISMISSAL**

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:**

Greeter:	Inez Roach
Ushers:	Dennis & Bobbie Chubbs
Altar Care:	Sharon Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Denise Moore
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Matthew Chubbs & Reilly Mahoney
Music Monitor:	Rhonda White
Facebook Live:	Collin McCrillis
Hospitality:	Carol Agee
Offering Count Team:	Denise Moore & Inez Roach
Altar Flowers:	Frances Sanford

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