

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 20th - 25th, 2026

Mon John 10:11-16 The Jesus who rose Easter morning is the Jesus who said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (v11). This is our Shepherd and Savior! Hallelujah!

Tues 1 Peter 2:21-25 Jesus, our Savior, suffered insult, agony, and death on the cross because our sins were laid on Him. He bore this willingly to return us to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

Wed Ezekiel 34:11-16 Already in the Old Testament the Lord describes Himself as a shepherd. He searches for His flock, gathers and brings them out, leads them to good pasture, heals and protects them.

Thurs Psalm 23 With the Lord as our Shepherd, we lack nothing. He provides spiritual food that sustains our life forever. He protects us in evil days, showers us with blessings and welcomes us into His house.

Fri Psalm 70 As sheep look to their shepherd in the face of harm and danger, so we with David say: "I am oppressed and poor. God, hurry to me. You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay" (v5).

Sat Hebrews 13:20-21 May God, who brought our great Shepherd back from the dead, equip us with everything we need to glorify the name of Jesus Christ, who won for us peace with God and eternal life.

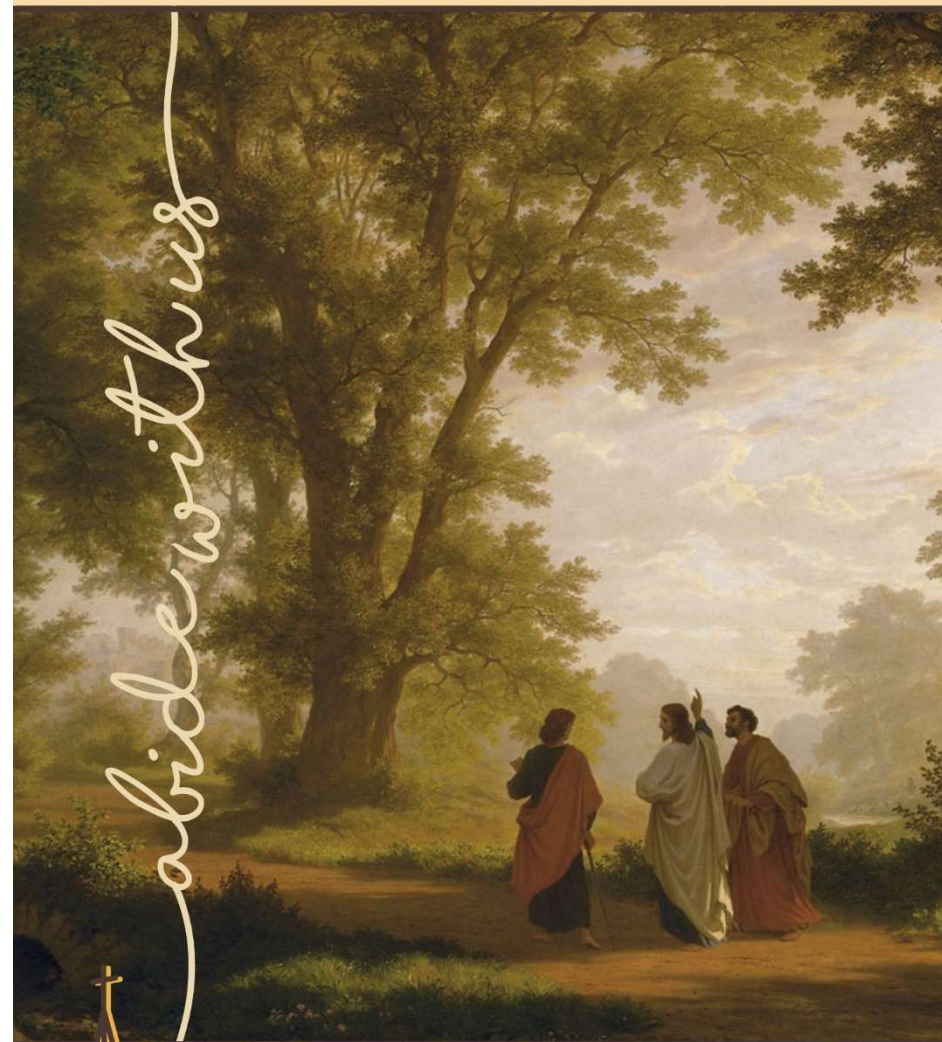
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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 12

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #197:1-2,4-5

“Where Wilt Thou Go”

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

C Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for “Lord, Have Mercy” and “Glory be to the Father”



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Voters’ Meeting Today – After the potluck, the Voters of St. John’s are invited and encouraged to attend our quarterly voters’ meeting.

Thank you! The Naumann family in Mankato, MN recently dropped off 103 pounds of pop tabs at the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis, MN. That comes out to around 130,501 pop tabs! Laid end to end that would be just over 2 miles of pop tabs! “We will keep collecting so, if you like, please keep sending those pop tabs our way! Thank you!”

Pastor Tom Naumann Installation – Pastor Naumann will be installed at Grace Lutheran in Fridley next Sunday afternoon. If anyone plans to attend, please let pastor know today so that he can send a headcount to the congregation.

CLC Women’s Retreat West – The women of Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE invite you to the CLC Women’s Retreat-West this September in Oacoma (Chamberlain), SD! We’re holding it at the beautiful Arrowood Cedar Shore Resort, overlooking the Missouri River. Registration is now open in both digital (<https://ti-nyurl.com/WR-West2026>) and paper formats (available from Pastor). More information is also available at <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net> and in the CLC Ladies Facebook group. We hope to see you this fall!

CLC Call News – The Call Committee for Graduates has **extended** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Education Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Ushers	4/19	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	4/26	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	5/3	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – The Boernsens (wk. 3)	
	Up Next – Lueck, Liepold	

his glory?"²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹ 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.³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³² 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?"³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

"The Lord Has Risen Indeed"

The Offertory

C ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: WS #733

"This Joyful Eastertide"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #552:1, 5-8

"Abide With Me"

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them. . . .³⁶ Let all

the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."³⁷ 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?"³⁸ 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."³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



1 Peter 1:17-25

And 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, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ 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. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

G **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He**

descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #194

"Abide with Us, the Day is Waning"



Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into