

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 19, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: The 50-day Easter season (Eastertide) lasts from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, celebrating Jesus' resurrection, his post-resurrection appearances for forty days, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. It serves as a time for new believers and committed Christians to deepen their understanding of faith, discipleship, and the mission of the Church.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Easter Proclamation:** Alleluia! Christ is risen! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

***Opening Song (Stand) #** "Living Hope" *Worship Team*

***Opening Prayer (Stand):**

Song of Faith # 173 "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" *ST. AGNES*

Confession & Assurance of Pardon[±]: Hear the gospel of salvation anew: you have been ransomed from futility with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or flaw. He was destined before the foundation of the world, and revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Therefore, let us say with the psalmist, "**I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore, I will call on him as long as I live.**" Let us also lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; let us pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. For he has loosed our bonds and set us free for eternal life and everlasting love. *Thanks be to God!*

Alleluia "Alleluia" *ALLELUIA*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Nancy Lindberg

The First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** Luke 24:13-35

***Responsorial (Stand) # 426** "Open Our Eyes Lord" *OPEN OUR EYES*

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements, Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Jesus said, "freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

Offertory

***The Doxology # 668** "Doxology" *OLD HUNDREDTH*

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) #** "Resurrecting" *Worship Team*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

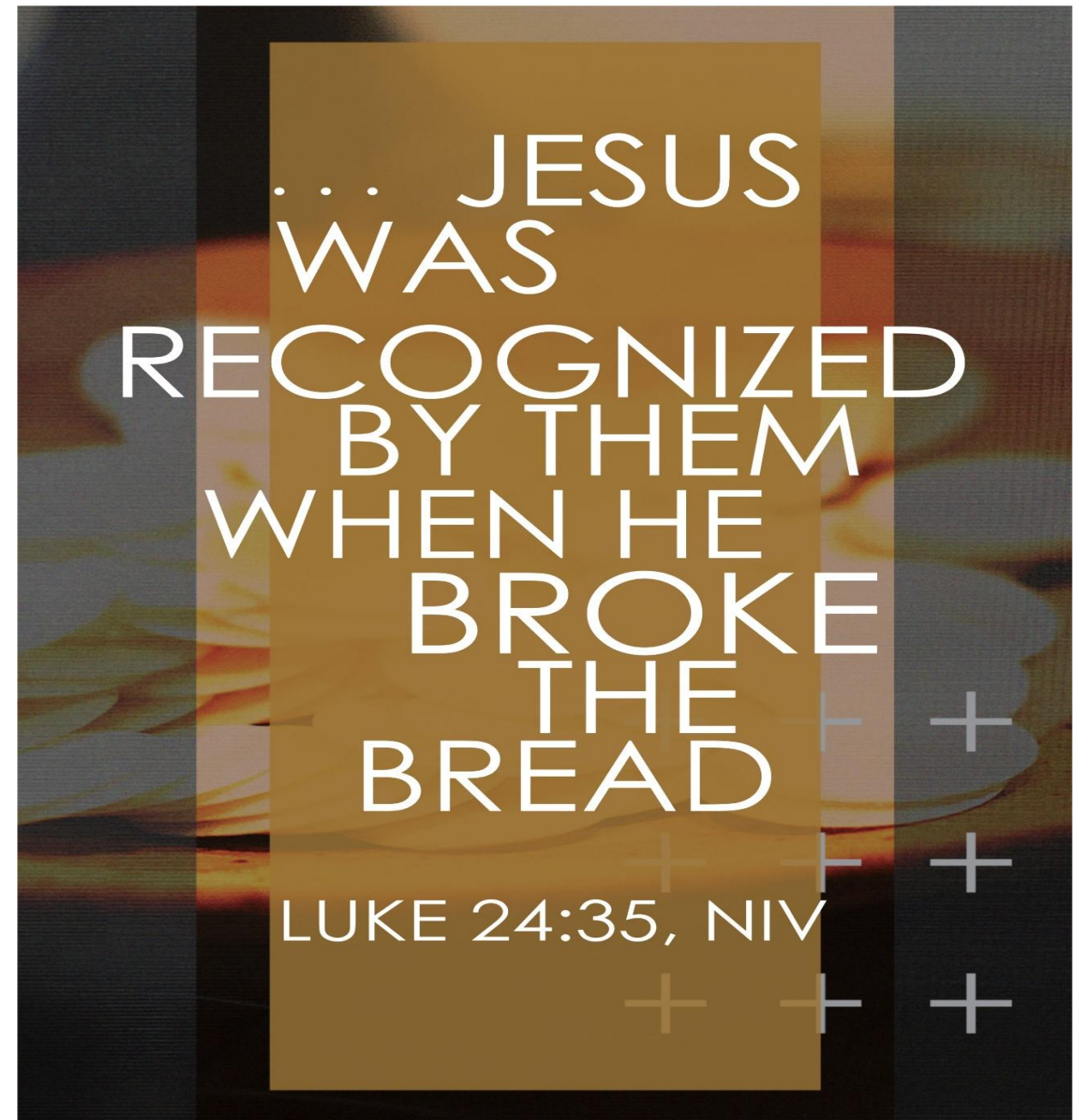
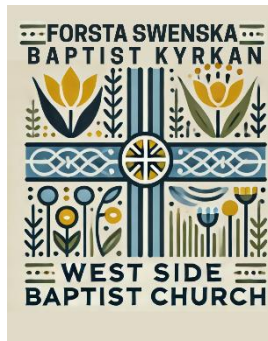
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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