

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

**WELCOME**



Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

- ✝ Preacher – The Reverend Wes Smith
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray – **Lord, you gave me your all when you came and lived and died for me. I confess Lord that I many times fail to give you my all. So often I give you lip service instead of the wholehearted devotion you deserve. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#389 - Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing**

**Prayer of the Day** - 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. **Amen.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

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

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Luke 24: 28 - 35; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## SERMON – Spiritual Heartburn

The Reverend Wes Smith

**HYMN: ELW#374 – Day of Arising**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ We recognize those joining us via Facebook Live and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*(Additional Petitions may be offered.)*

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

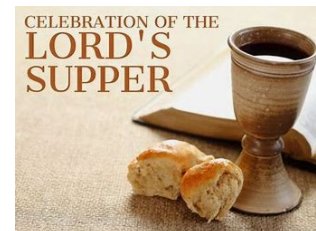
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. We ask that you use them and us in the service of your kingdom here in this world to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray:

**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.**



**Invitation to Communion** – Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## **OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!**

### **COMMUNION HYMN 1: Glory to the Lamb**

- 1 Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb. **Chorus**
- 2 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. **Chorus.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. **Chorus.**

#### **CHORUS:**

For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise,  
The Lamb upon the throne.

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### **COMMUNION HYMN 2: He is Lord**

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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**Closing Prayer** - Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**Blessing** - God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: Your Name is Jesus**

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all!  
King of kings and Lord of lords, creator of all things,  
King of kings and Lord of lords, let all the nations sing...

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus,  
The Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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**Song of Blessing**

May God’s blessing surround you each day,  
As you trust God and walk in God’s way.  
May God’s presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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