

**APRIL 19, 2026**



**EPIPHANY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

## PRELUDE

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME

### OPENING SONG

### Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

### *Silence For Reflection*

A: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

A: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

A: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

A: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: 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.**

# THE WORD

**Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!**

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## A READING FROM

## ACTS 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

## A RESPONSIVE READING

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

*I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)*

L: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**C: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

L: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

**C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**C: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**

L: O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

**C: in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Hallelujah!**

## A READING FROM

## 1 PETER 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile

conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was 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 trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)**

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE GOSPEL READING

**LUKE 24:13-35**

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, beginning in the thirteenth chapter.

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

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF THE DAY

**As Bread That Is Broken**

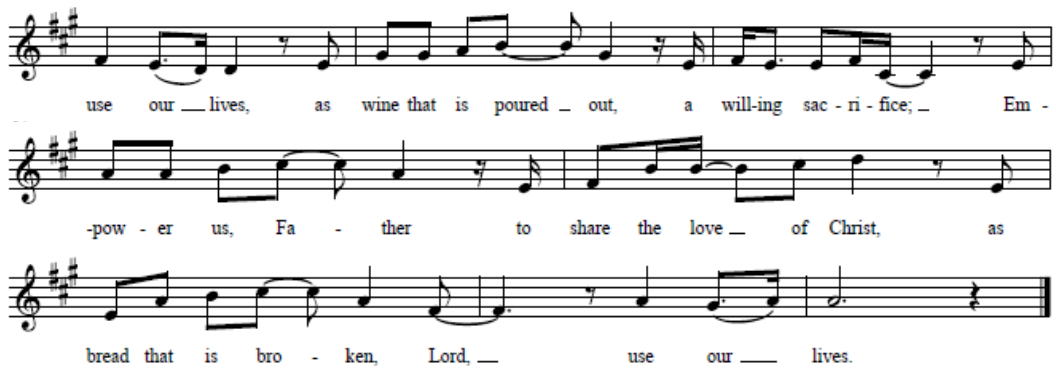
Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Claire Clonger

1. Man - y hearts \_ are hun - gry to - night, man - y trapped \_ in dark - ness,  
2. Help us to \_ be - gin where we are, help us love \_ the peo - ple

yearn for \_ the \_ light; So man - y who \_ are far from home \_ and  
near to \_ our \_ hearts; Then give our faith \_ a mis - sion field \_ wher -

man - y who \_ are \_ lost, \_ O Lord, Your wound - ed chil - dren need \_ the  
-ev - er You \_ may \_ call, \_ Lord, love Your world \_ through each of us, \_ un -

pow - er of \_ Your cross. As bread that is bro - ken,  
-til we've touched \_ them all.



use our lives, as wine that is poured out, a will-ing sac - ri - fice; Em -  
 -pow - er us, Fa - ther to share the love of Christ, as  
 bread that is bro - ken, Lord, use our lives.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 PEOPLE

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

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

MISSION MOMEMNT

MILAGRO Women's Center

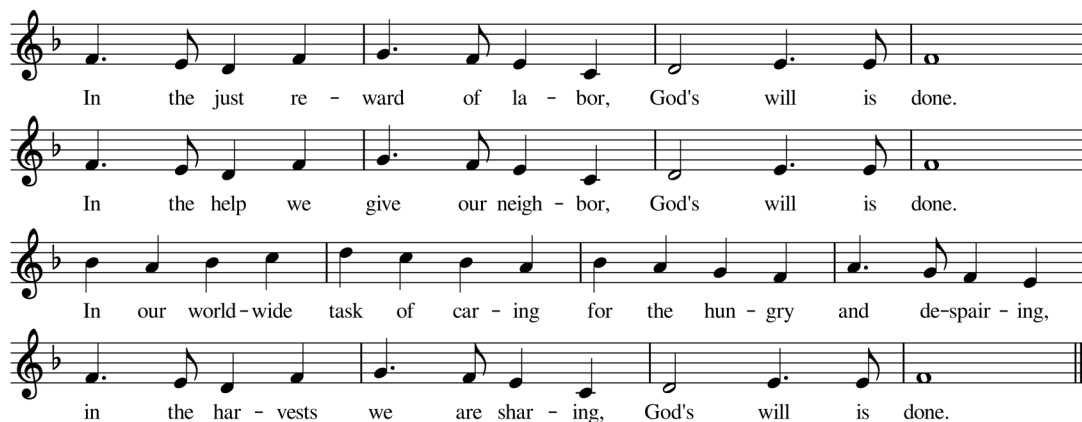
# THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

### For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)



In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

**C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\dagger$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

### Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

**Instrumental / Chorus / Instrumental**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: Jesus is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

A: Most likely we've never walked to Emmaus, but we have been in similar situations. There have been times where we felt as if all hope was lost, but Jesus promised to never abandon us. Like the two on the road, Jesus comes along side us and walks with us in our time of struggle, Jesus is revealed to us in the breaking of bread that we celebrate every

## Build Your Kingdom Here

by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson & William Herron

### Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

**Chorus / Instrumental / Chorus**

### Chorus

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

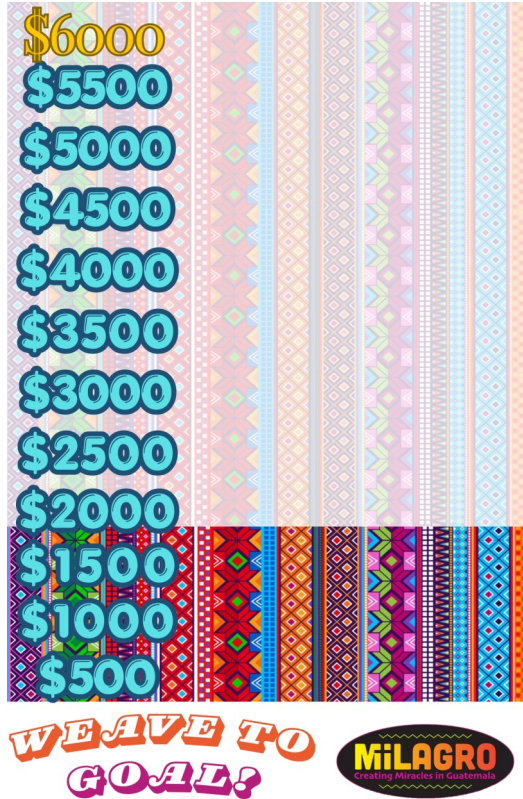
Sunday. As we are sent out, may we share this story of hope to those who are feeling overwhelmed with despair. Not only do they need this hope, when we share this story we will also experience hearts that are filled with faith. We live this way so that...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go in peace, share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

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# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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