

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Emmaus Sunday

*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*

**Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook
each week. Welcome to all to view.**



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 737** *"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"*

GREETING

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R/ And also with you.

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.

WORD

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

2 **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

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

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

12 How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things God has done for me?

**13 I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

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

**15 Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-20

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 201

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter. **R/Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 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?" 19 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, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 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. 24 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." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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

P/ The Gospel of the Lord R/ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 374** "*Day of Arising*"

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 to the dead. 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 CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy R/ **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”* - Printed

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.

FIRST COMMUNION YOUTH

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **ELW 491** *"Come, Let Us Eat"*

ELW 479 *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 379** *"Now the Green Blade Rises"*

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. R/Thanks be to God.

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