

Full Service Bulletin

HOLY COMMUNION APRIL 19, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SHOEBOX SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

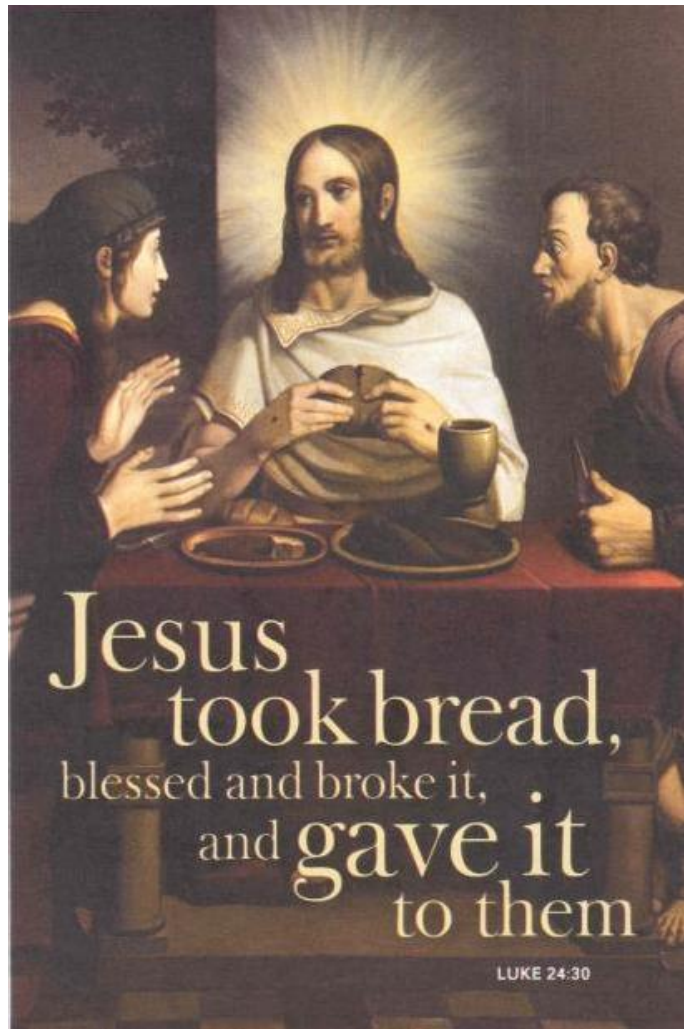
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray:*

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.

CHILDREN *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

INTRODUCTION *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! 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 Lord's Day worship.*



COMMEMORATION **Olavus Petri, priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573.** *After studying at the University of Wittenberg, these two brothers introduced the Lutheran movement to the Church of Sweden. They returned home and, through the support of King Gustavus Vasa, began their work. Olavus published a catechism, hymnal, and a Swedish version of the mass. He resisted attempts by the king to gain royal control of the church. Laurentius was a professor at the university in Uppsala. When the king wanted to abolish the ministry of bishops, Laurentius persuaded him otherwise, and the historic episcopate continues in Sweden to this day. Together the brothers published a complete Bible in Swedish and a revised liturgy in 1541. Remember the Church of Sweden in prayer this week. The Easter hymn “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever” (LBW 155) uses a Swedish folk tune and may be sung to commemorate the contributions of the Petris and the Swedish church.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Praise the Savior, Now And Ever” (LBW # 155)



1 Praise the Sav - ior, now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2 Day of glad - ness! Gone is sad - ness; Christ has bruised the
 3 An - them's glo - rious, hymns vic - to - rious, raise we to our
 4 Earth re - joic - es; all its voic - es glo - ry to the



neath the skies; come be - fore him and a - dore him,
 ser - pent's head; death no long - er is the strong - er;
 pas - chal King. Bonds are bro - ken, heav'n is o - pen;
 Fa - ther sing! Praise the Sav - ior, laud him ev - er,



God's own per - fect sac - ri - fice; vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ our Sav - ior
 sing, O ran - somed mor - tals, sing! Christ is ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King! Praise the Spir - it,



life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry see him rise!
 lives for - ev - er; o'er the tomb his light is shed.
 from death's pris - on, heal - ing in his wings to bring.
 through Christ's mer - it life e - ter - nal see him bring!

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God Who calls us to repentance.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of life, **C: in raising Jesus from the tomb, You make everything new. We confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Our hearts are slow to believe Your promises. We shut our doors in fear. We resist the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life You have given us in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

P: People of God: Christ is alive. Sin and death have lost their power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Day of Arising" (ELW # 374)

1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.

When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing

and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 116 (*congregation: indented*)

I love the LORD, for He heard my voice;

He heard my cry for mercy.

Because He turned His ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me,

the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, save me!”

The LORD is gracious and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

The LORD protects the simplehearted;

when I was in great need, He saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the LORD has been good to you.

For You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

that I may walk before the LORD

in the land of the living.

I believed; therefore I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

And in my dismay I said, “All men are liars.”

How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of His saints.

O LORD, truly I am Your servant;

**I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;
You have freed me from my chains.**

I will sacrifice a thank offering to You
and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.**

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “Oh, What Shall I Render”
(text: Martin A. Seltz; tune: FOUNDATION - ELW # 796)

1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;

for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.

No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,

God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST LESSONActs 2:14a, 32-41.....Pg. 1692

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING1 Peter 1:13-26.....Pg. 1887

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN *(When children are present.)*

P: We will dismiss for Children’s Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Heavenly Father, You have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from Your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Alleluia! Lord and Savior” (ELW p205)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 24:13-35.....Pg. 1642

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children may go to Children’s Church.)

(Please be seated. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Peter’s Life-Transforming Message: Part III”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” (LBW # 192)

1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here you take me Hence - forth to be your
 3 O faith - ful God, you nev - er fail me: Your cov - 'nant sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly, Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir; My faith - ful Sav - ior, here you make me
 will a - bide. Let not e - ter - nal death as - sail me
 Lord, from me. Oh, let me make my vows sin - cere - ly,

A - mong your seed, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all your sor - rows share; O Ho - ly Ghost, you
 Should I trans - gress it on my side! Have mer - cy when I
 And help me your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, I have your Spir - it now with - in.
 com - fort me Though threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693-1735; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Kornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1705-1773

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SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:*

L: What is The Ninth Commandment

C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house." (*Ex. 20:17a*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not attempt to trick our neighbor out of his inheritance or house, take it by pretending to have a right to it, etc. but help him to keep & improve it.

L: What is The Tenth Commandment

C: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (*Exodus 20:17b*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not release our neighbor's cattle, take his employees from him or seduce his wife, but urge them to stay and do what they ought to do.

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Nelson Randolph

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel as you are able.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all creatures, and with all heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: “Alleluia”

Michael W. Smith

Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly
are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.
You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.
Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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. AMEN.

(The congregation may bow in reverence and wonder at the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved.

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and hand it to the usher. For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in the pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" *(SBH # 95 2nd tune)*

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In moderate time

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the Pas - chal Blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 Who hath washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.

Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose Blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;

Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove. A-men.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened paradise,
And in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Sin alone can this destroy;
From sin's power do thou set free
Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
Risen Lord, all praise to thee
With the Spirit ever be. Amen.

*Based on the Latin
Tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68 a.*

2. "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (ELW # 325)

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C: Loving God, by Your Spirit we are born anew, and You nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as Your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with Your marvelous light, until You gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (ELW # 596 - favorite)



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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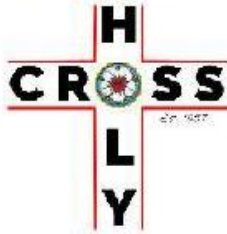
*Irene & Gary Graham
in honor of daughter Jennifer's birthday*

APRIL 19, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn | 11:00-Sharon Branigan
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller | 11:00-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein | 11:00-Karen Brown
LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller | 11:00-Karen Brown
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker | 11:00-Irene Graham
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker & **volunteer needed**
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker & Karen Brown
SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**
PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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