



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 19, 2026 ✕ 8:00 AND 10:15 AM**

# WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

## FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

## NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.

Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Headsets are available in the entryway.

## HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 7.

## OUR OFFERING / CHURCH CENTER

We're transitioning to Church Center as our hub for giving and communication. Scan the QR code to get started.

If you previously used Pushpay, please cancel recurring gifts there.



**Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word!**

## What difference does it make?

### HE LIVES TO GIVE RESTORE MY HOPE

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That's how the disciples felt after this death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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*☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type. ☞*

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## HYMN 440 STANZAS 1-4 Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

PLEASE STAND.

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

*Psalm 32:1-2*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN 438, ST.2+4

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

## Acts 2:14a,32-41

*The message of Christ crucified and Christ risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners*

**T**hen Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: [...]

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.” ’

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the

other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands STANZAS 5-7

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,  
whom God so freely gave us;  
he died on the accursed tree—  
so strong his love—to save us.  
See, his blood now marks our door;  
faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
and Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
to which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all,  
the sun that warms and lights us.  
Now his grace to us imparts  
eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
the night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven;  
the Word of grace has purged away  
the old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
he is our meat and drink indeed;  
faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## SECOND READING

## 1 Peter 1:17-21

*Our hope and expectation is joining our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live as pilgrims heading toward home. This lesson is the basis of the sermon.*

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or

defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Luke 24:32

Alleluia. Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?

**Alleluia!**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 24:13-35

*For two disciples, Jesus explained that all the Scriptures showed that the Christ had to die and rise. Jesus restored their hope.*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and

walked along with them; <sup>16</sup>but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup>He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup>One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem

who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup>but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup>In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup>but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup>Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again**

### **SERMON 1 Peter 1 "Not redeemed for nothing"**

*Please stand*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of mercy, when Thomas refused to believe, our Lord revealed Himself so that Thomas might know the peace, joy and comfort of His resurrection. Deliver from doubt and fear all who hesitate to believe the promise of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, restore those who have wandered from the faith and are lost in error's maze. Rekindle the fire of the Spirit in the hearts of those whose faith has grown cold, and restore the many who have lost their way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, come to the aid of the nations. Where there is war, bring peace.

Where there is disaster and suffering, bring comfort and hope. Where there is injustice and cruelty, bring relief to the oppressed. Where there is violence and hatred, bring love. Bless especially our president, governor, mayor and all elected and appointed civil servants on every level of government. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special intercessions may be included here.*

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose again and now lives to save. **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)*

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

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# THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



The Lord be with you.



**And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive

our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. **Amen.**

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{✙}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{✙}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN 783 Abide With Me**

**HYMN 458 Christ Is Arisen**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalms 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when

you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **CLOSING HYMN 830 We Walk By Faith**



*Thank you to Neil Woller for using his gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*