

GOOD SHEPHERD

Episcopal Church and School



Road to Emmaus by Julie Lonneman

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist
Rite Two

April 19, 2026 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

MISSION

We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

VISION

We are called to be a vibrant spiritual and educational community, radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere.



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

We are so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning after some time away, we all belong in God's community. We'd love to get to know you better and stay connected! Please scan the QR code below to share your information with us. It's a simple way for us to welcome you personally, answer any questions, and let you know about upcoming events. You are always welcome here—just as you are.



WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Jesus welcomed children and so do we. We don't mind wiggles and noise, but if you would prefer a quiet room when infants become fussy, one is located off the lobby. A window and sound system allow families to see and hear the service. Nursery care for children under three is available in the Ryon Building (office) for the 10 a.m. service and is well-staffed by caring adults. For children in preschool through 5th grade, Sunday School is available at 10:00 in the Ryon Building. Children join their families in church mid-service for communion. Be sure to ask the greeters for directions or help.

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

On Easter Day, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. But Easter is a season of fifty days, often called the Great Fifty Days. The season lasts from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. Eastertide is fifty days long for a very specific reason. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost. So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN • 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

All standing

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the singing of the Gloria, the Sunday School children (age 3 – 5th grade) and their teachers will follow the acolyte down the aisle and go to their classrooms.

HYMN OF PRAISE (S-280)

sung by all

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14A,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17



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- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli-/ cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up-/ on him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and -/ sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the / Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my / life."
- 10 How shall I repay the / Lord *
for all the good things he has / done for me?
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord *
in the presence of all his / people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / Lord *
is the death of his / servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your / servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my / bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks-/ giving *
and call upon the Name of the / Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord *
in the presence of all his / people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lords / house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle-/ lujah!

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways 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 faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN • 306

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.

*A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.
The people stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

God of constant love, be with us now in our times of uncertainty; hear and respond to our prayers as we say
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant creativity and persistence to your church and her leaders as it grapples with new ways to be community
and finds new avenues and audiences for its message of hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the commitment of leaders in our nation, and around the world, to make decisions that prioritize
the well-being and sustenance of human life and wellness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to be beacons of hope and agents of love to our neighbors and colleagues.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our resolve to push forward policies that align with your vision of our communal life and our
stewardship for the natural world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mend what is broken in our lives and in the world, heal what is sick, make whole what is fractured, bring peace where there is fear or acrimony; make our world whole. We especially ask for your presence in the lives of those on our parish prayer list, and those we mention now either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying into your loving embrace, grant them growth in the knowledge and love of you; care for those who grieve, and welcome us in our turn into the new life promised through Christ. We pray especially for Bill Lair and those we remember now either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us now pray for our own parish family.

Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of Good Shepherd truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT *prayed by the Celebrant*

Risen Lord, made known to us in the breaking of the bread, you walk with us even when our eyes are dimmed and our hearts are slow to believe. Kindle within us the fire of your presence, that we may recognize you in word and sacrament. Mercifully accept these prayers, offered in your holy Name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you as you celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and always. **Amen.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

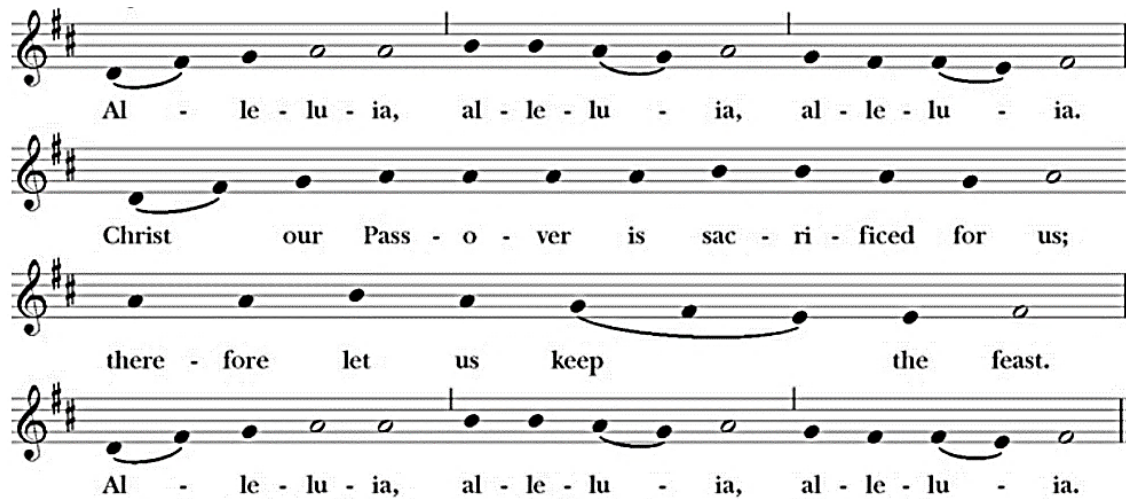
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread followed by a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-154)

sung by all



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition.

You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine. As an alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you are invited to receive by intinction and the priest will dip the bread in a separate chalice for you. To receive by intinction please fold your hands in front of you at the altar rail to indicate your preference. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

For those not receiving communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

If you would like special prayers for healing--whether it be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual--members of the Healing Team are available to pray with you in the side chapel. Please notify an usher if you would like a Healing Team member to come to you.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Sung by the congregation

Two were bound for Emmaus

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hurd

Hymn 343

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *When scheduled*

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to N., that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Go now with hearts burning within you, for the risen Christ has been made known to you – in word, in sacrament, in the quiet breaking of the bread. And when he seems to vanish from your sight, do not be afraid, for he has not left you. He has entrusted himself to you. You are his Body now: his hands to bless, his voice to speak, his life poured out for the sake of the world. So go in courage and in love, to serve, to give, to lay down what must be laid down, trusting that the life of Christ is alive in you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN • 208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.
Acolyte Server	Jack Grashof
Torch Bearers	Sophie Riddle, Samantha Taylor
Verger	Ellen Brown
Reader	Ellis Elliott
Intercessor	Mary Lou Crifasi
Eucharistic Ministers	Alex Serra-Wolffington, Janice Thomas, Lucille Lanpher
Healing Ministers	Joan Engskow, Tamara Martin
Ushers	Sandy English, Kevin Riddle
Greeter	Andrea and Rob Taylor
Vestry Host	Alex Chura
Vocalists	Ian Anderson, Peter Carras, Mark Chittum, Peggy Chittum, Margaret Dunstan, Jenna Hoefort, Eddy Howard, Emily Kane, Patrick Levitsky, Chantal Pontbriand, Gary Riggs, Loretta Smith, Tom Valk, Debbie White
Organist	Timm Johnson-Reynolds
Sound/Livestream	Erik Pariseleti
Altar Guild	Linda ClenDenig
Coffee Hour	Valerie Hampe
Flower Delivery	Julie Bohnsack

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr., *Rector*
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