

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *BELL CHOIR*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: 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.

(local waters may be named).

Blessed are you.

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

P: 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 joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

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

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

HYMN **vss: 1,2,3 & last** No. 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1 **Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

REFRAIN **Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2 **Walking the way, Christ in the center**

**telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

REFRAIN

3 **Jesus the vine, we are the branches;**

**life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**

REFRAIN

VS 4 OMITTED

5 **City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

C: **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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51:1-6 THE MESSAGE

The enduring foundation of God's salvation

1-3 “Listen to me, all you who are serious about right living and committed to seeking GOD. Ponder the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were dug. Yes, ponder Abraham, your father, and Sarah, who bore you. Think of it! One solitary man when I called him, but once I blessed him, he multiplied. Likewise, I, GOD, will comfort Zion, comfort all her mounds of ruins. I’ll transform her dead ground into Eden, her moonscape into the garden of GOD, a place filled with exuberance and laughter, thankful voices and melodic songs.

4-6 “Pay attention, my people. Listen to me, nations. Revelation flows from me. My decisions light up the world. My deliverance arrives on the run, my salvation right on time. I’ll bring justice to the peoples. Even faraway islands will look to me and take hope in my saving power. Look up at the skies, ponder the earth under your feet. The skies will fade out like smoke, the earth will wear out like work pants, and the people will die off like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my setting-things-right will never be obsolete.”

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 34:1-10 *We read responsively*

- L: I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C: I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.
- C: I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- L: Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
- L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
- L: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

SECOND READING: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Receiving God’s promise through baptism

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ 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?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

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C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Eating with the risen Christ

¹³ Now see, two of them on that very day [the first day of the week] were going to a village that was seven miles from Jerusalem; its name was Emmaus. ¹⁴ And they talked with each other about all the things that had happened. ¹⁵ And it happened while they were talking and questioning that Jesus himself came near and accompanied them. ¹⁶ Yet their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “What is this conversation you are having with each other while you journey?” They stood in place, sorrowful. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, replied to him saying, “Are you the only foreigner in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened here these days?” ¹⁹ Jesus asked them, “What kind of things?” They replied, “About Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰ Also how our chief priests and leaders surrendered him to be sentenced to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to soon redeem Israel. >

Now besides all this, instead, it is now the third day since these things have taken place. ²² Then again, certain women of our community astounded us. They were at the tomb this morning. ²³ And when they did not find the body, they came back and told us they had seen a vision of angels who said Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Then 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 Jesus said to them, “Oh, foolish souls, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things to enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And starting from Moses and from all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ When they came near the village to where they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ So they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is nearly over.” Then he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from before them. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the way, while he was opening up the scriptures to us?” ³³ Now that same hour they rose up and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and others with them gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “Really! The Savior has risen, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY HYMNAL No. 374
Day of Arising

- 1 **Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**
- 2 **When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**
- 3 **Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**
- 4 **Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

◆ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—*BELL CHOIR*—
 GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING HYMN v. 2 No. 367
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

2 **Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: **Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN No. 495

We Who Once Were Dead

- 1 **We who once were dead now live, fully knowing Jesus as our head. Life is overflowing when he breaks the bread.**
- 2 **We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us strength to fight; death is all around us. Jesus, be our light.**
- 3 **He became our bread; Jesus died to save us. On him we are fed, eating what he gave us, rising from the dead.**
- 4 **Let us share the pain you endured in dying; we shall then remain living; death defying, we shall rise again.**
- 5 **Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead.**
- 6 **This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

C: Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

P: God Almighty,
who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG No. 535

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**
Repeat

v 1 **Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.**
Repeat verse then sing refrain

2 **Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**
Repeat verse then sing refrain

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *BELL CHOIR*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY APR 19

9 AM WORSHIP
10 AM Coffee & Sun School
10:15 *Men's Ministry*

MONDAY APR 20

2 PM Grief Support at Area 57
5 PM Worship/Evangelism


WEDNESDAY APR 22

5:30 PM Confirmation

THURSDAY APR 23

1 PM LOVE DAY

SUNDAY APR 26

Worship - Coffee - Sun Sch -
REVELATION Bible Study 
SPRING DITCH Clean-Up



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