

## Today's Scripture Readings

### First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "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. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

### Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

"All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever."  
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other

about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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 happened.

<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,  
English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

- *April mission of the month, House of Hope, Madagascar.*
  - *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*
  - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
  - *Ellie Klein, undergoing testing.*
  - *Jean Estrello, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Norm Taylor, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Jan Klug, recovering from surgery.*
  - *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*
  - *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
  - *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, recovering from surgery.*
  - *All who are battling cancer:*
    - *Jessica Dolezal*
    - *Debi Verbage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
    - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
    - *Jayne Cotter*
    - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
    - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
- Please also keep in prayer*
- our Seminarians Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;*
  - Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*
  - Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
  - the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
  - our circuit congregation, St. John in Sherman Center and Rev. Christopher Gillespie;*
  - our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*
  - our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?'"*

**Luke 24:32**

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

### The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in “the Breaking of the Bread”

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory” (1 Peter 1:21). By this living word we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His Cross and Resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into His glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27) and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

### THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ Verse of the Week — **John 10:7** “So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.’”

❷ Hymn of the Week — LSB #709 — “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

❸ Collect of the Week — *Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ Daily Bible Readings — **M:** Lev. 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36 **T:** Lev. 10:1-20; Luke 9:37-62 **W:** Lev. 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22 **Th:** Lev. 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42 **F:** Lev. 18:1-7, 20—19:8; Luke 11:1-13 **Sat:** Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36 **Sun:** Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27; Luke 11:37-54

❺ Preparing for Next Sunday — Lessons for **Easter 4** (April 26):

*Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10; Psalm 23*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

Greeters — Mike & Carla Meyers

Elder — Mark Mathe; Usher — Jeff Ourada

Altar Guild — Chris Born, Jr. Altar Guild — Jordyn Schultz

Cantor — Russell Popp; Acolyte — Tyler Neumann

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

**Introit** (sung responsively after confession & absolution) Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on  
the beard of | Aaron,\*  
running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\*  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity!

**Collect** (spoken by pastor)

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual** (sung responsively) adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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