

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH, 2026 -5:00 PM

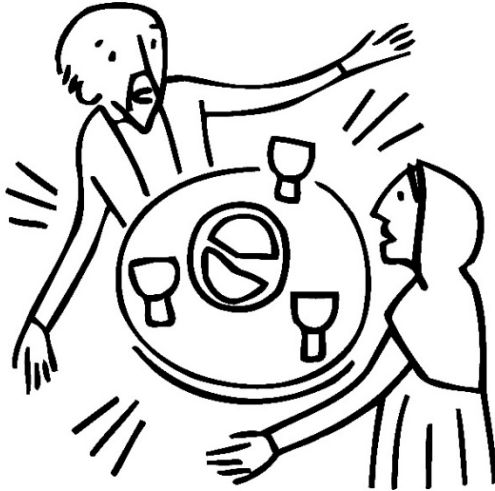
Third Saturday of Easter

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people

WELCOMING WORD

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! Yet 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 worship each Lord's day.



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

MINISTERS
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
KAREN HOFSTAD



ORDER OF WORSHIP

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Ruth Heinecke

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #373 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today vs. 1,2,5,6*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life, by the resurrection of your son, you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its 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. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{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.

+L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ 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?”¹⁹ 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,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ 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.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ 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.²⁴ 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 he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ 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.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² 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?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (vs. 1,2)

+THE NICENE CREED pg. 104

+THE PRAYERS pg. 152

The leader concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..."

The people respond: Hear our prayer."

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

TRANSITION TEAM PRESENTATION

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY #186 *Create in Me*

+OFFERING PRAYER

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

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154 (right hand column)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
(vs. 1,2,4)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**"I am God's child, deserving of love and respect,
and God will use me to change the world."**

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, John 14:8-14, Show Us the Father

Tuesday, Ezekiel 1:26-2:1, Ezekiel's Vision

Wednesday, Luke 5:1-11, Jesus Calls Disciples

Thursday, Psalm 23, The Lord's My Shepherd

Friday, Revelation 6:1-7:4, The Seven Seals

Saturday, Ezekiel 28:25-26, Future Blessing for Israel

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**“He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” –John 21:15**

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

- Imagine being at the fish breakfast with Jesus. What would you see, hear, smell, touch and feel? (John 21:9-14)
- In what ways are you called, like Peter, to feed God's sheep?
- Imagine being at the fish breakfast with Jesus. What would you see, hear, smell, touch and feel? (John 21:9-14)

PRAY: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESS: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Amen.

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