



**Sunday, April 19, 2026**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn **The Risen Christ #390**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

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 . Blessed are you.

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

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our jour-  
neys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

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

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.

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

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.

**Amen.**

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.**

## **First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> 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?” <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup> heard my voice, and listened to my <sup>1</sup> supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup> ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup> came upon me; I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup> save my life.” R**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your <sup>1</sup> sight, O LORD, is the death <sup>1</sup> of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I <sup>1</sup> am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your hand-maid; you have freed me <sup>1</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! R**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the

dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**L:** Word of God, word of life. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35**

**P:** The holy gospel according to **Luke 24:13-35**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came 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 are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> 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?” <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven

and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #674

### Apostles Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

#### *A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick *especially*, Marlene, Kurt, Ron, Danelle, Ronald, Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Lisa, Landon, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Karen and Terry. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the

despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

### Noisy Offering-For Sunday School Mission Project for ELCA World Hunger

#### Offering Prayer

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.**

#### Great Thanksgiving

##### Dialogue

**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

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of

sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C:** **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

### **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.

**C:Amen.**

### **Sending Song Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen #548**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## Calendar

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

5:30p.m. Worship

6:30 Confirmation

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

9:00a.m. Worship Service

### Announcements

**We are glad you joined us!** We hope that you will experience the good news in mind, body, and spirit as we pray, listen, sing and share the peace of Christ and the meal of Holy Communion. You are invited to worship in as many ways as you are comfortable and able.

In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates congregation's responses.

Pie Auction at EKLC –**TODAY!!** Join us in Fellowship Hall after services for a pie auction featuring our own Tyce Bettenhausen as the auctioneer. • Proceeds will go to the Camp Scholarship Fund. • If you would like to donate a pie or two (or any other baked goods) please sign up in the Narthex. • Thank you for your support of EKLC youth!

Our church will once again be hosting the Cambridge Community Meal. We will be hosting on Thursday, May 7th, at the Cambridge High School. The meal is served from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. In addition to helping with food, we are needing volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. This is a very enjoyable time to meet and visit with your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schroeder at 608-220-2008.

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