



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 27, 2025 - 10am

## EMMAUS ROAD

*When we are faced with "now what?" moments, we can embrace the challenge of the journey with its unexpected twists and turns.*

*Reaching*  
out in the Spirit

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Hymn 367

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 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!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

*Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb, forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!!*

## Prayer of the Day

**Let us pray, We are often lost and confused as we contemplate the pains of the world around us. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in our midst, and fill us with joy in the knowledge that you share our place no matter what we are experiencing. Amen.**

## Welcome and Greeting

### Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up & did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup>O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup>so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Word of God, word of life.      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *stand*

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-48

The gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them 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.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn

*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

Hymn 384

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;

to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

### Apostles' Creed

**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.**

### Ministry Announcements

**Prayers of Intercession**    **Response:** hear our prayer.

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

### Offering

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### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

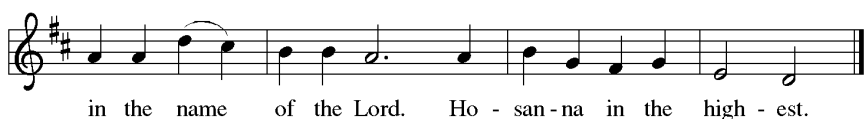
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.  
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Abide with Me*

Hymn 629

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the  
skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## SENDING

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### Prayer after Communion, Blessing & Dismissal

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Love everyone always. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given by Kenneth Doolittle in memory of Shirley Doolittle and to the Glory of God.

## Liturgical Ministers

**Preacher & Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman**  
**Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck**

**Director of Equipping Ministers: Laura Hudson**  
**Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox**