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Third Sunday of Easter **April 19, 2026**

* Stand as you are able

GATHERING

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

HYMN 377 (vs. 1)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 12:1-2.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

P: The Word of the Lord: C: Thanks be to God

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:13-35*

C: Glory to you O Lord.

³ Now on that same day two of them 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.

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

Today’s Message

A brief introduction by Pastor Steve

“ A Different Way to Be Church” (Adventures in Renewal” Video from Synod’s website)

A brief conclusion by Pastor Steve

HYMN 377 (vs. 2)

Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer Petitions

Prayers of the Church

Response P: Merciful God. C: **Receive our Prayer**

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**
(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

Offering Hymn *

ELW # 182 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

MEAL

Communion Prayer *

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer *

Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution

Communion Hymn *

ELW # 365 “Jesus Christ is Risen”

SENDING

Communion Blessing *

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *

ELW # 373 (verses 1,6) “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

Dismissal *

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemer Announcements

- Today's Lector is Scott Lopas, and our ushers are Bruce and Lori Host.
- Next week's Lector is Michelle Burton and our usher is Donna Lee
- Pastor will be in the office on **Thursday April 23rd** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office he will be in on **Thursday April 30th** from 9am-12pm.
- The next "Conversations with God" will be held on **Thursday, April 23rd at 10am**. We will take this time to gather for prayer, Scripture, and this month's topic will be "Life".
- Roof Replacement monies are due by **May 1, 2026**.

Ministry Partners

- Special Giving for April is Hartford Food Pantry
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday, April 25th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.
- Lincoln Elementary School

In the Nest:

- Casa Guadalupe English Language Learners "ELL" meets Monday & Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM.
- Al-Anon Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Girl Scouts meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

The Needs of Our Partners:

Lincoln Elementary School.

Snacks include: Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, and Granola Bars.. **NO NUTS**
Food Drive/Pantry: cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods and mac and cheese with cheese sauce.

Casa Guadalupe

Snacks Kid snacks – **NO NUTS**, Fruit cups, cereal, canned goods.
Other Items: Books (gently used is okay), new toys.

See The Herald and the giving tree in the coffee area for these and other needs.

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**