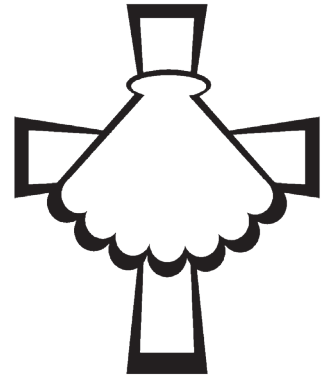


Easter 3

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

The Gospel for today recalls how two disciples were able to see the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. Though he appeared to many on the day of his resurrection, not everyone was able to see him and know his true identity. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are promised a place where we will always be met by Christ, a place where his promises are continually proclaimed anew.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

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

One Promise for All

Peter addresses the men of Jerusalem, recalling what God has done in Jesus Christ. Those who heard him asked what they might do in response to this message. Peter urges them to repent and be baptized so their sins may be forgiven. That day, around three thousand new converts were added to the number of The Way.

Psalm 116:1-14

Delivered from Death

The psalmist gives thanks to the Lord who delivered him from illness and suffering. Those who are in distress are never far away from the God of life, for God is gracious and merciful, protecting the lowly and healing the ill.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Reborn Through the Living Word

Peter continues his discourse to the believers who have been scattered far from home because of their faith in Christ. He urges them to love one another in genuine love, reminding them that they have been reborn from the imperishable and abiding word of God which is the good news of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Walk to Emmaus

As two followers of Jesus make their journey back to their home in Emmaus, they walk in sadness over the events of the past days. Jesus shows up and walks alongside them and asks them what is troubling them. They wonder aloud why he is the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know what happened in the past few days. Just then he begins to speak to them and he "opens the Scriptures."

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: White

During the Season of Easter:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Use the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Nicene Creed.

Consider using parts of the Small Catechism section on the Lord's Supper today in worship. For example: The Promise of Communion

It is pointed out in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the Sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	352	---	461	619	274	274
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright	154	---	---	384	---	---
This Joyful Eastertide	149	676	482	391	---	---
Now We Join in Celebration	203	---	462	---	---	---
For the Bread Which You Have Broken	200	---	---	494	---	---
With High Delight, Let Us Unite	140	---	483	368	---	---
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	---	711	641	484	---	---
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	---	801	680	826	41	41
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	---	---	---	697	248	248
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	535	---	940	414	13	13

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (Reclaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeRat "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) (CCLI# 5638022)
Come As You Are (CCLI# 7017790)
Evidence (CCLI# 7147432)
Goodness of God (CCLI# 7117726)
O Come to the Altar (CCLI# 7051511)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.