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OF

THE LORD'S SUPPER

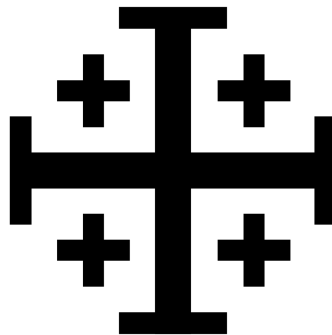
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HOLY COMMUNION,
COMMONLY CALLED
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

April 26, A.D. 2026

4th Sunday of Easter



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us for worship today. Our name, Emmaus, is taken from a place and event near Jerusalem on the afternoon of Easter. Jesus met up with two disciples fleeing the city, dejected. They didn't recognize him, so along the way, he explained the Old Testament to them—how it pointed to him. Then, they invited him in to a house in the town of Emmaus. When he broke the bread at table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Thinking back, they realized their hearts burned within them as he explained the Scriptures to them. That is our hope for each Sunday as we gather for worship—that we would encounter Jesus in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Please leave your name, phone, and email at the guest register in the entryway or narthex. We will get back to you.

Children age four and up are welcome in Children's Church during our 2:30 service. They go to C.C. after a children's sermon and return for communion with their family.

We serve Sacred Food and Drink here...please don't bring beverages or snacks into church during worship (kids excepted).

Please turn off your cell phones.

A deacon calls the people to prepare themselves for worship.

The people stand or kneel, and observe a time of silent prayer.

Preparatory Prayers for Individuals

Be present, be present, o Jesus, our High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

They may be said or sung.

Celebrant Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed.

People **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Verse 1

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

Chorus

**Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children are invited forward for a blessing. Children age three through fourth grade are invited to children's church. They return at the peace to join their families for communion.

**This is the day
This is the day
That the Lord hath made
That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice
We will rejoice
And be glad in it
And be glad in it
This is the day
That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day
This is the day
That the Lord hath made**

First Reading

Nehemiah 9:(1-3)6-15

(Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God.) ⁶ “You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. ⁷ You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous. ⁹ “And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, ¹⁰ and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. ¹¹ And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. ¹² By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. ¹³ You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, ¹⁴ and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. ¹⁵ You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore I can lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in green pastures *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall refresh my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil, * for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble
me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:13-25

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what

credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[John 10:1-10 ESV] 1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger

they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.**

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THE SERMON

Fr. Theron Walker

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the † resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Lector

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For *Steve Wood*, our Archbishop, for *Julian* the Dean of the Province, and *Steven*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and the people of our Congregation, especially _____,

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays: _____ and those celebrating anniversaries: _____, and in our town: _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For our building project and all who give, work, and oversee it.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: *People* **Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for our generous hosts, Calvary Castle Rock.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Especially: _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith,
especially in _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially:
_____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For soldiers of this nation deployed to fight for the sake of righteousness and
freedom, and for those who bear the wounds of combat: _____.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity,
especially: _____ (the people are encouraged to pray aloud for others).

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of repentance for the sins of abortion and hastening natural death,
and may we revere life as a gift from you.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection,
especially _____, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Deacon concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only
Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Remain Standing

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have † mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Deacon may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

The deacon says a sentence of Scripture to begin the offering.

The ushers present the bread and wine to the deacon.

The ushers will pass the offertory baskets.



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord.

People: **And of your own, have we given you.**

1 CHRONICLES 29:14

**Praise God for all that He has done.
Praise Him, for He has overcome.
The grave is beaten Love has won!
Praise God, our Savior, Christ, the Son.
Amen, Amen, Amen.
God we praise You! God we praise You!**

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow/r and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest.
Hosanna! Hosanna! In the highest.**

**Holy Holy Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." †

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify † them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify † us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen. †**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! The disciples knew the Lord Jesus.

People **In the breaking of the bread. Alleluia**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

A A2sus A D/A A A2sus A D/A E/A

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - -

D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A2sus A A2sus A D/A A

- ia, for the Lord God Al-might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,

8 al - le - lu - - ia, for the Lord God Al-might - y reigns.

11 A2sus A D/A E/A D/A E A E/A A D/A A r#m

Al - le-lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al-might-

16 E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C# D A E/A

- y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho -

20 A D/A A F#m E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#

- ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

24 D D E A

Lamb. You are ho Lamb. A - - men.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All baptized Christians, whether children presented to the Lord by their parents, or believers who have confessed with the lips and believe in their hearts Jesus is Lord are welcome to receive. If you are not yet baptized, or for some reason not prepared to receive today, it would be our pleasure to bless in the Lord's Name. Please come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer up a special prayer for you.

Take and eat the bread, then take and drink the wine. If you need gluten free bread, let the priest know. You may drink from the COMMON CUP (first Chalice—Metal), or dip your bread in the INTINCTION CUP (Second Chalice—Stoneware).

Please come forward by row up the center to receive the Sacrament and return via the side aisles. During communion, our prayer team is on the north side to offer prayer for you.



1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



And we re-mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for-
Eat and re-mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
Drink and re-mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7 F2 G/sus G7 C C/E F2 C2/E Fmaj7 G2 C/E F2

- give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 - ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro-claim: Christ will

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sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

King.
 King.
 King.
 King.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following,

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

And now, Father,

**send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross above the holy table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven. From the Book of Common Prayer of Kenya.

Minister All our problems,

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister All our sins.

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister All the devil's works.

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister All our hopes,

People **We set on the risen Christ!**

THE BLESSING

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

SERVING TODAY

	2:30	
Lector -		Dave W.
Acolyte -		Mary
Chalice -		Alice
Chalice -		Joel
Ushering -		Miller
Prayer -		Harmony
Children's Church -		Mark/Colum
Altar Guild -		Scott/Alice

THIS WEEK

Today	1:00	Choir
	2:30	Holy Eucharist with Children's Church
	5:30	Youth Group
Monday	11:30	Tom Cook Lunch Bunch
Wednesday:	9:00	Holy Communion at The Rock Church
	10:00	Class - Truth Rising
Friday	7:00	MESS

Looking Ahead

National Day of Prayer May 7, 12:00-1:00

Wednesday Location and Schedule

The Rock Church

4881 Cherokee Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80109

- o 9:00 Holy Communion (enter at the office)
- o 10:00 Bible Study (room #5)

Emmaus Merchandise

Would you like a shirt, pullover, vest, hoodie, with the Emmaus logo on it? You can now order your own through our store at Land's End! <https://business.landsend.com/store/emmausanglican>

Wednesday Classes

New Class—TRUTH RISING

Starting on 8 April we will begin a four (maybe five) -week long discussion of a series of studies prepared by Focus on the Family and the Colson Center. The premise is that we are in a "civilizational moment" in which we need increased emphasis on the truth of Jesus Christ and our Christian worldview to defend against the dangers of popular culture. The studies are organized around four topics: (1) Hope - emphasizing the reality of having an infinite source of confidence through Christ; (2) Truth - emphasizing the biblical flow of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration; (3) Identity - addressing our relationships with God, our self, others, and Creation; and (4) Calling - discussing "what am I to do" to celebrate good, to contribute my skills, to oppose evil, and to fix what is broken. Mark Burrows and select surprise guest speakers will facilitate the discussions. If you would like to "read-ahead", the Truth Rising documentary may be found at <https://www.truthrising.com/> and the individual studies may be found at <https://www.truthrising.com/the-study/?campaign=pay-it-forward>. The documentary presents the civilizational moment problem, and the studies discuss the solutions.

Parish Council Highlights

Average Sunday Attendance: 84 vs. 94 in 2025

Treasurer Report Operating Budget

March	Income	Expenses	Difference
Actual	\$34,238	\$33,366	\$872
Budget	\$34,037	\$37,938	\$3,901

Year To Date	Income	Expenses	Difference
Actual	\$105,799	\$112,298	-\$6,499
Budget	\$93,037	\$117,890	-\$24,853

Major Discussion Topics included:

- Report from Kevin Skillern on the transition from the mission being headed up by Fr. Joe Acanfora with some oversight from Fr. Theron, to Kevin with much greater involvement from Fr. Theron and the other Emmaus clergy.
- Conversations on changing the dates for our Grand Re-Opening and Homecoming Sundays.

Full minutes were sent out with the weekly Emmaus Road.

Grand Re-Opening/Ribbon Cutting, May 23, 3:00-6:00

This will be a festive opportunity for you all, for the Bank, Himmelmann Construction, Architectural Workshop, and the community to officially reopen the place, tour the buildings, and enjoy a free supper from Granelli's Pizzeria. Our own Mike Boyle is organizing the food and drink and will broadcast the reopening on his Saturday afternoon radio show on 710 KNUS! Come out and invite your friends and neighbors.

Homecoming Sunday May 24: Pentecost!

We will come home to our place on Sunday, **blessing the buildings** at **9:00 am**, then one big homecoming **Eucharist** for us all at **10:00**. Yes, we'll have to cram in there, but the Council and Staff felt it important to be together for one big shindig! We'll wrap up the day with an **Agape Festival Meal** at Noon.

To give, cash and check are always welcome. Another option is this code that will take you to the Emmaus website to a secure giving portal.



Vacation Bible School

Jesus the Good Shepherd

June 15-19, 9:00 am-noon.

Ages: 4 Years-Rising 5th Graders

Cost: \$40 per child.

We're moving back into our church home this May with brand new facilities for children including Children's Church and Outdoor Play Place. This year's theme is The Good Shepherd- **Big Idea: The Good Shepherd Knows his sheep and they know Him. His sheep listen for his voice and follow him.** We'll be learning about shepherds from Psalm 23 and Jesus who said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

Emmaus uses God's Big Story curriculum which is Gospel driven and Christ centered. It uses interactive story-telling of the Scriptures, song, art, and play to engage children's hearts and minds.

Our teaching team is group of seasoned parents and grandparents who love Jesus and kids. Emmaus seeks to create a safe learning environment for kids, so all our team members go through background checks and training.