

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

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**\*Prayer After Communion:**

**Pastor:** 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, **C: Amen.**

**\*Blessing:**

**Pastor:** 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.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:**

**Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**

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**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia ! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia !**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

**Our Military Members Carolyn Pinos Emma Rosman Cheryl & Keith Sherbine**

Today, Jack Seymour authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

Confirmation classes will begin in the fall. Please reach out to Dan Kerch with interest or questions.

Rotary Club Mothers' Day Pancake Breakfast ... Sunday May 10, from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. The breakfast will be held at the Portage Senior Activity Center. Adults: \$10; Children (12 & under) \$6. Mothers receive a free special gift.

Our next Social Sunday will be on May 3, following the service. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in the Narthex. If you would like to be reimbursed, please give receipts to Dan Kerch.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday, April 6th, at 6:30 pm.

If anyone in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office, at (814) 942-1042 to make needed arrangements.

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## Worship Sunday at 9:00 am

### Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026



#### *Communion Hospitality*

*Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.*

**The Sanctuary candle is in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Tall and small candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine.**

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

