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Repent and be baptized · every one of you  
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*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 19, 2026**

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

*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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *Voluntary on "Puer Nobis"* - Robert Graham

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
 and for making us a new creation.  
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
 now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* (ELW 377)**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**\*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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW 382) Vs 1**



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Stay With Us* - Herbert F. Brokering/Walter L. Pelz

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

A reading from Acts.

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."**

- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,
- <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

A reading from 1 Peter.

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

<sup>18</sup> 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?"

<sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then

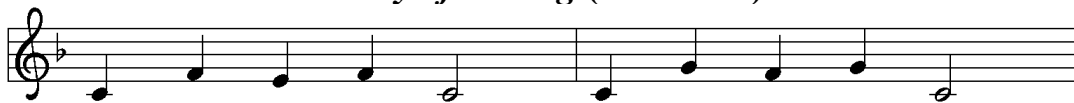
their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**SERMON** Rev. Michael Ross

\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Day of Arising* (ELW 374)



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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**Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.**

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)**

**P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 182)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

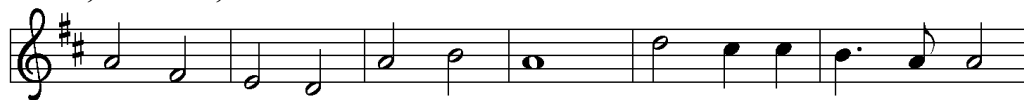
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.*

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (ELW 384)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## \*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
Amen.

## \*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 SONG *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
- 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE** *Thine Is the Glory* - arr. Brian Glyncannon

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the glory of God.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown** by email to [pastor@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@solomonslutheran.org) or phone 703-434-9220.

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Eva Stahl, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Clif Rau, Dennis Hose, Sam Brooks, Ellie Martin, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

- April 21 - Property 1pm
- 22 - Bible Study 10am
- Qigong/Tai Chai 7pm
- 23 - Choir 7pm

**We are asking for all members to complete the Call Committee Survey that was emailed to you by April 24<sup>th</sup> and put it into a box at the front of the sanctuary.** There are extra copies on the table in the Sunday School room. The surveys will be discussed at a congregation meeting on May 3 after Worship. Also, at this meeting, we will review a new contract with Rev. Julia L. Brown. Thank you for your support.

*Ron Coldsmith, Council President.*

**Help is needed to set up tables and chairs and help serve 2 luncheons on April 23 & 25. See Frances for the times.**

**AC&T, CO. INC, our propane supplier, has made available to members of Solomon's, 4 season tickets to the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars Baseball Team, for all home games.** Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please call Ron Coldsmith.

### **Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the fellowship center conference room.**

April 22 - The Book of Philemon. Resource: <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-philemon/>

May 6 - The Book of Titus. Resource: <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-titus/>

May 20 - The Gospel of John.

**Congregation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30pm.** The menu is ham meatballs, baked potato, corn, baked pineapple, brownie and/or sundae. Major Joy Labbe from the Salvation Army will be the speaker. Tickets: Adults - \$7.50, Children (5-11) - \$4.00, Under 5 - free. See Margie Dale or Frances Reichard for tickets.

**During the month of April, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry.** Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the totes under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.

**Qigong/Tai Chi Class** - Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. All movement is done standing. Sitting can be an option. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson – (cell) 931-338-9762.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room.** Please sign up for as many as you can.

**The 2026 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room.** The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

**Power Pack Meals:** We are once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2025-2026 school year. Please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

### **Music Notes/Hymn Notes:**

Today's Hymn of the Day, "Day of Arising," was written by Susan Cherwien and set to a tune by Carl Schalk. Using information provided by Cherwien, she suggests that when we think of Holy Communion, our minds seem to go to Maundy Thursday when Jesus shared the bread and wine with his disciples. While this is a good thing, it is also important that we associate this meal with the risen Christ when Jesus shared this meal with his disciples in Emmaus. She wanted to emphasize Christ's risen presence when the Church shares Holy Communion. In the first stanza, Cherwien gives what is almost an overview of the Emmaus story, from the initial meeting of Jesus with the companions to where he reveals Himself as He breaks the bread. In stanza two, we are assured that in the midst of grief in our lives, Christ walks with us even if we are unaware of His presence. The third stanza promises that Christ is with us anytime the Church gathers and bread is broken at the table. Finally in stanza four, the focus again moves to the risen Christ, with the hope that we will rise with Him. "Each stanza expands the implications of the resurrection into an ever-widening circle: the companions on the road, each of us, the Church, and all creation." (UMCdiscipleship.org)

"Thine Is the Glory" (also known as Thine Be the Glory), our sending song this morning, was written by a French speaking Swiss evangelist, Edmond Burdy, in 1884, but it was not

translated into English until 1923 by Baptist Minister Richard Birch Hoyle. This hymn, despite its words, would not have been such a success without the accompanying tune composed by George Frederick Handel, written for the oratorio, *Judas Maccabaeus* in 1746. The hymn has strong theology based on the gospel accounts of the resurrection; the first line being about the risen Lord which was foretold in the Old Testament. The hymn perfectly displays the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection and tells us to shed our doubt. Verse two talks about death loosing its sting and is based on 1 Corinthians 15:55. The last verse is talking about Thomas who doubted and perhaps represents many of us asking hard questions. The refrain is the central message of the Christian faith ..'risen conquering son, endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.' Another great hymn to close our worship the second Sunday of Easter. (Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins; Austin Lovelace pg.104; waltonparish.org/uk).

The choir anthem this morning is taken from the hymnal supplement, With One Voice, and has a meaningful text that is very suitable for this morning's gospel. The text is included below:

#### Stay With Us

Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, open our eyes, Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh, hear when our weary spirits cry.  
Feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Stay with us till we behold a joyful life you will unfold.  
Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.