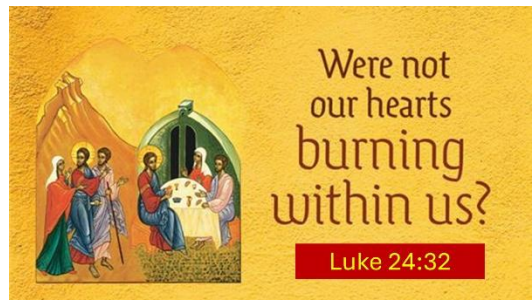


April 19th, 2026 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Third Sunday of Easter



Easter continues. Each year, the gospel on the third Sunday of Easter is a resurrection appearance. All three readings for this Sunday include references to early Christian worship.

[Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

The miracle of the resurrection continues, as thousands of people repent, believe, and are baptized. As usual, Luke sees the purposes of this conversion to be the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are now this baptized community, assembling weekly for this apostolic teaching, the meal with the risen Christ, and our prayers.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

As if we are the crowd to whom Peter is preaching, we need to hear the good news and to repent. The psalm for the day is two excerpts from Psalm 116, a song of thanksgiving for recovery from perhaps illness. Singing [Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#), we call on the Lord to save us, and we join with the newly baptized to praise God for salvation. Christians have applied “the cup” (v. 13) to the eucharist: today we also think about the cup on the table at Emmaus. Although the psalm is cast in the singular, the grateful person promises to join with all the faithful in communal worship.

[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

According to this heavily metaphoric post-baptismal sermon, we are now the exile community that in Christ is judged, ransomed, purified, and born anew. The word grows in us each week, and the blood of Christ buys us back from the power of death.

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

The Emmaus story illustrates the weekly assembly of Christians, who first search through Moses and the prophets to hear about the messiah and who then share a meal and, in so doing, recognize the risen Christ. In keeping with Luke’s many parallels between the sexes, some contemporary artists depict the two disciples as a man and a woman. This Sunday in our congregations, we find Christ in the scriptures and recognize Christ at our table.