

PASTOR'S COLUMN—APRIL 22, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Resurrection and Eucharist go together. In St. Luke's Gospel, the risen Jesus encounters two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Later that day they have dinner together and the two disciples recognize the risen Jesus in the breaking of bread. This is a story about how hospitality leads to recognizing the risen Jesus. Eucharist is a hospitality gathering of the faith community leading to breaking the bread from heaven and sharing it as members of the one Body of Christ.

Hospitality is a cornerstone to the Eucharist for the risen Christ welcomes us to eternal life already here on earth. A welcoming approach to God and neighbor is evidence of our faith in the risen Christ at Eucharist. To say that resurrection and Eucharist go together is to acknowledge that resurrection and hospitality go together. Eternal life on earth has something to do with being welcoming people, approaching life as the heavenly banquet growing on earth that has room not only for the risen Jesus but also the entire human community.

Loving you in Christ's Risen Peace,

Fr. Terry