

The Third Sunday of
+EASTER+
April 26, 2020



Emmaus: Christ Made Known to Them
In The Breaking of the Bread

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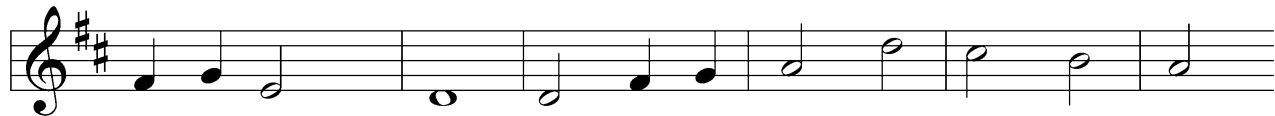
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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

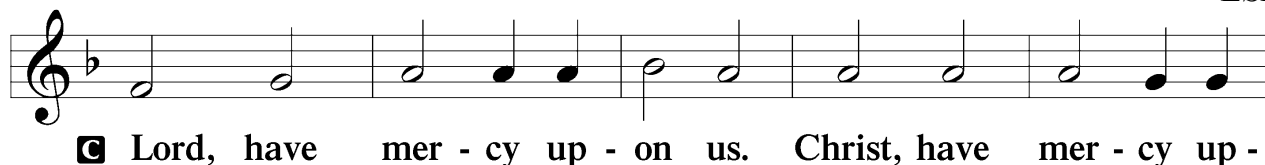
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.



Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

Kyrie

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

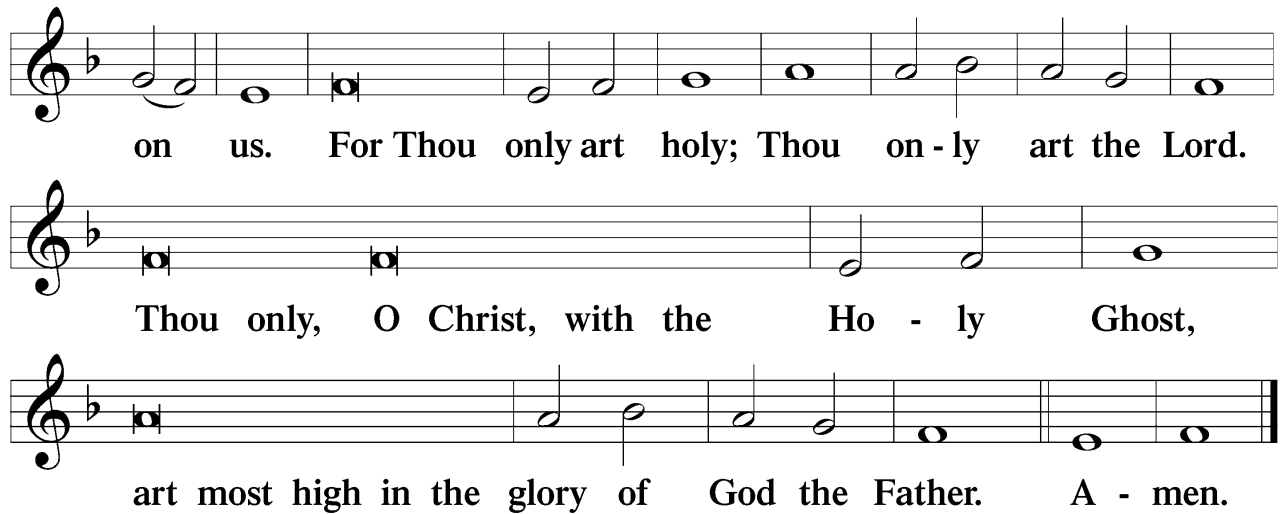
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

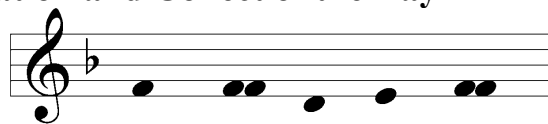
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your

children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”
⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying,
“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were
baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds,
conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things
such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without
blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made
manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who
raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love,
love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of
perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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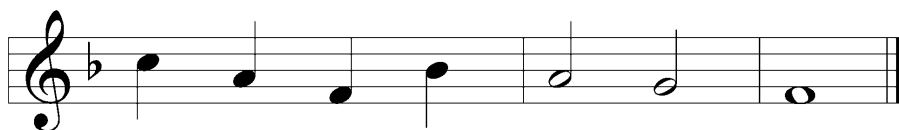


☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

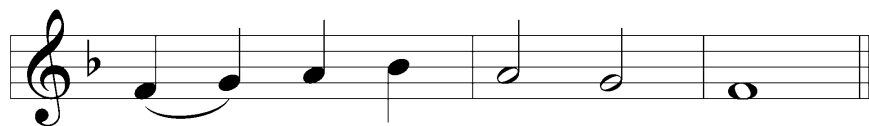


☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But 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 happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



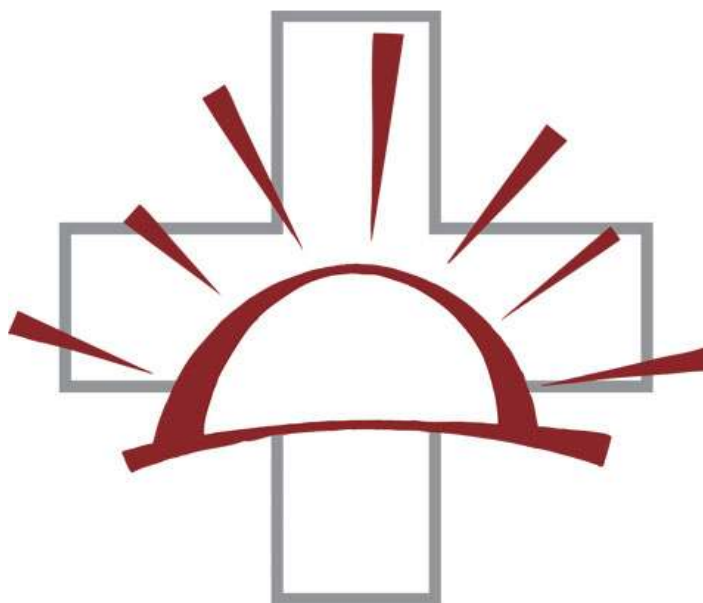
☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



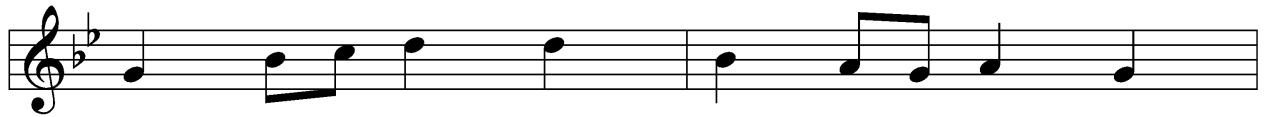
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

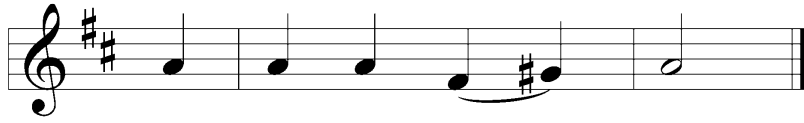
Lord's Prayer

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P 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.



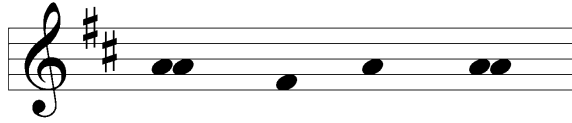
P The Lord be with you.



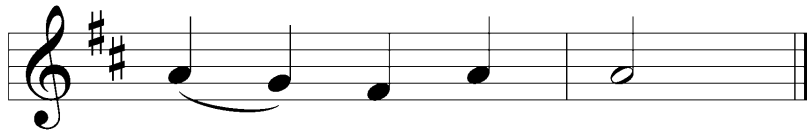
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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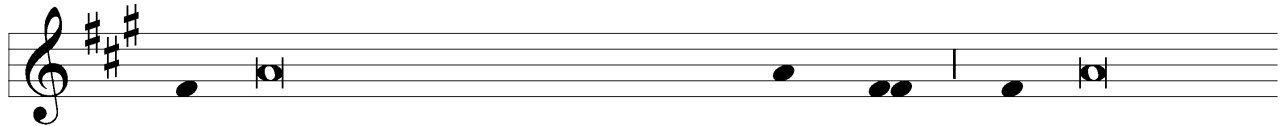
A Bless we the Lord.



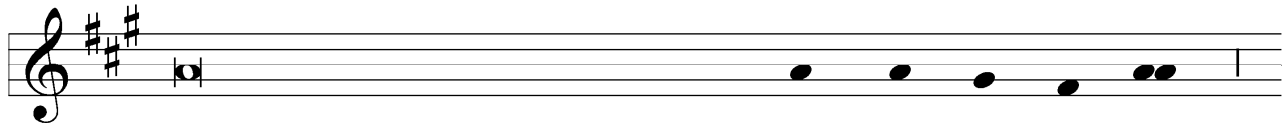
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

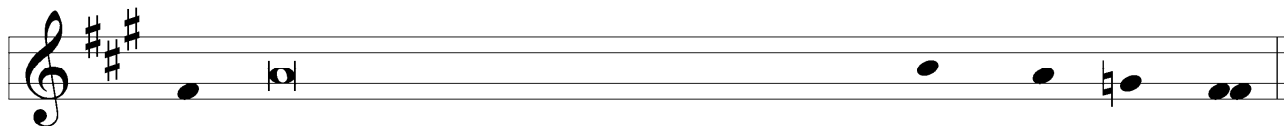
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

The Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24:13-35

It is Easter evening. Two disciples are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, about a seven mile journey. As they are walking, they are discussing together the events of the past week—the arrest, the trial, the crucifixion, the burial of Jesus. And then, just earlier that day, the odd news from the women of the open, empty tomb. Stories of angels there. The report of Peter and John that, upon entering the tomb, the shroud which wrapped the Lord’s dead body lied neatly folded—but the body of Jesus was nowhere to be found.

They had staked their lives on Jesus of Nazareth. They thought he was the One who would redeem Israel. He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. He raised the dead. They hoped he was the Messiah. And in that short week, their hopes seemed to have been dashed to pieces. Disappointment, disillusion, grief, bewilderment, confusion, sadness. What words can describe what goes through your mind as you walk that lonely Emmaus road? You trusted Jesus and now he seems to have disappeared without a trace. You feel betrayed—used maybe, certainly sad. Rumors don’t provide any comfort. Even reports of a vision of angels rings hollow. It all hangs on that little sentence, “But him they did not see.” [Lk. 24:24]

As they walked the Emmaus road, a stranger caught up with them. It was Jesus, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. What does this mean? One: the risen body of Jesus was the same body he had in his earthly life—still bearing in his hands and his feet and side the marks of nails and spear, as we heard last week. But somehow, that body was different—*transformed*, we might say. So that Mary Magdalene didn’t recognize him at first Easter morning. She supposed the risen Jesus to be the tomb’s gardener. These two Emmaus disciples suppose him to be no one but a common stranger.

But it was also that Jesus was purposely concealing himself from them. First, he wanted to hear from them what they thought about him. “We thought he was the one,” they said—but this only betrays that they do not yet take Jesus at his word. Jesus had told them three times that he would die and in three days, rise. They should’ve expected this. What happened on Holy Week is exactly what the Lord said would happen. But still, they did not believe.

“O foolish men and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken!” What does he mean? Jesus is teaching the disciples how to interpret the Bible. The Bible is not a rulebook or an owner’s manual for life. The Scriptures are centered in Christ and bear witness—in every page—to his death and resurrection. Jesus could’ve given them a Bible study on the Passover, the Exodus, the sacrifices, Isaiah’s suffering servant, and all the images and stories which are really pictures of the One Central Story—the Lord’s Passover from death to life. All Scripture is centered in Jesus and finds its ultimate goal and fulfillment in his death and resurrection.

“Were not our hearts burning within us when he opened to us the Scriptures?” the disciples asked themselves later. As Jesus unfolded Holy Scripture to show them how his suffering and death were no accident, but Scripture-fulfillment, all of the pieces were coming together, forming a picture of crystal clarity in their minds. They came to understand that Holy Week was no tragic accident. Holy Week was the playing-out of God’s definite plan of salvation for mankind. Jesus’ suffering and death was pre-planned from the foundation of the world, so that men might be saved through the blood of Jesus. His death was no defeat, but really victory.

They still don't recognize Jesus. They arrive at the Emmaus house later in the evening. "Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent," the disciples asks the Lord. So the Lord joins them in the house. And then, he stops being their guest and starts being their Host. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to them—echoes of the Upper Room the week before—the Passover meal, the breaking of the bread, "This is my Body." At that very moment, at the breaking of the bread, their eyes were finally opened. They recognized Jesus. Just as suddenly, he disappears from sight.

What does it all mean? The Lord is teaching us that now, we will know him in a new way. In our earthly life, we will not know him like Thomas, or Mary Magdalene in the garden—by touch and by sight. "We walk by faith, not by sight," says St. Paul, 2 Cor. 5:7. "Blessed are those who haven't seen, and yet believe," Jesus said to Thomas, Jn. 20:29. Now we will know the Lord in a new way—through the opening up of the Scriptures, and the breaking of the bread—what we Lutherans call "Word and Sacrament."

These are the places where the Lord Jesus connects with us, unites himself to us, and distributes to us the gifts he won for us on the cross—forgiveness, life, and salvation—and we receive him there in faith. In Christian worship, we hear from Christ in the Scriptures. We receive him in the Supper. And that's what the story of the Emmaus Road teaches: in this in-between time—the time in-between his Ascension and his coming again on the Last Day—is not a time for seeing with our eyes, but hearing with our ears, and receiving with our mouths the Body and the Blood. The Lord is made known to us through these means, and there, like the two disciples, we see him by faith. And even more, we are renewed by these means to wait for his Second Coming in hope, when what is hidden will be revealed, when seeing by faith will give way to seeing with our own eyes, and like Thomas and Mary and all the disciples who saw and touched the risen Christ, we will see and behold him too in the glory of his eternal resurrection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At St. Paul.

The (Temporary) Suspension of Corporate Worship and all Business of the Church. Due to the Governor's edict all services and meetings of the congregation at St. Paul are, for the time being, suspended. Services will be recorded and broadcast on Facebook Live and immediately uploaded to YouTube and sent out to the membership via email.

Park-In Services. The park-in services are working well, and thanks be to God, we've have good weather for them up to this point. Since this format works for safely gathering together, we are going to continue meeting in this way as a congregation for the foreseeable future. Sundays at 9AM, come to St. Paul and tune your radio to 106.1FM. The deacons will pass out bulletins and collect offerings. Participate in the service by hearing, singing, and praying along.

I will continue to record the services ahead of time for those that stay at home and post these services both on YouTube and Facebook, until we can meet together again. Please don't get

used to this! Pray to the Lord for an end to this scourge so that we can worship in person and receive the Lord's Supper. If you would like me to bring you the Lord's Supper, call me.

Confirmation. Examinations with confirmands are currently being scheduled on the calendar. When the confirmand feels prepared to answer the questions given on the Study Guide, contact me to set up a time when we can meet for the examination, whether it be video-conference or in person, whichever you are most comfortable with. I am trying to get the elders to be present for these meetings too. Robes have been ordered and they will be \$15/confirmand. Parents can reimburse the Church for this expense. We look forward to the day when we can celebrate with our students with the Rite of Confirmation and receive the Sacrament together with them.

Elders, Council, and Voters were scheduled to meet April 20-21. Due to restrictions, these meetings have been tentatively rescheduled to May 18-19.

Offerings and E-Giving. To continue to support St. Paul and our school in the midst of this crisis, you may mail your offering envelope to the Church, drop it off in a plate by the narthex door if you are near Church, or give online. Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, and others wishing to support our mission may now provide their contributions through a secure, and Synod-approved online website, titled Vanco GivePlus.

To view this opportunity, simply go to the Congregation's website, www.splutheranpreble.org, click the Online Giving tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, then click the Donation Link provided, set up your online giving profile, and follow the simple instructions. More details will be coming over the next several months. Please contact Tim Ehlerding.

At Wyneken.

Wyneken Office Hours are 8am – 11:30am until further notice and by appointment for other hours. Office contact: 260-639-6177 or by email at office@wyneken.org and principal@wyneken.org.

Please join us! Join us online for Morning Prayer! Visit www.wyneken.org for the link.

School Tuition Payments were to be paid in full by Wednesday, April 1. If you need to know what your final balance is or will need to make other arrangements, please contact Cheryl Reinking (business assistant) at 260-639-6177 or by email at creinking@wyneken.org. She is available to speak with you during our current business hours.

Library books will not be charged any late fees. Books to be returned by May 22.

SCRIP: Scrip is available for purchase in the school office during the hours of 8am -11:30am.

SGO Applications – Children who will be enrolled in grades K-8th for the 2020-2-21 school year will be receiving their SGO applications in the coming week. If you do not get one by Monday, April 20, please call the school office at 260-639-6177. Deadline is June 1, 2020.

Praise Be to God & Congratulations! We celebrate with Mrs. Pam Brewer (Grade 5 teacher) for 30 years of service, Mrs. Amber Franz (Language Arts teacher) and Mrs. Carolyn Voshell (Grade 1 teacher) both with 15 years of service, and Ms. Tricia Day (Kindergarten teacher) for

5 years of service in the teaching ministry. In addition, we rejoice with Mrs. Danielle Fuhrman (School secretary) for 25 years of service, Mrs. Sharon Franke (Food Service Director) and Mrs. Stephanie Comer (Custodian) both with 15 years of service, Mrs. Christine Cornett (Childcare Director) for 10 years of service, Mrs. Erin Hull (Teacher aide/Librarian) and Miss Dakota Miller (Childcare) with 5 years of faithful service at Wyneken. Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for devoted teachers and staff members who serve at Wyneken!

The spring association meeting for Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School has been postponed to Thursday, May 28. More information regarding the meeting will be forthcoming.

Friday, May 22 is the final home-based remote learning day – Tuesday, May 26 is a waiver day. All assignments for the last week are due by 2:30pm on Friday, May 22.

*May 22 - Tentative drop off day of school textbooks and other school belongings/pick up of any remaining personal items of students. We are here to help you in any way we can, either in person, by phone, or email. Please do not hesitate to reach out during these next few weeks.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+For a swift end to COVID-19; for those infected and those who have been exposed; For loved ones and caretakers; For those leading nations; For physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, administrators, and all other healthcare employees around the world; For those who must work, despite the threat of sickness; For those who have become unemployed or under employed during this pandemic; For Churches and all ministers of the Word; For parents and children; For Wyneken and all places of learning; For those who are alone; For all navigating decisions during this time of uncertainty and fear.

+For the Sick at St. Paul: Anita Spiegel; Bonnie Gallmeyer; Jim Schueler; Ken Schueler; Dick and Ruth Bultemeier. **+For the Homebound & Infirm:** Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel (Ossian Health and Rehab Nursing Home). **+Birthdays:**

OFFERINGS *4.12.20*

Need Weekly: \$7,049.84	Received Last Week: \$12,155.00
+5,105.16/week	-12,146.77/year

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