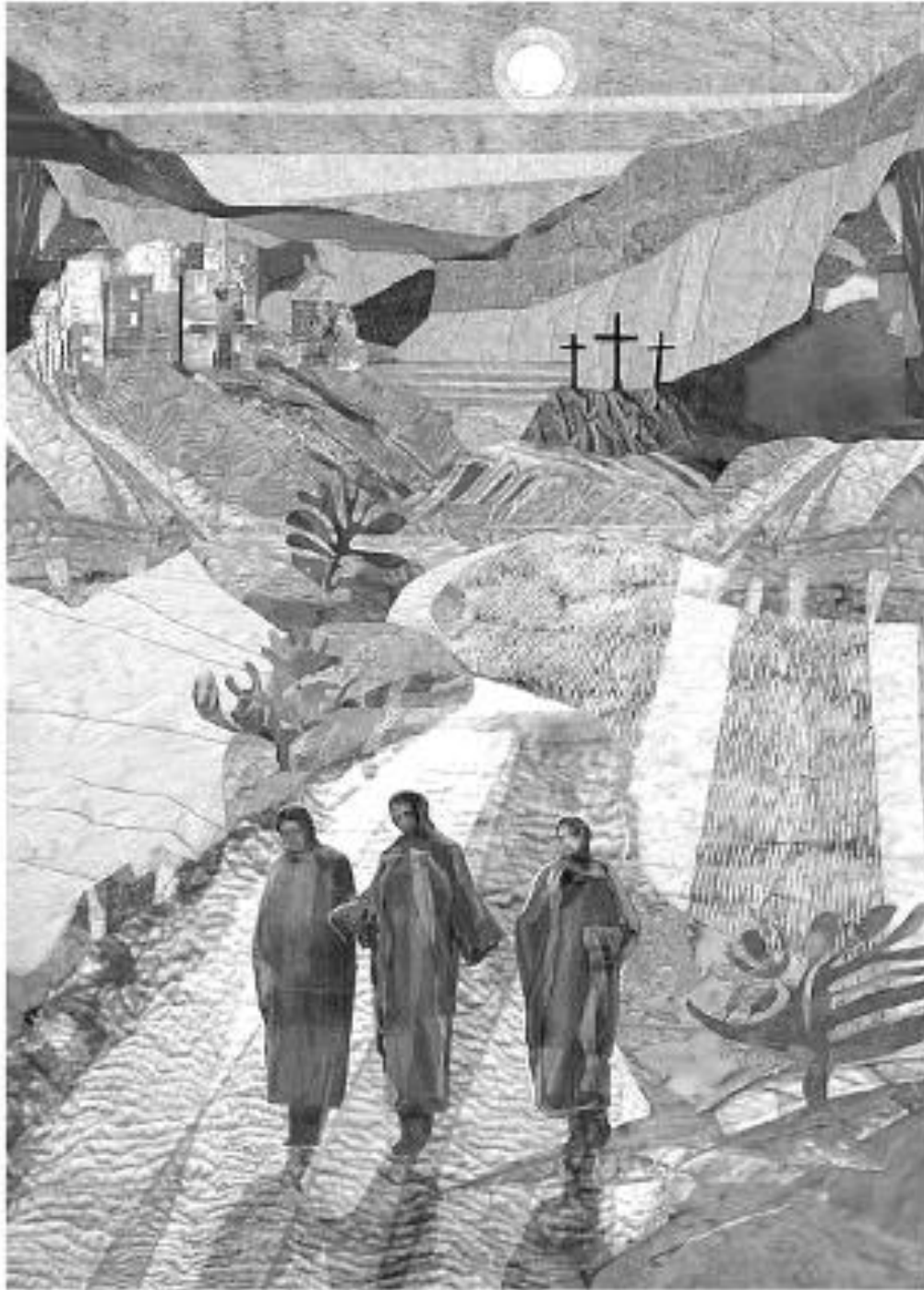


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022



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Prayer: O Almighty and eternal God, now that You have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE: A prayer for peace in the midst of conflict.
Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have been our life in the midst of death, and our peace where there is no peace. Look upon Your servants in Ukraine and Russia with Your grace and assure them that in the darkness of political unrest You remain the Light of the World.
Dearest Jesus, through the cross you defeated all that keeps us from the peace that passes understanding. In these tense days, we pray, be the Good Shepherd of Your flock in Eastern Europe and around the world and give all persons and countries aching from social and political turmoil Your Good News of sins forgiven, and life restored. Holy Spirit, You gather us into Your Church where we are made new by Your Holy Word. Keep us from civil strife, from the aggressive spilling of blood, and turn back all misfortunes that lead to hostility and death. Grant a speedy reconciliation to those on opposite sides of the conflict; soften the hearts of the unmerciful and bring them to the knowledge of You. Triune God, grant peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, and in Your whole Church on earth, that with one heart and mind we may sing Your praises, and have peace at the last, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS: Please keep Amy & Brandon Kemp in your prayers as Amy goes in Sunday morning at 10:00 for a caesarean. Everyone is excited!

Children’s Message: Children's Messages will resume Sundays in the early service. Please be aware that during recorded services the children will be heard but no actual video will be taken as the camera will be focused on a still shot as we do not have permission to video record children.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE TODAY: Psalm 30: 4 <https://youtu.be/5FNft5uZcc>

Organist: Louise Gondosch

Readers: 9 a.m. — Lorraine Kaija 11 a.m. — Howard Bogusat

Greeters: 9 a.m. --- Frank & Ivy Parkhouse 11 a.m. ---

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Eph. 2: 4-10 Wed.: John 21: 15-19 Friday: John 18: 1-9
Tuesday: Matt. 26: 31-35 Thurs: 1 Pet. 5: 1-4 Saturday: Acts 20: 28-32

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE: We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages where we are focusing on understanding and memorizing a Psalm verse each week. This week is Psalm 30: 4.

WORSHIP NOTE:

- A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTi9c_OIBbMqGwLw
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com). or phone the church office (905-685-8294). May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3: We give thanks to the Lord for the safe arrival of **Fredrick Alexander Owyn** born Sunday, April 24th, to parents Abigail and Tyler Backus, grandparents Tiffany and Owyn Backus and great grandparents Pearl and Sam Backus. May our good Lord continue to work in the lives of this young family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be meeting in the basement following the early service **Today, May 1st** and next **Sunday, May 8th**. We hope you will join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Nobody grows up dreaming of waking up, going to work, heading home, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media, and then doing it all over again the next day until their last breath. We all want to be used to change the world, be difference-makers. Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. How did Jesus make such a difference in this world? Join us, at the church, **Friday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.** as we start our Right Now Media Bible Study **"One at a time."**



Plant Sale, Baked Goods & Yard Sale!! *(with candy floss after noon)*

Saturday, May 7th - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church

105 Welland Road, Fonthill (corner of South Pelham),

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Rev. Dr. John Nunes, former president of Concordia College, Bronxville NY, originally from Hamilton, ON [who preached for Pastor Todd's installation] will be coming to Christ Lutheran on **MAY 24! From 7-9 PM** he is giving a "book talk" work shop style in the sanctuary on his 2020 paperback, "MEANT FOR MORE". Pastor Todd has some copies to share with any who would like to read ahead before he arrives. More information yet to come. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

VOTER'S MEETING: Please note that there will be a Voters Meeting on **Sunday, May 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

LWML-Canada, Ontario District, Niagara Zone, is hosting our District Convention in St. Catharines at Grace Lutheran Church (accommodation at Niagara College) on June 9 to 11th, 2022. More details will follow. If at all possible, please plan to attend. It is a wonderful time to get to know and renew friendships with our sisters in Christ from around the province! It is a time to focus on **"Joy, Patience, Prayer"** which is the theme of the Convention. (Romans 12:12) *Our Seminary Student Eduardo Farias and his wife Daniella will be our wonderful entertainment for Friday evening!*



THE MARY MARTHA is collecting items for Medical Missions that they will take to the Ingathering at the LWML District Convention this coming June, we invite everyone to help by adding items to the container sitting on the Narthex Table. Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future:

Monetary Gifts made payable to "Christ Lutheran Church" and placed in an envelope designated for "LWML Ontario District Medical Missions". Everything appreciated with Thanks

- Antibiotic Ointment (Polysporin, etc.)
- Vicks VapoRub
- Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Children
- Disposable Gloves
- Vitamins for Adults and Children
- Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Cream
- Antihistamines – Benadryl
- Q-Tips
- Voltarin (Arthritic Ointment)
- Band Aids/Adhesive Tape
- ACE Elastic Bandag

LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:

Lutheran Young people from across Canada will be gathering together this **July 15-19, 2022 in Winnipeg, Manitoba**. The theme for the gathering is "**IN NOT OF**" from Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ." Information packages are available from Louise. Save the date, check out the website at <http://www.lccnyg.ca>, start following the Facebook and Instagram pages and check out this fun announcement from Pastor Glenn Worcester <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68gXVYofMY>



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Last Sunday Attendance: April 24th, 2022 Attn: 9 A.M. – 61; 11 A.M. – 43; Total: 104

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	283,291.00	5,554.73	2,175.00	67,639.79	(24,974.58)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	173.00	4,547.00	(1,991.46)
Property Improvement:			117.00	2,143.00	

EXTRA HANDS & BODIES NEEDED: we continually need extra people assisting in our services. With offering both 9 am and 11 am services, we are finding ourselves short staffed of volunteers. Particularly for the late service, we need your help in the following areas:

- 1) Greeting of Worshippers at entrance and Covid Protocol Preparation of our PowerPoint worship services [editing the Google Doc Slides, can be done at home]
- 2) Operation of the PowerPoint during church services [training with written instruction will be provided]
- 3) Taking a turn preparing the Altar for Communion and seasonal colour cloth changes [Altar Guild]
- 4) Ushering people to pew seats and directing people to line up for communion
- 5) Lighting and extinguishing of altar candles

Recording services using newly installed equipment [training with written instructions will be provided]

We pray that you consider helping. We need participation from all ages. Should you wish more information about what is involved, please speak to Judy Slingerland, Tom Kuhl or Pastor Todd.

GREETERS: - What a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the congregation and at the same time enjoy a little fellowship! Greet members at the door, encourage hand sanitizing and provide them with a copy of the Bulletin and Worship Folder. It's as easy as that! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

EASTER PRAISE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Adapted from the Lutheran Church of Australia Worship Materials

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022 + 9 AM service

GOD WELCOMES US

FIRST SONG:

"He Lives!"

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living whatever people say;
I see His hand of mercy -- I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near:
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives!
Salvation to impart---
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives-- within my heart

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian -- Lift up your voice
and sing
Eternal hallelujahs, to Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all
who find
None other is so loving--So good and kind!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives!
Salvation to impart---
You ask me how I know He lives
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PSALM 30 various verses

"The Voice" translation

I praise You, Eternal One. You lifted me out of that deep, dark pit
and denied my opponents the pleasure of rubbing in their success.
Eternal One, my True God, I cried out to You for help;
You mended the shattered pieces of my life.
You lifted me from the grave with a mighty hand, gave me another chance,
and saved me from joining those in that dreadful pit.
Sing, all you who remain faithful!
Pour out your hearts to the Eternal with praise and melodies;
let grateful music fill the air and bless His name.
His wrath, you see, is fleeting, but His grace lasts a lifetime.
The deepest pains may linger through the night,
but joy greets the soul with the smile of morning.

When things were quiet and life was easy, I said in arrogance,

"Nothing can shake me."

By Your grace, Eternal, I thought I was as strong as a mountain;

But when You left my side and hid away, I crumbled in fear.

O Eternal One, I called out to You;

I pleaded for Your compassion and forgiveness:

Hear me, Eternal Lord—please help me, Eternal One—be merciful!"

You did it: You turned my deepest pains into joyful dancing;.

You have restored my honor.

**It's impossible to keep quiet! Eternal One, my God, my Life-Giver, I will thank
You forever.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with all of His creation. As our sinful rebellion separates us from God and our neighbors, let us together as one people confess our sins:

O gracious and merciful God –

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Gracious God, through water and the Spirit you have made us your own. You promise restoration and renewal. You give us wisdom and understanding, council, might and holy awe in Your presence. So by the word of Christ and in His place, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAISE SONG:

“Thou Art Worthy”

**Thou art wor-thy, thou art wor-thy,
Thou art wor-thy O Lord.
Thou art worthy to receive glory,
glory and honor, and power.
For thou hast cre-a-ted,
Hast all things cre-a-ted,
For thou hast cre-a-ted all things.
And for thy plea-sure they are cre-a-ted.
Thou art wor-thy o Lord.**

**Thou art wor-thy, thou art wor-thy,
Thou art wor-thy o Lamb.
Thou art worthy to receive glory and power
At the Father’s right hand.
For thou hast redeemed us,
Has ransomed and cleansed us,
By Thy blood setting us free--
In new robes arrayed us , kings and priests
made us,
And we are reigning in Thee**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

We pray: Almighty and Gracious Father, You made the blessed disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. By Your Word and Spirit, remind us that He is always with us in His Church through the Sacraments of grace, that we, too, may share in His glorious resurrection. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 3: 12-19*

When Peter saw [the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple], he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out... This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading:*St. John's Revelations 5: 8-14*

When the Lord had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE:

**This is the day this is the day
That the Lord has made; That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice we will rejoice
And be glad in it and be glad in it
This is the day, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

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The Holy Gospel: *St. Luke 24:13-35*The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" And 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and 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. Some 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." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but 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. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They 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?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

GOSPEL SONG: "Come Share The Lord"

**Chorus 1: We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

**Chorus 2: We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

**Bridge: For He will feed us with His presence here
This bread and wine will do us good
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food**

**Chorus 3: He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

**Bridge: No one is a stranger here; Ev'ryone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now the family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen He meets us here
In the breaking of the bread**

Ending: Come take the bread -- Come drink the wine -- Come share the Lord

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Come Share The Lord

Words and Music by
Bryan Jeffery Leech

$\text{♩} = 80$ **INTRO**

C D/C Bm⁷ Em⁷ Am



CHORUS 1a & 2a

4 Am/D

G² Am⁷/G



1. We gath - er here — in Je - sus' name, His love is
(2. We'll gath - er) soon — where an - gels sing, we'll see the

7 G²

Am⁷/D D⁷ C/G G C/G



burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame. For through His lov - ing Son — the Fa - ther
glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King. Now we an - ti - ci - pate — the feast for

10 C/G G C/G

G/D C/D

1.
G²



makes us one. Come take the bread, — come drink the wine, — come share the Lord.
which we wait. Come take the bread, — come drink the wine, — come share the

13 Am⁷/D

2.
G C/G G Am⁷ Em/B C⁶ D/A

BRIDGE 1



2. We'll gath - er Lord. — For He will feed us with His

16 G D/A G/B D/A G Am⁷ Em/B C⁶ D/A G C G/B Am⁷ Em/B

pres-ence here, this bread and wine will do us good. Our deep-esthun - gersHe will

20 Am/C Am⁷/D D⁷ Am⁷ C/D

sat - is - fy, for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food. 3. He joins us

CHORUS 3

24 G² Am⁷/G G²

here, He breaksthe bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the

27 Am⁷/D C/G G C/D C/G G C/D

dead. The One we love the most is now our gra-cious host. Come take the bread, -

BRIDGE 2

30 G/D C/D D G Am/G G Am⁷/D D

— come drink the wine, — come share the Lord. No one is a

33 G D/F# G C/G Em/G Am⁷(b⁵) G²/B G/B C D/C

stran - ger here, ev - 'ry - one be - longs. Find - ing our for -

37 Bm Em C Em/B Am C/G D/F# Am⁷/D D

-give-ness here, — we in turn for - give all wrongs. We are now the

41 G D/F# G C/G Em/G Am^{7(b5)} G²/B G/B C D/C

fam - i - ly ————— of which the Lord is head. Though un - seen He

45 Bm Em Am⁷ Am⁷/D

meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. 1. We gath - er

CHORUS 1b

49 G² Am⁷/G G²

here ————— in Je - sus' name, His love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing

52 Am⁷/D D⁷ C/G G C/G D/G C/G D/G C/G G C/G C

flame. For through His lov - ing Son — the Fa - ther makes us one. Come take the bread, .

55 G/D C/D D G E^b D^b/E^b Cm/E^b D^b/E^b

— come drink the wine, — come share the Lord. 2. We'll gath - er

CHORUS 2b

58 A^b D^b/A^b A^b E^{b7}/B^b A^b/C E^{b7}/B^b A^b

soon, where an - gels sing, we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing

61 E^{b9sus} D^b/F D^b E^b/D^b D^b Cm⁷ B^bm⁷ D^b/A^b B^bm

King. Now we an - ti - ci - pate — the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread, .

ENDING

64 $A\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat7^{sus}$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat/A\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat/E\flat$

— come drink the wine, — come share the Lord. Come take the bread, come drink the

67 $B\flat m^7$ $E\flat$ $B\flat m^7$ $A\flat^2$

wine, come share the Lord. _____

70 $D\flat/A\flat$ $A\flat^2$

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MESSAGE

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

SONG RESPONSE TO THE WORD **“Make Me A Servant”**

**Make me a servant humble and meek
 Lord let me lift up those who are weak
 And may the prayer of my heart always be
 Make me a servant make me a servant
 Make me a servant today**

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THE PRAYERS

Our risen Lord Jesus revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. Let us pray that we may be fed with the Bread of life.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the presence of your risen Son among us. Continue to send him by sending your word to convert hearts and minds to faith, as the hearts of the Emmaus travelers burned with renewed faith. Especially sustain us through the gift of Your Son’s Body and Blood in the Breaking of the Bread at Your Table of grace in this place; We pray,
Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Assist all those who are hungry or starving throughout the world. Bless all those who work to provide food for people everywhere, and lead all those who are given the responsibility to distribute food to do so honestly and fairly. We thank you for blessing us with your bountiful goodness, and help us all to share willingly of all which you have first given to us. We pray,
Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

We pray for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace. Lead them all to your church where true righteousness and peace may be found. We pray that you will guide as your church to share the peace that you have given to us, and to help guide people who are lost and aching to you through Jesus Christ. We also pray for those who hunger for understanding. Reveal your word to them so that their eyes may be opened in faith. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Move all pastors to exercise the ministry of forgiveness with compassion and mercy. And move sinners to seek and benefit from your forgiveness through them. Make us all ready to comfort one another with the good news of the gospel. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Have mercy on those who live in areas where there is political or civil unrest, dear Father, especially in...(*insert places/names*). Bring peace where there is war, and healing where there is hatred. And move us to help as we are able. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Bless and protect all people who are sick and the dying and all who hunger for health. We pray for those who struggle with poor health in our community of faith, especially (*insert names here*). As you healed the crippled man in Jesus' name near the Beautiful Gate, bring your perfect healing to all who need it, and especially bring that ultimate healing of eternal life, through Jesus victory over death and hell. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Father, in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life. Feed us now and always with the bread of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come...

EASTER PRAYER: [Prayed together]

Lord God, Creator of all, Your Son' cross and empty tomb removes our sins, Your new birth by the Spirit in Baptism makes us new again, and we stand redeemed in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us that we reflect the image of our Lord to the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Saviour. Amen.

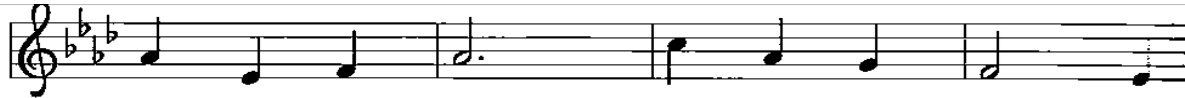
BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **And so with you.**

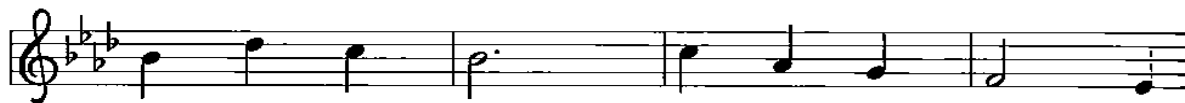
May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, be with you always.
Amen.



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EASTER SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022 -- 11 AM worship

ENTRANCE HYMN: *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing, now is the triumph of our King
To all the world glad news we bring—Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory --that Love, that Life, which cannot die
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
The life laid down the Life restored -- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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INVOCATION:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty:

He was, He is, and He is to come!

He is worthy of glory and honour and power,

He created all things. By His will they came to be.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain:

Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

By His Blood He purchased for God,

People of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Let us now go to the altar of our God:

To God, our exceeding joy. *[Brief prayerful silence]*

**Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves. We have refused to help bear the troubles of others and have
turned away from our neighbours. We have ignored the pain in the world and passed by
all the oppressed and suffering. O God, in Your mercy, forgive us our sins and free us
from selfishness, that we may do Your will and keep Your Word, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

God is merciful and gracious, giving forgiveness to all who confess their sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY [Spoken]

Risen Lord, have mercy; Resurrected Christ have mercy; Living Lord, have mercy and grant us your peace. Amen.

“NOW THE FEAST”**EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE**

[Now All The Vault tune]



1 Now is the Feast of vic - tor - y God's Lamb, from
 2 Join all cre - a - tion in this song! Prais - es which



sin has set us free! Praise our Sav - iour! Al-le-lu - ia!
 To our God be - long! Praise the true Lamb! Al-le-lu - ia!



Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom, strength— Bles - sing and
 Bles - sing and hon - our, glo-ry might— wor - ship our



Hon - our shall be His! Praise our Saviour! Praise our Saviour!
 Lord in glor - y bright! Praise the true Lamb! Praise the true Lamb!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu --- ia!
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you--**And also with you.**

Almighty and Gracious Father, You made the blessed disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. By Your Word and Spirit, remind us that He is always with us in

His Church through the Sacraments of grace, that we, too, may share in His glorious resurrection. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 3: 12-19*

When Peter saw [the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple], he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out... This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: *St. John's Revelations 5: 8-14*

When the Lord had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EASTER GOSPEL VERSE:

[Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today]

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. All—elu--ia!**

The Holy Gospel: *St. Luke 24:13-35*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" And 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and 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. Some 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." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but 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. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They 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?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN:

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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MESSAGE

RESPONSE: [Sung]

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right Spirit within me.
Cast, me not, away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Our risen Lord Jesus revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. Let us pray that we may be fed with the Bread of life.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the presence of your risen Son among us. Continue to send him by sending your word to convert hearts and minds to faith, as the hearts of the Emmaus travelers burned with renewed faith. Especially sustain us through the gift of Your Son's Body and Blood in the Breaking of the Bread at Your Table of grace in this place; We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Assist all those who are hungry or starving throughout the world. Bless all those who work to provide food for people everywhere, and lead all those who are given the responsibility to distribute food to do so honestly and fairly. We thank you for blessing us with your bountiful goodness, and help us all to share willingly of all which you have first given to us. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

We pray for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace. Lead them all to your church where true righteousness and peace may be found. We pray that you will guide as your church to share the peace that you have given to us, and to help guide people who are lost and aching to you through Jesus Christ. We also pray for those who hunger for understanding. Reveal your word to them so that their eyes may be opened in faith. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Move all pastors to exercise the ministry of forgiveness with compassion and mercy. And move sinners to seek and benefit from your forgiveness through them. Make us all ready to comfort one another with the good news of the gospel.

We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Have mercy on those who live in areas where there is political or civil unrest, dear Father, especially in...*(insert places/names)*. Bring peace where there is war, and healing where there is hatred. And move us to help as we are able. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Bless and protect all people who are sick and the dying and all who hunger for health. We pray for those who struggle with poor health in our community of faith, especially *(insert names here)*. As you healed the crippled man in Jesus' name near the Beautiful Gate, bring your perfect healing to all who need it, and especially bring that ultimate healing of eternal life, through Jesus victory over death and hell. We pray,

Come, risen Lord and choose to be our Guest;

Father, in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life. Feed us now and always with the bread of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come...

EASTER PRAYER: [Prayed together]

Lord God, Creator of all, Your Son' cross and empty tomb removes our sins, Your new birth by the Spirit in Baptism makes us new again, and we stand redeemed in the blood of Christ.

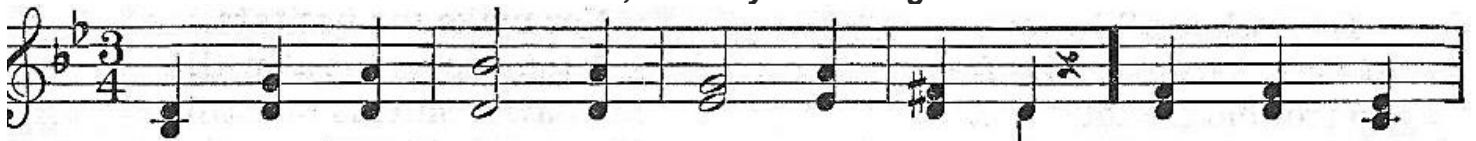
As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us that we reflect the image of our Lord to the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Saviour. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"Abide With Us, The Day Is Waning"



1 "A - bide with us, the day is wan - ing," Thus prayed the



two while on the way; We read that Thou, O Lord, re-main-ing,



Didst all their doubts and fears al - lay. In - cline Thine ear, Thou



King of Grace, When, pray-ing thus, we seek Thy face.

**3. Abide with us; with Heav'nly gladness,
illumine, Lord, our darkest day;
And when we cry in pain and sadness,
Oh be our Sol-ace, Strength and Stay.
Tell of Your cross, with Vic'try won,
when You did pray, "Thy will be done"! >**

**5. When earthly help no more avails us,
to dine with us, Lord, please be nigh;
You do give strength that never fails us,
in You we grave and death defy!
When earth will one day fade from sight,
our eyes behold the realms of Light!**

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Easter 3

Luke 24: 13-35

OUR HIDE AND SEEK SAVIOUR

May 1, 2022

Have you ever had trouble of NOT seeing something and it's right in front of you?

I can look in the fridge or in the cupboard and not see what I'm supposed to find.

What about not seeing the big things in life? Where we're expecting something important but just can't see it? Many expected great big earthshattering things of great magnitude with Jesus. But see a bloodied cross and an empty grave as total defeat. New life is there & can't be fully seen or grasped. The Emmaus Road journeymen are sad, tired and depressed. They happen to be Jesus' relatives. Cleopas is Jesus' uncle, and the other unnamed person is believed to be Cleopas' son – Jesus' cousin. While Luke as a Gospel writer is known for depicting people with eyes CLOSED by God, revealed in His own time and way--certainly the stressful disruption and tribulation Jesus' warned about just ended and they're just too hurt to recall anything that could comfort.

Suffering, crucifixion, death and burial. Passover Sabbath is over. It's Easter evening.

Jesus joins them on this walk, a road well-travelled by thousands. These travellers think Jesus is never coming back. They've heard word from several women followers. Angels testified.

He is risen. He is visiting His brothers. They don't believe and just feel more confusion and darkness.

They look but can't see. Their eyes want to see Jesus AS THEY ONCE KNEW HIM but its not happening...yet. They must see Jesus in His new way. The way we see Him. The content of their recollections conveys the heart of what they know and believe.

Jesus of Nazareth Prophet Mighty in deed & word before God and people.

Crucified by God's religious leaders, WHOM WE HAD HOPED Could redeem Israel.

Wow. There's the best of the loaded phrases. Redeem Israel. HE did. But the popular belief was a divine holy overthrow like a mighty hammering hand Crushing the Romans like an insignificant insect. I know when we hear "redemption" we think salvation. Because we're not used to having religion and politics joined that closely. We wouldn't think spiritual redemption has any impact on politics any more than they figured it could only be a politic change. We had hoped. True disappointment. We do that too, don't we? When things get dark in our life, when we lose our jobs or a loved one dies or a tragedy happens, and our hearts don't sense Christ, it's easy to say, "Maybe he's not God, maybe Jesus is not as powerful as I thought." But they were wrong and so are we if we think that way. We do it even if we can't find the repairman or the favourite brand of coffee on the shelf. Psychologists are saying now we are in a post-pandemic disorder time. "The state of being worn out by recommended precautions and restrictions related to the pandemic and is often manifested by boredom, depression, and other psychological issues including physical exhaustion,"

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/post-pandemic-exhaustion-may-be-affecting-you-more-than-you-realize>

Which is why we see either hyper vigilant folks or those throwing all caution to the wind.

Truth be told, we humans are by nature a "me generation". Over-caring for the self is creating an over exalting of the self. Pre-conceived ideas of how things should be FOR ME, in MY VIEW –

"TO ME" as they say in MB –Even with emotional fatigue. When we're spent, we try to make ourselves feel better and we aren't successful. How about when you look for God but can't sense his presence? We look for him, and we're told that "he's right there!" but we just can't see him for ourselves. Be in the word. Pray. But still, not getting the God feeling. Post pandemic brains can't process much anymore, so feelings become the measurement. Instead of sensing God you feel like he's gone or like he'll talk to anyone but you. He's still here present in a very public way.

But if you haven't remained connected Through the church the divide can feel long gone and far away. Feelings are important but can't be the only thing we rely upon. When we're struggling, maybe fatigued or frustrated, and can't see Jesus and can only think of everything wrong with our lives, we should pause; trust that the Spirit will empty us of what hurts us and fill us up with the presence of

Christ, not in new ways, but re-assuring us of what's already there. Jesus HAS done many good things for you and me and shown himself to in countless ways. May we not have selective memories but memories full of the goodness of Christ. Jesus appeals to all senses.

He listens and hears. He asks. He joins the journey. He gently scolds – how foolish and slow of heart! Fills the closed minds with Scripture examples ith open them up to holy imagination,

Sets afire the cold hearts And makes Himself known in the Breaking of the Bread. Jesus isn't a political pawn; He is a REAL LEADER achieves victory through his own laying down and suffering. AS HE TOLD THEM He MUST be killed and on the third day rise! One by one Jesus WHO IS THE WORD HIMSELF shares the gems that inspire their faith--And so they [and us] find the redemption of all people in God's abiding presence. The opening chapters of Genesis talk about the descent of Eve who is going to crush the serpent. (Gen 3:15) Noah's ark shows us what God's judgment is like against sin and we need rescue only he can provide. Abraham shows us the type of faith we need to have in God and his promises. Abraham's son Isaac carries firewood (a tree) up a mountain so he can be a sacrifice just like Christ carries the cross. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and Jesus was betrayed by his disciples. Moses was almost killed by an evil king at his birth and so was Jesus. The whole sacrificial system of sheep and goats points to the need for a permanent, perfect sacrifice. Samson gave his life to rescue his people and so did Jesus. King David, good but imperfect, points to Jesus, the True king. Dormant faith is awakened. They now see with eyes of faith, trusting in what they have believed in a new living way! One by one the passages tie together Jesus' purpose and our purpose in His life. Martin Luther himself said the Bible is merely the cradle holding the Christ-child He is ours to behold and treasure. Jesus comes liberating the WORLD not as a mighty warrior but as a sacrificial lamb. Jesus comes NOT TO CONDEMN but that all might believe and have life in His name. No longer bound by geography, risen JESUS would appear to be going on Even as the travellers wish Him to remain. It's no different than Peter wishing to make tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah When transfigured on the mountain. Jesus cannot be housed And yet will be present in every home who calls upon Him in faith. He will come to us in times of despair and in times of celebration. And HE will always share Hiss presence with us in the Breaking of the Bread. For it is in the blessed bread of Communion where we see Jesus for Who He is. Just like the Emmaus relatives of Jesus. We are all His relatives. His brothers and sisters. With eyes and hearts and minds opened. This is the 1st time Jesus' Last Supper Sacraments is celebrated. That is how all of His followers are to see and hold Him from now on. Present and accessible to all. The English bibles say He vanished, but the Greek text is actually HE is there but unseen. Just as He is within you but unseen –Just as He in the Scriptures but unseen. In the water of Baptism, In the Bread and Wine, but unseen. You are His face. You take Him into the world with hearts burning over this immense gift.

Where you are, He is.
Your eyes trust.
Your hearts trust.
Your minds trust.
Your mouths trust.

No seeking, no immense feelings, no expectant conjuring up,
He is here JUST as He's always promised.
As WE HOPED.
Amen.