

**May 4, 2014**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**  
**Third Sunday of Easter and Communion**

**INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:           “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”           # ELW 789**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. Amen.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

## **FIRST READING:**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*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.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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?"

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.

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."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**PSALM**

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

*Refrain: I will call on the name of the Lord.*

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." R**

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. R**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,  
**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Hallelujah! R**

**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 24:13-35**

*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.*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the

tomb early this morning, 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. 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." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**SERMON HYMN:**        **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”**        **# 608ELW**

**SERMON:**                       **“Where Do You See Jesus?”**

**OFFERTORY AND**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**        **“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”**        **#754 ELW**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that reborn as children of God, we recognize Christ's presence moving within and among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation, that being astounded at the earth's goodness, we live and work in a wise and sustainable manner. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the world and those who govern, that when blinded by fear and mistrust, eyes are opened to ways of freedom and reconciliation.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need: those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, or sick (*especially*). Make known to them the wholeness you alone can bring.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the newly baptized, that they daily discover Christ walking before, beside, and behind them wherever their paths may lead.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the saints (*especially Monica, mother of Augustine*). Though we see dimly in this life, we look for Christ's promised glory yet to be revealed.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer. **Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Christ is your light.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ” #545 ELW**

**Welcome Visitors-we’re glad you are here with us!**

## **THOSE SERVING TODAY MAY 4, 2014**

Music: Marlys Beaver	Greeter:	Judy Wozney
Ushers: Don & Donna Myhre	Lectors:	8:30 am Kathy Berland
Coffee: Jack & Paula Spetz		10:00 am Joanne Haglund
Carol Schlottman & Bruce Gingerich		

***Thank you for your service!***

## **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda May 4 thru May 11, 2014**

Sunday	05/04	8:30 am	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	05/05	9:00 am		Jelly Making
		7:00 pm		AA & Alanon
Tuesday	05/06	8-11am		Pastor's Text Study
		6:30 pm		Bible Study
Wednesday	05/07	8:30 am		Bible Study
		9:30 am		Hardanger
		11:00 am		Bible Study
		6:00 pm		Choir
		7:00 pm		Praise Team
Thursday	05/08	8:00 pm		R.O.M.E.O.S
		1:00 pm		Fun Timers
Friday	05/09	10:00 am		Bone Builders
Sunday	05/11	8:30 am	& 10:00 am	Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU** to Randy Tofteland for leading our services and his message.

**REMEMBER TO COME AND MAKE JELLY.** On Monday May 5, 2014 at 9:00 am in the kitchen at Bethesda. Bring your empty jelly jars and a happy heart to make jelly for us to sell to raise money for helping people in our community.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** this Wednesday at 6:00- 7:00 pm. Our new director Bill Broderius will be there to begin our summer season. This is a good time to join. New members are always welcomed!

**HELP CELEBRATE IRENE LONG'S 97<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!** Next Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, offer your greeting between services and enjoy coffee and birthday cake. She is working on being a centurion (someone living a century!) Her book, You're Entirely Welcome will be for sale. She probably would love to sign your copy. Her book is also for sale at the Mille Lacs Messenger, Isle. It is a history of Malmo, Bethesda Lutheran church, family dynamics, and a guide book for how to live 100 years old.

**CRAFT ROOM CLEAN UP.** Come May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Your help is needed.