

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hearts Burning Within

May 3 & 4, 2014

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

The risen Lord Jesus comes alongside His disciples and walks with them as they journey. They did not recognize Him at first, yet their hearts burned within them as Jesus interpreted for them the Scriptures about Himself. Jesus Christ and Him crucified: This is the message of sacred Scripture, the message preached by the apostles; the saving promise of the living and abiding Word of God that remains forever.

5:00 PRE-SERVICE BELL ANTHEM *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

WELCOME

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3*

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #470 “O Sons and Daughters of the King” Stanzas 1-3, 8 & 9

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

People: our God is merciful.

Pastor: The LORD preserves the simple;

People: when I was brought low, He saved me.

Pastor: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

People: for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: Forgive us for living based on what we can see rather than by faith in the reality established by your Word. Forgive us for listening to the voices of the world, the opinions of others, and to our own sinful nature rather than to the living voice of Jesus in the Scriptures. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood for us on the cross.

Pastor: You have been ransomed from futile and sinful ways, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: (sung)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

EPISTLE 1 *Peter 1:17–25*

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:13–35*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They go up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #878

"Abide with Me"

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

SERMON *"On the Way to Emmaus"* Luke 24:13-25

(Rise)

NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover in the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM DURING OFFERING *"We Sing of Your Glory"*

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Father of the risen Christ, in your Son's appearance to the Emmaus disciples, He explained the Scriptures and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. Grant us grace that we, too, may see Him and receive Him through His Word and in the Supper.

People: By these gifts of Word and Sacrament, renew us in faith and life this Easter season that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Son is victor over death and the grave. Strengthen us during this Easter season share with others and live out the Good News of the resurrection.

People: Help all to know that as Jesus triumphed over sin, death and the grave, so shall all who place their trust in Him.

Pastor: Lord of the Harvest, you have called us to pray for laborers in the harvest fields of this world. Bless Pastor Chuck Ferry as he begins his work in Indonesia. Bless the work of Groundwork Guatemala, Only a Child ministries, and others who share the Word of Life.

People: Fill with zeal all missionaries who seek to share the Gospel of salvation with a world dying in sin, and keep them all in your tender care.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, you have established good government to provide for our daily bread. Bless, direct and guide the leaders of our city, state and nation, that they may rightly wield the sword of justice, defend those who cannot defend themselves and hear the cries of all who are in any need.

People: Make us instruments of peace as we live a life of fervent love for all of our neighbors and tell the Good News of salvation. Today we celebrate with Ted, Cindy, LynMarie, Phillip and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

Pastor: Kind Father, according to your great mercy, you have caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

People: Keep us steadfast in the faith and certain hope of the inheritance that cannot fade, that is imperishable and that is kept in heaven for us all.

Pastor: Compassionate and loving Father, in your Son's ministry He brought healing to many with diseased and damaged bodies. Bless, comfort and sustain all who have requested our prayers especially Carol, Susan, Mae, Virginia, Lou Ann, Dennis, Rosalie, Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Dorothy, Sarah and Joe. Grant that they may look to you in every need.

People: Bless them to draw comfort from your abiding Word and to daily rejoice in the Good News that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

Pastor: O Source of endless life, we thank you for Art, Rick and all the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ. Bring us with them to share in the joys of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

People: Grant that, at the end of this age, we may join all the saints in the eternal worship of the Lamb, crying, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!”

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM

“Thy Holy Wings”

HYMN #563 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives’ liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

HYMN #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight.
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

HYMN #632 “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #490 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” Stanzas 1,3,5

Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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