

**“On the Road
to Seeing Jesus”**

The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

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Acts 2:14, 36-41

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and Christ.



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THEN I CALLED ON THE
NAME OF THE LORD: "O
LORD, DELIVER MY SOUL!"

- PSALM 116:4

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



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On April 20, our Seniors will have the opportunity to experience the Aggieland Safari. We will travel through the Zoo via Safari bus and observe the animals. Then we will do a Walk About through the Zoo and have an opportunity to feed the animals. If you are interested, please contact the church office (512-352-2327) or Pastor (812-259-2530) to confirm your reservation.





PRAY FOR: PEACE

Heavenly Father, we pray for peace in the southern Philippines. May you be known in Mindanao as the Prince of Peace.

“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’.”

Luke 10:5



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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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to
come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of
life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of
life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of
baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and
praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Hymn # 377

**¹ Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in
glorious light!**

Hymn # 377

**Splendor, the Lamb, heaven
forever! Oh, what a miracle
God has in sight!**

Hymn # 377

[Refrain]

**Jesus is risen and we shall
arise. Give God the glory!
Alleluia.**

Hymn # 377

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the
branches; life in the Spirit the fruit
of the tree;**

Hymn # 377

**heaven to earth, Christ to the
people, gift of the future now
flowing to me.**

Hymn # 377

[Refrain]

**Jesus is risen and we shall
arise. Give God the glory!
Alleluia.**

Hymn # 377

**Final City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the
Lamb,**

Hymn # 377

**river of life, saints and
archangels, sing with creation to
God the I AM!**

Hymn # 377

[Refrain]

**Jesus is risen and we shall
arise. Give God the glory!
Alleluia.**

Hymn # 377

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the lord*

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
A-men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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

Alleluia, alleluia

(sung twice)

***Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

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

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

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

***For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory
for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia***

(sung twice)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

WORD

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.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ 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?”

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.”

⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)

- ¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
- ² **for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish
of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**4 Then I called upon the name of the
Lord:**

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

¹² How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

**¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

**¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

**¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice of
thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁹ **in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ 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.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

²³ 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.

²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

³² 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?”

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S
SERMON

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



Hymn of the Day

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Hymn # 522

**¹ As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your
presence;
let our hearts and minds be
stirred.**

Hymn # 522

**Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy
banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry
known.**

Hymn # 522

**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve
you,
bringing peace where there is
strife.**

Hymn # 522

**Give us, Christ, your great
compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

Hymn # 522

**Final Gracious Spirit, help us
summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will
welcome those who had been
last and least.**

Hymn # 522

**There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and
angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

Hymn # 522

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

Apostles' 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 to the dead.
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick and we remember our friends and family members before you. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary, for Dr. Nadeem in Pakistan, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Golden West Lutheran Church in Conrad, Montana.

Today we also give you thanks for New Hope Lutheran Church in McDade, Texas and their pastor, Ryan Grube. Bless their ministry both now and for generations to come.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with You

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks
and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our
joy...

...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line
and at the altar rail.*

Lamb of God Pg. 174

***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.***



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymn # 881

**¹ Let all things now living a
song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator
triumphantly raise,**

Hymn # 881

**who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the
end of our days.**

Hymn # 881

**God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in
the night,**

Hymn # 881

**till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light
into light.**

Hymn # 881

**Final God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses and
sun in its orbit obediently
shine;**

Hymn # 881

**the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean
proclaim God divine,**

Hymn # 881

**We too should be voicing our
love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let
us raise,**

Hymn # 881

**till all things now living unite
in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!”**

Hymn # 881

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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