

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota



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.

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GATHERING

*God calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.*

Piano Prelude "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Easter Proclamation

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We are in the season of Easter – the season of feasting. The fasting of Lent is behind us. Today we will hear the story of the disciples recognizing Jesus in the midst of a meal, the breaking of bread. As you gather around a table to enjoy a meal, you might want to recall the story of the disciples walking the road to Emmaus: the disciples' intense discussion of current events with the stranger, Jesus opening the scriptures, showing that God brings life out of death, the recognition of Christ in the breaking of bread, and the eagerness of the disciples to run and tell others that they have encountered the risen Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: There is only one God – Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: As we are on the road together, assured that Jesus is in our midst and hears us, let us confess our separation from God and our failure to see Jesus in the faces of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

L: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have made ourselves more important than we really are; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

L: Here's the good news! Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us. Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start. God's love never runs out, and God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: 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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gospel Reading

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day — “Day of Arising”

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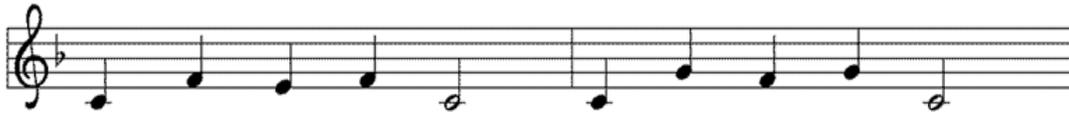
Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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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.

Sharing of God's Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Prayers of God's People

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

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.

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing and Dismissal

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

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Reflection on Shared Bread

Shared bread is the experience of people as community, and therefore the experience of God;

It is communion at once human and divine.

It is so all over the world; it has been so all through the ages.

A central concern of Jesus is to promote table fellowship and get people to share bread and life.

Shared food is concerted action to build community.

Community has its necessary material basis in community of wealth, in the common possession of the one earth.

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, many though we are, are one body, for we all partake of the one body.

If then in the church one goes hungry while another has more than needed, the reality of the church is violated.

Samuel Rayan, India

HAVE A CONCERN...CONTACT US

As we physically distance ourselves from one another we continue to care for our neighbors' needs with compassion. If you have questions, concerns, or pastoral needs, please contact us:

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THANK YOU

The ministry to which God has called us is continuing in differing ways. We are grateful for your ongoing financial offerings that can be mailed to the church (P.O. Box 166, Cottonwood, MN 56229) or given online **with the following link:** <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1600>

Ways to Connect for Worship

On TV **Cable Channel 180**: Sunday at 10:45 a.m. AND Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of Easter **YouTube link**—

<https://youtu.be/THXCKuy7cEY>

Visit our congregation's website for updated information as it becomes available:
<http://www.christcottonwood.org>

Like us on Facebook - Christ Lutheran Church Cottonwood MN

Introduction to “The Road to Emmaus” and Spark Family Sunday School

<https://youtu.be/D14BD98BvN8>

Spark Family Sunday School Link:

https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm_content=126079066&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-128544820522453&fbclid=IwAR123h6vw8COa3KgWLZ-KSG58_DlshTznzBxfEd0NDHLW2kquz2AF7p1bJs

The link above includes a video singing the song “Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord,” a suggestion of baking bread together plus other activities. There are also links to activity and coloring pages that can be printed.

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Landyn Berends	Dean Berg	Bob Bode	Mark Bode
Elaine Elston	Irene Evers	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld
Gail Gregoire	Bruce Hoffman	Diane Hoiland	Tara (Wisdorf) Iyer
Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Teri Kemmer	Cole Louwagie
Linda Magnuson	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon
Ione Olson	Savannah Rausch	Joyce St. Pierre	Harvey Suer
David Vandelonatte	Gary Vossen		

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Irene Evers, Lavonne Fischer, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Families of our Congregation.

Dominick and Mallory Gregoire, Dixon, Ivy
Jacob and Kathy Gregoire, Ashton, Derek, Jake, Raelynn

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Children and Staff at Robin’s Nest Children’s Home, Jamaica