

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service**  
**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**#365 ELW**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ✙ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

## 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.**

**Amen.**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

### **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.*

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

<sup>37</sup>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?” <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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.”

<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>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: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

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

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

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

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

**<sup>19</sup>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.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>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**

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

## **Gospel Luke 24:13-35**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

*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.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>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?" <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early

this morning, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup>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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be Seated*

**SERMON**

**“We Are Ransomed”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

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**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Remove all that hinders us from sharing your love. Raise up faithful preachers and teachers to lead your people. Heal our divisions. Unite us at your table. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Protect animals whose environments are endangered. Bring bountiful sunshine and sufficient rainfall for fields, pastures, and orchards. Bless those whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Give all leaders wisdom and courage to work for the common good. Strengthen disaster relief workers, peacemakers, and all whose contributions to society go unnoticed. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Draw near to those who have lost hope. Provide food for the hungry and shelter for those who need safe housing. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Empower our ministries of outreach and hospitality. Strengthen the newly baptized and those who mentor them. Bless those who set the table for the holy meal. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness. Bring us with them to the heavenly feast. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## LORDS PRAYER

## BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “I’m So Glad That Jesus Lifted Me”**

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

**Members! The Spirit sends us forth to serve!**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Digital Hymnal: 8:30 Steve Lackner, 10:00 Mary Braun Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Ushers: 8:30am - George & Kathy Larson

10:00am - Darrel Kelly

Lectors: 8:30am – Winnie Zahradka

10:00am – Kathy Carlson

Hospitality Hosts: Carol & Ron Hass

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week: Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 8:30am 96 10:00 am 23

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 1 thru May 7, 2017

Monday	5/1	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/2	10:00-12:00	Pastor Text Study
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		7:00pm	Adult Bible Study (men & women)
Wednesday	5/3	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		6:00 pm	Catechism
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/4	8:00am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
Friday	5/5	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	5/6	1:00-4:00pm	Foot Clinic
Sunday	5/7	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship & Confirmation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS** Arlene Westerlund, home hospice

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** There is now a decorated box in the Fellowship Hall for donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Donations will be collected all year so if you find new articles at garage sales or thrift stores or want to pick up items when you go to the Dollar Store they can be placed in the box. Also bring in any shoe boxes (wrapped if possible).

**THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL JELLY MAKING** has been set for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall.

**JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC FESTIVAL** If you like contemporary Christian music there is an opportunity to enjoy several artists at this outdoor family music festival on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.joyfulnoise.com](http://www.joyfulnoise.com) for details or talk to Jim or Darlene Christensen if you are interested in attending.

**NEW WEBSITE** – the new website is up and running. You can listen to the gospel and the sermon for each week, preview the Sunday bulletins, find forms for prayer requests, recent events and more! Go check it out today and bookmark this site to your favorites! <http://www.blcmalmo.org>

**THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** is pleased to announce that we have reviewed and approved a group of volunteers to form a Call Committee in the search for our new pastor. We are blessed with 9 great volunteers and look forward to them representing our congregation during this upcoming process. The 9 volunteers are:

Ron Haglund	Darlene Christensen	Carolyn Morris	Steve Lackner	Karen Carron
Ron Melhop	George Smith	Mary Braun	Julie Swaggert	

The next step in the process is for the congregation to approve the list of volunteers. On May 7<sup>th</sup> at coffee, we will ask the congregation to approve this list of volunteers. Please plan on attending that meeting to meet the volunteers and pray for a speedy and successful mission.

**NEW MEMBERS** We will be receiving new members on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to join at this time, please contact Pastor Terry.

**MEET SISTER DORENE KING** Director of the McCabe Renewal Center in Duluth, MN. From ELCA Pastor to a Benedictine nun. She will intrigue you with bits and pieces of her story. She will also be sharing her hopes and vision for our future combined faith journey, acknowledging our differences but thankful for all that unites us. Refreshments will be served. NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. There will be no charge for this event, however free will donations will be accepted. **WHEN:** Saturday, May 6, 2017-**TIME:** 1:00 PM -**WHERE:** First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 107 2nd Street SE, Aitkin, MN. If you have any questions you may contact Deb Clark at 927-3243 or Linda Hommes at 549-3221.

**QUILT DISPLAY** Due to the funeral last Sunday, Bethesda quilters will display their quilts for Lutheran World Relief this Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. Please take a few minutes to see the beautiful work they have done.

**NE MN SYNOD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** Today Pr. Terry and Chuck & Elsa Carlson are representing Bethesda at the NE MN Synod annual Assembly held this year at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, MN.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** Last Sunday several members hosted Gloria Westerlund's funeral that totaled over 300 persons! **Thank you** for your service in the kitchen, in the sanctuary and in the hallways. You're the best! Pastor Terry

**A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU!"** to Randy Tofteland, our Congregational President for leading worship and filling our pulpit in Pastor Terry's absence. Bethesda is blessed to have Randy's gifts!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS!** Men & Women on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Also Women only Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. Come and share your questions and convictions as we explore the dynamic New Testament Scriptures of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Each session will cover about seven chapters from May 2 – June 14. Be good to your spiritual curiosities and allow the Word to grow deeper in your daily walk of faith. We will read some and talk a lot! This class meets Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. Come when you can! You are welcome! Pastor Terry