

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 23rd, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Third Sunday of Easter

Introduction for the Day: 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Resurrection Prelude by James Patten

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Temple Talk – Equipping the Saints

Chris Kent

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for meditation and self-examination

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, forgive our sins, so that we may receive and share the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.

"Thus, it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name."

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

#367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Opening Litany for the 3rd Sunday of Easter & Greeting

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ came to earth to walk among his people.

He traveled with purpose and taught others the way.

He stepped forth from the tomb on Easter morning.

And our souls have been awakened to resurrection life.

He appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

And now our hearts are burning with the bright hope of heaven.

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

page 149; Worthy is Christ

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.

Please be seated.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ from the Dead is Raised

1. Christ from the dead is raised; The reign of death is o'er! Christ's
 2. When God's good news is heard, What wondrous truths we learn: Christ

ho - ly name be praised now and for - ev - er - more! Al - le - lu -
 op - ens wide God's Word, our hearts with - in us burn! Al - le - lu -

ia! Christ from the grave is ris'n to save! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ia! The Lord who lives rich bless - ings gives! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel Drama

Luke 24:13-35

Caleb Cherney, Grant Nickel, Liam McCorkle, Abby Wurzbarger, and Mark Zello

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.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#361 The Day of Resurrection!

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering 8:30 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* – Arr. Cindy Berry
1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

5 "Alleluia!" Now we cry to our King immortal, who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel into joy from sadness!

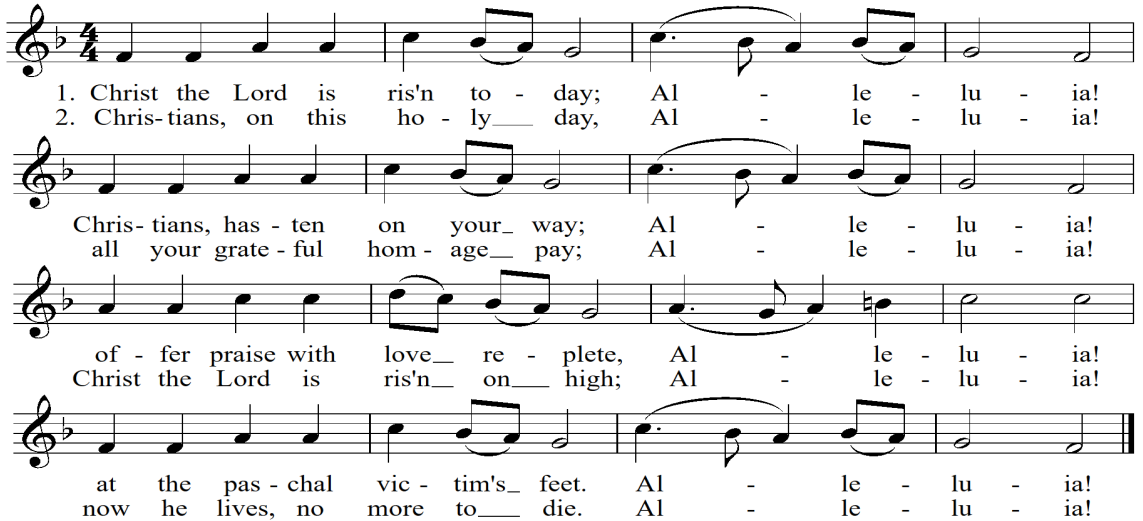
11:00 *On the Journey to Emmaus* by Marty Haugen,
 Senior Choir

- 1. On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone the One who would save us had left us alone then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise, He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.*
- 2. And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way, how all that was promised was ours on that day. So we begged him, "Stay with us and grant us your word." We welcomed the stranger and we welcome the Lord.*
- 3. And that evening at table as he blessed and broke bread, we knew it was Jesus arisen from the dead; though he vanished before is we knew he was near, the life in our dying and the hope in our fear.*
- 4. On the journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast, with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least: and his words burn within us let none be ignored, who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.*

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music Robert Williams, 1781-1821

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as you provided fish for your disciples' breakfast, and inspiration for heavenly anthems, so you have provided us with all that we call ours. We offer back these humble gifts, and with them our praise "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" We praise you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

First Communion

We celebrate with Susan Zelinski (8:30 Service); Nadia Szafir and Charlotte Cherney (11:00 Service) their First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your life. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.

Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

We who are hungry, we who are thirsty, we come.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

In This Feast of Love – Tässä pösässä

1. Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, in this feast of love, 2. In this bread and wine, in this bread and love, syn - ti - sil - le it - se - si - Lord, you share your blood and your wine, you have prom - ised, Lord, to be an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. with us, Lamb of God div - ine.

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Communion Anthem 11:00

O Lord, We Praise You [ELW 499] – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

#477 I Received the Living God

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As once you made yourself known to the Emmaus disciples in the breaking of the bread, so you have made yourself known to us in this meal. As we have experienced your presence here, fill us with the contagious joy that the disciples felt. Lead us to spread the good news: "The Lord has risen indeed!" You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Alleluia! Amen!

Sending Song

#646 The Peace of the Lord/La paz del Señor

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Easter Toccata on "Gelob't Sei Gott" by Martin Setchell

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶"Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

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. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through 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.

²²Now 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. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two [disciples] 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?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

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