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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we join the Emmaus disciples on their seven-mile journey from confusion to clarity, from “We had hoped...” to “The Lord has risen indeed!” Though Jesus first walks with them hidden from their eyes, He opens the Scriptures, kindles their hearts, and finally reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread. This pattern—Christ hidden, Christ revealed; hearts burning, eyes opened—shapes both our worship and our life. Today’s readings proclaim the same gracious rhythm: Peter announces in Acts that the crucified Jesus is both Lord and Christ, calling all people to repentance and new life in Baptism; Peter reminds us that we have been ransomed with the precious blood of Christ and born again through the living and abiding Word; and Psalm 133 celebrates the unity God gives His people, a unity renewed when the Emmaus disciples hurry back to Jerusalem with joy. As we gather, the risen Christ meets us again in His Word and His Supper, opening our eyes to recognize Him and sending us out with hearts set ablaze.

IMAGE

When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. – Luke 24:30-31

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – SPECIAL MUSIC

A Joyful Sound

Stand

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Luke 24:13–35; Acts 2:14a, 36–41; 1 Peter 1:17–25; Psalm 133

P The Lord is risen and walks among His people.

C **Our hearts burn within us as He opens to us the Scriptures.**

P God has made Jesus, whom the world crucified, both Lord and Christ.

C **Through His precious blood we have been ransomed and born again by the living Word.**

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.

C **For the risen Christ gathers us, reveals Himself to us, and makes Himself known in the breaking of the bread.**

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

C **Open our eyes to behold You, that we may walk before You in the light of life.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ drew near to His disciples, though their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. Today He draws near to us in mercy. Let us come before Him in repentance, trusting that He who opened the Scriptures and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread will also open our hearts to His forgiveness and peace.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, You walk with us on our journey, yet we confess that our eyes are often closed and our hearts slow to believe.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P You speak to us in Your living and abiding Word, yet we confess that we have neglected Your Scriptures, doubted Your promises, and trusted our own understanding.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P You make Yourself known in the breaking of the bread, yet we confess that we have approached Your Table with distracted minds, divided hearts, and lives not aligned with Your will.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Holy Father, You have called us to live as Your redeemed people, ransomed not with silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ. Yet we confess that our thoughts, words, and deeds have not reflected the holiness to which You have called us.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, renew us, and open our eyes to behold Your Son.**

P Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As the risen Christ revealed Himself to the Emmaus disciples, so He reveals Himself to you now in His gracious Word. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

- P** May the God who caused your hearts to burn within you by His Word keep you steadfast in faith until the day your eyes behold Him in glory.
- C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

- P** ¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**

- P** ²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
- C** **running down on the collar of his robes!**

- P** ³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
- C** **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.**

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** ¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- C** **when brothers dwell in unity!**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, whose risen Son walked with the disciples on the road and opened the Scriptures to make their hearts burn within them, open our eyes by Your Holy Spirit to behold Him as He reveals Himself to us in His living Word and in the breaking of the bread. As You ransomed us with the precious blood of Christ and caused us to be born again through Your abiding Word, keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and united in love, that we may proclaim with the Emmaus disciples, “The Lord is risen indeed.” Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Glorious Day”

- 1 One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the Light shined among us
His glory revealed
- 2, 4, 6, 8 Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He’s coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
- 3 One day they led Him up Calvary’s mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me
- 5 One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He’s ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again
- 7 One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

(Central America By Integrity’s Hosanna! Music CCLI #288089)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Peter preaches to the people gathered in Jerusalem.)

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “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.

³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

L He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-25

(Peter writes that we are redeemed by the blood of Christ.)

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

(Two witnesses learn from the Risen Lord at Emmaus.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, *“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”* And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him,

C **“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”**

P ¹⁹And he said to them, *“What things?”* And they said to him,

C **“Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see.”**

P ²⁵And he said to them, *“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”* ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying,

C “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.”

P So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other,

C “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

P ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying,

C “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 Peter 1:18–19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, 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.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.

OFFERTORY - “You're Always There”

- 1 Lord, God, You are so wondrous
Gently shaping every mountainside
Giving life to creatures great and small
Sharing a yearning that can't be denied
- 2, 5 On the road, along the way
Through the trials of each day
We're reaching out to You
And You are always there for us
- 3, 6 You're always there
Always there when we are hurting
Always there when things go wrong
You always care
For the weary and the burdened
In our weakness You're so strong
(3 You're always there)

4 Lord, God, You are our strength within
You are the pillars guarding over us
You're the doorway where our love begins
You are the Father in whose arms we trust
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Risen Lord Jesus, as You drew near to the Emmaus disciples and opened the Scriptures to make their hearts burn within them, draw near to Your Church today. Enlighten our minds by Your living and abiding Word, and keep us steadfast in the faith that leads to life. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Savior, You have established Your Church so that repentance and forgiveness of sins may be proclaimed to all who are near and all who are far off. Strengthen pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all servants of Your Word, that they may faithfully preach Christ crucified and risen. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, make Your Word the foundation of every Christian home. Unite husbands and wives in holy love, bless parents in their calling, and nurture children in the truth that they may grow in wisdom and faith. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, stifle the powers of darkness and bring an end to war, violence, and terror. Grant wisdom to the leaders of our nation and all nations, that they may pursue justice, protect the weak, and promote the common good. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor, all civil servants, medical workers, first responders, and the men and women of our armed forces. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions nor abandoned us in our weakness. Look with compassion upon the sick, the suffering, the homebound, and the dying, especially those we name before You now... Grant them healing according to Your will, patience in their trials, and hope in Your promises. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Christ, who made Yourself known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread, open our hearts and mouths to receive Your body and blood with faith and thanksgiving. Strengthen us through this Sacrament for lives of love, service, and witness. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, You have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Comfort all who mourn, that they may not grieve as those who have no hope, but rest in the sure promise of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

LAMB OF GOD SONG

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Lord I Believe in You” 1 Peter 1:8

- 1 Though I can't see Your holy, holy face
 And Your throne in heaven above, it seems so far away
 Though I can't touch, I can't touch Your nail-scarred hands
 I have a deep unspeakable joy that makes my faith to stand

- 2, 4 Lord, I believe in You, I'll always believe in You
 Though I can't see You with my eyes
 Deep in my heart Your presence I find
 Lord, I believe in You, and I'll keep my trust in You
 Let the whole world say what they may, no one can take this joy away
 Lord, I believe

- 3 Born from above, You are God's only chosen One
 You're the one and only true way, way to the Father's heart
 You died for all sin, then You rose and now live again
 Conquering death and the grave, so that I might live

- 5 Lord, we believe in You, we'll always believe in You
 Though we can't see You with our eyes
 Deep in our hearts Your presence we find
 Lord, we believe in You, and we'll keep our trust in You
 Let the whole world say what they may, no one can take this joy away
 Lord we believe, Lord we believe

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“Purify My Heart” Psalm 51:10

1, 2, 3 Purify my heart
Touch me with Your cleansing fire
Take me to the cross
Your holiness is my desire
Breathe Your life in me
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne
Oh, purify my heart
Purify my heart

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, gracious Father, for in this Holy Supper You have once again revealed to us the risen Christ, who makes Himself known in the breaking of the bread. As You opened the eyes of the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze with the joy of His resurrection, so strengthen us through this Sacrament with faith that sees Your Son where He has promised to be, and with hope that endures in every trial. Having been fed with His body and blood, send us forth as Your redeemed people—born again through Your living and abiding Word, united in love, and eager to proclaim, “The Lord is risen indeed.” Keep us steadfast on our journey until the day when our eyes behold Him in everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,”
“Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

CLOSING SONG - “Rise Up and Praise Him”

1, 3 Let the heavens rejoice
 Let the earth be glad
 Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land
 Everyone in the valley
 Come and lift your voice
 All those on the mountaintop be glad and shout for joy

2, 4, 5, 6 Rise up and praise Him
 He deserves our love
 Rise up and praise Him
 Worship the Holy One
 With all your heart
 With all your soul
 With all your might
 Rise up and praise Him
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