

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



LUKE 24:13-35

“THE ROAD TO EMMAUS”

The risen Jesus opens to the disciples “burning hearts” that illuminate them. These same gifts are present for us in His Word and Sacraments.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.
BOLD indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

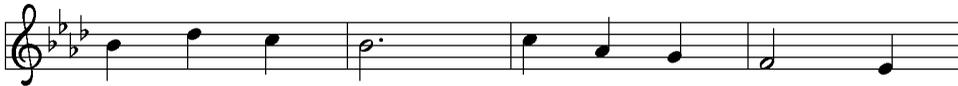
C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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

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.”

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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Congregational refrain:



Our bless-ing-cup is a com-mun-ion with the blood of our Lord. _____

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all He has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Refrain:

2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones;
and I am Your servant, Your chosen one, for You have set me free.

Refrain:

3. Unto Your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to You.
In the presence of all who have called on Your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON**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.

¹⁷If 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



☐ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 24:13-35

Response after the announcement:

C: **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.

¹³Now 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, 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Road to Emmaus”

Walk to Emmaus

Gift of Understanding - the Word and the Breaking of the Bread

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: Do I receive the gift of Word and Sacrament or am I so jaded, so confused, so willful that I continue “slow of heart”?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus opens to the disciples the gift of Word and Sacrament.

On Discipleship: Choose to regularly receive the gift of Word and Sacrament. Pray for understanding. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Day of Arising"

ELW #374



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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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

**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

***THE BLESSING**

WOV pg. 53

*RECESSIONAL HYM

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW #369

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, 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!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, 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!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

***THE DISMISSAL - LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services on Facebook Live at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC on Wednesdays at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

EVENING PRAYERS: A Simple Form of Evening Prayer will be offered on-line into the fifty days of the Easter season on Wednesdays at 7PM. In contrast to the full Evening Prayer liturgy with canticles such as *Joyous Light of Glory* and the *Magnificat*, this simple form will focus on the recitation of God's Word for our lives, songs of praise, and a simple lesson from 1 Peter. A copy of the simple form of Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer will be sent out by email upon request, and a bulletin will be posted for all who choose to prayer together week by week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up.

YOUTH: Roots will meet **tonight from 5:00PM – 6:00PM** via Zoom for a combined Sunday School and Youth Group. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link via email for each meeting. Questions? Email Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

2020 VBS: Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

FACE MASKS: Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. When you go out to places that you can expect a crowd such as at grocery stores, doctor offices, (hopefully one day soon church and Sunday School!), you may want to wear this mask to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: The CAM box has been placed under the drive through outside the office. If you are able, please continue to place non-perishable items in this box and it will be checked every couple days and delivered to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Some items in need are – pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned fruits, meat, soup and vegetables (no green beans or corn), spaghetti and sauce, grits, oatmeal, rice, crackers and personal care items. We realize that shopping can be complicated at this time, however, if you are able to pick up (or order if you are having your groceries delivered) a few extra items to place in our donation box, it would be greatly appreciated as CAM struggles to meet the needs of those who do not have the money to grocery shop. Thank you so much!

CARE LINE & PRAYER CONCERNS: An effort to gather a group of volunteers for a “love and caring” phone tree to check in with our church family while we practice social distancing is underway. Please contact Debbie Laws, Katherine Sanders, or the church office if you are interested in serving as a caller. Finally, if there are any urgent prayer needs or concerns during this time, please call or text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.



DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, **Dru Huffstickler**, Alfred Lineberger, David Myers serving in Coast Guard in NYC, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry Angstadt, Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, Jamison Franklin, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, AC & Julie Woodring, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 18: APRIL 26, 2020 to MAY 3, 2020

04/26 Morning Reading: Luke 19:1-27—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 23, 24

04/27 Morning Reading: Luke 19:28-48—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 1, 2

04/28 Morning Reading: Luke 20:1-26—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 3, 4, 5

04/29 Morning Reading: Luke 20:27-47—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 6, 7

04/30 Morning Reading: Luke 21:1-19—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 8, 9

05/01 Morning Reading: Luke 21:20-38—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 10, 11

05/02 Morning Reading: Luke 22:1-20—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 12, 13

05/03 Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15

Song Of Praise *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* ELW #857

Next Sunday, MAY 3, 2020

10:30 Service of the Word: John 10:1-10 ~ “*The Good Shepherd*”

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

- Sun-26** 9:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
 10:30 am Worship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live
 5:00 pm Roots via Zoom - combined Sunday School & Youth Group
- Wed-29** 7:00 pm Simple Evening Prayer ~ Streamed on Facebook Live

