

Following Jesus
“Recognizing Jesus

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As We Gather

Where can we encounter Jesus? Where can we hear His voice? Where do we turn to meet Him in our need? Jesus doesn't leave us in the dark regarding His presence and His gifts. He has told us exactly where to find Him and how to recognize Him. Today we hear the account of two discouraged disciples who do not realize at first that they are speaking with Jesus. Their encounter with Jesus, and how they came to recognize Him speaks to us in our lives today regarding where Jesus is to be found.

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB 483

1 With high delight Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear Your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever,
He is risen and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save every nation.

2 True God, He first from death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.

"And Yours shall be like victory
O'er death and grave," Saith He,
who gave His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed
To every land, every nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery and death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness

Musical Offering

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

“The Lamb” (LSB 547)

2nd & 3rd Grade Choir

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4 He sighs, he dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me
His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Prayer

Children's Church

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "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. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”
And this is the word that was preached to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

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.

Sermon

"Recognizing Jesus"

Offering

Musical Offering

Sanctuary Choir

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John's People and Families

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Adam, Rebecca, & Maxwell Needleman

August, Allison, Gus, & Paul Sebastiani

+ The Service of Holy Communion +

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: **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.**

Words of Institution

Pastor: 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."

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

People: **Amen.**

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

“Great are You Lord”

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that
is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You re - store
ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord **Chorus x2**

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
Chorus x2

“God I Look to You”

God I look to You
I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You
You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom You know just what to do

Repeat

I will love You Lord my strength
I will love You Lord my shield
I will love You Lord my rock
Forever all my days I will love You God

Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days hallelujah

Oh oh oh
Forever all my days hallelujah

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

God I look to You, You're where my help
comes from
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

And I will love You Lord my strength
And I will love You Lord my shield
And I will love You Lord my rock, for - ever
All my days I will love You God

Halle - lujah, our God reigns
Halle - lujah, our God reigns
Oh halle - lu - jah, our God reigns
For - ever, all my days, halle - lujah

Bridge 2 (2x)
Halle - lujah, our God reigns
Halle - lujah, our God reigns
Oh halle - lu - jah, our God reigns
For - ever, all my days, halle - lu - jah

Prayer

Benediction

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” LSB 680

Thine the amen, Thine the praise, alleluias
angels raise

Thine the everlasting head, Thine the
breaking of the bread

Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the
harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up,
lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise
let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree, all the earth
on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing, gone the
pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing, gone the dying what was
loss lifted high.

Thine the truly, Thine the yes, Thine the
table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the
glory yet to be

Thine the ringing and the singing, then the
end of all the war

Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore,
evermore.

Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine
the wonderful surprise

Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the
justice of Thy ways

Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the
welcome to the least

Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast,
at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night, no more dying
only light

Thine the river Thine the tree, Then the
Lamb eternally

Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness
only Thee, only Thee.

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

Serving in Worship Today

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