

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT WORSHIP  
April 26, 2020 8:15 AM PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** We gather together in faith to give glory to God, our Father, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

**People:** We gather together in faith to praise Jesus who fulfilled the Word of God and redeemed us with His precious blood.

**Pastor:** We gather together in faith to embrace the power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to believe and to share the Good News of salvation.

**People:** We gather together believing that at the end of this life's journey, a great prize awaits us – the day of our resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.

**SONG "Living Hope"**

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then, through the darkness, Your loving  
kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless  
grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven,  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free.  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken ev'ry chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
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Jesus, Yours is the victory! Oh!

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O God, You are my living hope.

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## PSALM OF PRAISE Psalms 116

**Pastor:** I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy

**People:** **Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!**

**Pastor:** Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow.

**People:** **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Please, Lord, save me!" How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!**

**Pastor:** The Lord protects those of childlike faith. I was facing death and he saved me. Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me. He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**People:** **And so I will walk in the Lord's presence as I live here on earth! I will praise the Lord's name for saving me. I will keep my promises to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

**ALL:** **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.**

### **FIRST READING** 1 Peter 1:17-25 (*We are redeemed by the blood of Christ, the lamb of God.*)

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 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, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People:** **Almighty God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand.**

**We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father. Because you raised our Savior Jesus from the dead, forgive us all our sins and by the**

**power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we will obey the truth and love one another. Amen.**

Pastor: 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, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As born again children of God, live out your life In faith and hope and reverent fear.

**People: Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35** *(Two disciples meet the resurrection Jesus)*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?" "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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Stay with Us"**

**Stay with us, till night has come;  
Our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, Open our eyes:  
Jesus, be our great surprise.**

**Walk with us, our spirits sigh;  
Hear when our weary spirits cry,  
Feel again Our loss, our pain:  
Jesus, take us to Your side.**

**Walk with us, the road will bend:  
Make all our weeping, wailing end,  
Wipe our tears, Forgive our fears:  
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.**

**Talk with us, till we behold  
A joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes To see the prize:**

**Jesus, take us to the light.**

**Stay with us, till day is done:  
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart:  
Jesus, bring eternal life.**

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**SERMON** “The Cleopas Chronicle” Luke 24:13-35

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with  
Thy grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin  
give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with  
Thy Word  
And thus now and hereafter True peace  
and joy afford.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with  
Thy love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above. A-men.**

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**TODAY’S OFFERING**

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**HAVE A BLESSED LORD’S DAY**

