



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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On the Road Again... to Emmaus

APRIL 12, 2015 | 8:15AM AND 10:45AM

Gather

Gathering Music

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Welcome/Life in Community

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to recognize the glory of the risen Christ and open our ears to hear your voice, that your name might be glorified through our lives.

All: Amen.

Leader: God of resurrection
of life and death
and rebirth

All: Renew our hearts and minds

Leader: God of promise
of all beginnings
and all endings

All: Renew our hearts and minds

Leader: God of hope
of new growth
and harvest

All: Renew our hearts and minds

*Please stand as you are able. 2

Leader: God of new life
of new beginnings
of new and passionate hope

All: Renew our hearts and minds
As forgiven and renewed children of God, let us lift our voices to sing our
Easter song...

***Opening Hymn #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

Children's Message

The children may bring their offerings forward at this time for 'Side by Side Kids'. After the Children's Message, children may be taken to the preschool nursery or return to their families.

(Please sign and pass the attendance book at this time.)

***Scripture Reading...Revelation 1:4-8(NRSV)**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

***Song of Response**

Monique Nunes, Soloist

*Holy Gospel...Luke 24:13-35 (The Voice)

Picture this:

That same day, two other disciples (not of the eleven) are traveling the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. As they walk along, they talk back and forth about all that has transpired during recent days. While they're talking, discussing, and conversing, Jesus catches up to them and begins walking with them, but for some reason they don't recognize Him.

Jesus: You two seem deeply engrossed in conversation. What are you talking about as you walk along this road?

They stop walking and just stand there, looking sad. One of them—Cleopas is his name—speaks up.

Cleopas: You must be the only visitor in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about what's been going on over the last few days.

Jesus: What are you talking about?

Two Disciples: It's all about the man named Jesus of Nazareth. He was a mighty prophet who did amazing miracles and preached powerful messages in the sight of God and everyone around. Our chief priests and authorities handed Him over to be executed—crucified, in fact.

We had been hoping that He was the One—you know, the One who would liberate all Israel and bring God's promises. Anyway, on top of all this, just this morning—the third day after the execution—some women in our group really shocked us. They went to the tomb early this morning, but they didn't see His body anywhere. Then they came back and told us they did see something—a vision of heavenly messengers—and these messengers said that Jesus was alive. Some people in our group went to the tomb to check it out, and just as the women had said, it was empty. But they didn't see Jesus.

Jesus: Come on, men! Why are you being so foolish? Why are your hearts so sluggish when it comes to believing what the prophets have been saying all along? Didn't it have to be this way? Didn't the Anointed One have to experience these sufferings in order to come into His glory?

Then He begins with Moses and continues, prophet by prophet, explaining the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures, showing how they were talking about the very things that had happened to Jesus.

About this time, they are nearing their destination. Jesus keeps walking ahead as if He has no plans to stop there, but they convince Him to join them.

Two Disciples: Please, be our guest. It's getting late, and soon it will be too dark to walk.

So He accompanies them to their home. When they sit down at the table for dinner, He takes the bread in His hands, He gives thanks for it, and then He breaks it and hands it to them. At that instant, two things happen simultaneously: their eyes are suddenly opened so they recognize Him, and He instantly vanishes—just disappears before their eyes.

Two Disciples (to each other): Amazing! Weren't our hearts on fire within us while He was talking to us on the road? Didn't you feel it all coming clear as He explained the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures?

So they get up immediately and rush back to Jerusalem—all seven miles—where they find the eleven

gathered together—the eleven plus a number of others. Before Cleopas and his companion can tell their story, the others have their own story to tell.

Other Disciples: The Lord has risen indeed! It's true! He appeared to Simon!

Then the two men report their own experience—their conversation along the road, their moment of realization and recognition as He broke the bread.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message

“On the Road Again...to Emmaus”

Rev. Dr. John Nunes

*Song of Response

“Lord of the Dance”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: **Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.**

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a Cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain**

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***Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Offering Music

"Seek Ye First"

***Offering Response - Page 140 "This is the Feast"**

(in front of hymnal)

***Offering Prayer**

Communion

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

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;

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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Communion Distribution

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present - in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life. In the distribution, individual cups have been pre-filled with wine or white grape juice (in the center of the trays).

Communion Music

Monique Nunes, Soloist

*Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Response



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sending

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn #439 "Soon and Very Soon"

*Sending

Leader: Called as Easter people to "do life" - recognizing Jesus in all of our relationships.
Let us go out to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! And we will!

Postlude

"Soon and Very Soon"

Thank you for worshipping God today! Following the service, you are invited to remain for fellowship. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors or church staff. Blessings!

Thank you to Rev. Dr. John Nunes and his wife, Monique for sharing their gifts with us this morning! We wish them safe travels as they return home later today. Blessings to both of them!

Prayers

****People on our Prayer Concerns list will be rotated every two weeks unless informed otherwise.**

- Spirit in the Hills Lutheran Church as they prepare for their upcoming Organization Celebration on April 19th
- Michelle Hamala and Marc McClendon on their marriage yesterday
- Isabelle Hubner, mother of Sandy Nielsen
- Judy Moore on the death of her mother, Willie Mae Stark
- Joan Polak on the death of her mother, Ethel Gray
- Bradley Vaughan, Mario Spinelli, Martha Bangasser, Joyce Howell, Emily Etzler, Don Schrader, Carol Gerrow, and Steve Larson on their health challenges
- Our faith community that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

Sunday Morning Servants

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Ministers	Jennifer Arndt (8:15), Richard Harold (10:45)
Instrumentalists	Jacob Thogmartin, Thom McNeil
Acolyte	Olivia Nutter (10:45)
Ushers	Dale Petersen, Ray Tackett (8:15) Virginia Bosman, Les Doleshal (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Ken and Elnora McDonald (8:15), Linda Roesle (10:45)
Communion Bread	Sandy Gaskin
Coffee Angels	Mark Gerhardt (8:15)
Offering Tellers	Dee Jackson
Bulletin Team	Elnora McQuiston, Susan Wear, Lydia Perunas, Dick Lowke
Visual Artist	Nicolas Dertien
Guatemala Lutheran Church	Pr. Karen Castillo
Altar Flowers	Given in celebration of the marriage of Michelle Hamala and Marc McClendon yesterday, April 11