



# Welcome to Good Shepherd

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

## Today's Worship

April 23, 2017

*The Road to Emmaus* ~ Two disciples walked on the long road between Jerusalem and Emmaus, discussing the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Suddenly they are walking with a stranger who hasn't heard what happened in Jerusalem. This scene gives the disciples one more surprise.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Hymn . . . . "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" . . . . . ELW 392

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather together this morning to learn from God and to be healed. We pray that we may see Jesus this morning.

**C: We gather to worship and praise Christ, the Holy Son of God.**

P: Let us pause to examine ourselves and silently confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Let us pray: Risen Lord,

**C: Even as we rejoice at your resurrection, we confess our shortcomings. We have often been ruled by our fear, concerned more with looking good than proclaiming the good news; concerned more with being right than living as people transformed by your righteousness. Please forgive our clumsy attempts at responding to your gifts, and bring us back into the light of new life. Amen.**

P: Christ is gracious and merciful, and does not hold our mistakes against us. Let us rejoice once more at his promise to deliver us from all that enslaves us, and let us rest in the assurance of his grace, which has always and will always be ours.

**C: Alleluia. Amen.**

**Kyrie.** . . . . . page 184

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Risen Jesus, we give you thanks that, in all our grief and confusion, you walk alongside us. Open our eyes and help us recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Children's Message

### Psalms 30 (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- <sup>2</sup>**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**
- <sup>3</sup>O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- <sup>4</sup>**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**
- <sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>**To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup>**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

### \*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Luke chapter 24.

### C: Praise to you, O Lord

### Bible Story . . . . Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then 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?" <sup>19</sup>He 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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But 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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>Some 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." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They 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?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen

indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Song** . . . . "Emmaus-Bound On Easter Day" . . . . . printed

**The Apostles' Creed.** . . . . . page 105

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response** . . . . "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs 1 & 2. . . . . ELW 379

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** . . . . "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!" vs 1& 2 . . . . . ELW 380

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace.

**C: Serve the Lord.**

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**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Mary Iverson

**Birthdays - April 23-29** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

24-Madison Erickson	Derick Schultz	Jadyn Lutteke	Kim Johnson
Scott Linde	27-Ryker Erickson	Jacob Schultze	Al Korman
Justin Melby	Samuel Iverson	Elijah Sell	JoAnn Ovrebo
25-Steve Huper	Jim Jacobsen	29-Jeff Amy	30-William Huper

**April Food Collection** - During the month of April we will collect food donations of pizza box mixes. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your March donations of cans of Tuna that also went to the Food Shelf.

**As part** of April 30<sup>th</sup> worship, we will offer a prayer and Godspeed blessing for Jeff and Ila Teskey. Jeff and Ila have moved to Rochester. We give thanks for all they contributed to Good Shepherd and the Wells Community.

**Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day**

("Though I May Speak/Gift of Love")

Emmaus-bound on Easter Day, Two travelers walked along the way.  
They'd once had hope, but hope had died When you, O Lord, were crucified.

When you appeared beside the two, They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain, You gave them hope and joy again.

For as you spoke to them God's word, Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done And that a new day had begun.

They shared their home; you broke the bread. They saw you, risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see The gift of God's eternity.

In scripture and at table, too, O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace To share God's love in every place.

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**Our Sympathy to the family** of Chuck Barrett (daughter, Julie Diekmann) who died on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Slayton, MN. His funeral was on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.