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We Set Our Minds on the Things of God

Life is often a matter of perspective. We think what we think because we think we are right. Our view of life is influenced by voices in the world around us, by the opinions of our friends, and by our own sinful nature. Jesus has come to give us a fresh perspective—God’s perspective. The Gospel tells of one instance when He did this for two of His disciples. “He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27). Paying attention to Jesus’ voice in the Word of God helps us see things God’s way.

PREPARATION

Invocation

- || In the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 || **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 116:5-7

- || Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
 || **our God is merciful.**
- || The Lord preserves the simple;
 || **when I was brought low, He saved me.**
- || Return, O my soul, to your rest;
 || **for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

Confession and Declaration of Grace

1 Peter 1:18-19

- || Almighty God, merciful Father,
 || **Forgive us for living based on what we can see rather than by faith in the reality established by Your Word. Forgive us for listening to the voices of the world, the opinions of others, and to our own sinful nature rather than to the living voice of Jesus in the Scriptures. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ who shed His precious blood for us on the cross.**
- || You have been ransomed from futile and sinful ways, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. Through the death and resurrection of His Son, God has forgiven you all of our sins. Those who believe on His name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.
 || **Amen.**

With High Delight Let Us Unite

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1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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PROCLAMATION

Kyrie

1 Peter 1:24

- || All flesh is like grass
 || **Lord, have mercy.**
- || and all its glory like the flower of grass.
 || **Christ, have mercy.**
- || The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever.
 || **Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect

- || The Lord be with you.
 || **And also with you.**
- || Let us pray.
 O God, You have redeemed the world through the precious blood of Christ, which He poured out on the cross.
 Grant that we may learn from Jesus to see things Your way; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- || **Amen.**

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

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

|| This is the Word of the Lord.

|| **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle*1 Peter 1:17-25*

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

|| This is the Word of the Lord.

|| **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse*Romans 6:9, Luke 24:32*

- || Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
 || **Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**
- || Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,
 || **While He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel*Luke 24:13-35*

- || The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
 || **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- || This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 || **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.

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Sermon

On the Way

PRAYER

Apostles' Creed

|| 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.

Prayer of the Church

- || Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- || Gracious Father, Your steadfast love endures forever, You know what is best for us, and in all things You are at work for our good. Grant us faith to trust the promises of Your Word, and to learn from Jesus how to see things the way You do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- || **hear our prayer.**
- || Merciful Lord, be present with Your Church throughout the world as Your people gather around Your Word. Grant insight to all pastors, especially Matthew our Synod president, Paul our district president, and Michael our circuit visitor that they may rightly distinguish and faithfully speak both the Law and Gospel for the good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- || **hear our prayer.**
- || Almighty King, we are not wise in the ways of human society and civil government, but we trust that all leaders serve according to Your will. Grant courage to our elected officials (especially Donald our president, Kate our governor, and Suzanne our mayor) that they may do Your will and serve the people as You would have them to. Lord, in Your mercy,
- || **hear our prayer.**
- || Great Physician, please heal the sick, strengthen the suffering, tend the injured, and hold onto the dying [*especially* . . .]. In times of trial and difficulty, it is hard to see things the way You do and to trust that You are working for our good. Fill those who suffer with Your peace. Strengthen them to bear their afflictions with the knowledge that Christ suffers with them. Fortify their faith that You are always good and that they are in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- || **hear our prayer.**
- || Ancient of Days, Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom and Your dominion will not pass away. Bring us with all saints who have fallen asleep in Christ to that day of resurrection where we will dine with the Lamb at His marriage feast in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- || **hear our prayer.**
- || Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- || **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

II 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.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

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Benediction

II The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
 II Amen.

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Announcements

A special **thank you** to Sharon Lighthill for clean carpets and especially for clean chairs in the fellowship hall. We look forward to filling them!

The **Administrative Council** meet via Zoom this past week. The parsonage project is nearing completion and they hope to have it available for rental sometime in May.

There are a few **facemask kits** still available in the vestibule for the lift. Stop by and grab a few to sew up for yourselves or for others.

“God transformed Paul’s life, and Paul used whatever talents he already had in the service of God and others. Glorifying God and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, Paul understood—by the grace of God—the newfound purpose and direction of his life. If God can do these kinds of wondrous works in the lives of others, why can’t He do them in yours? The answer: He can.” *Rev. Leroy Johnson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT
KNOWING IT'S HIM?



THEY WERE EXPRESSING
NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



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