



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
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**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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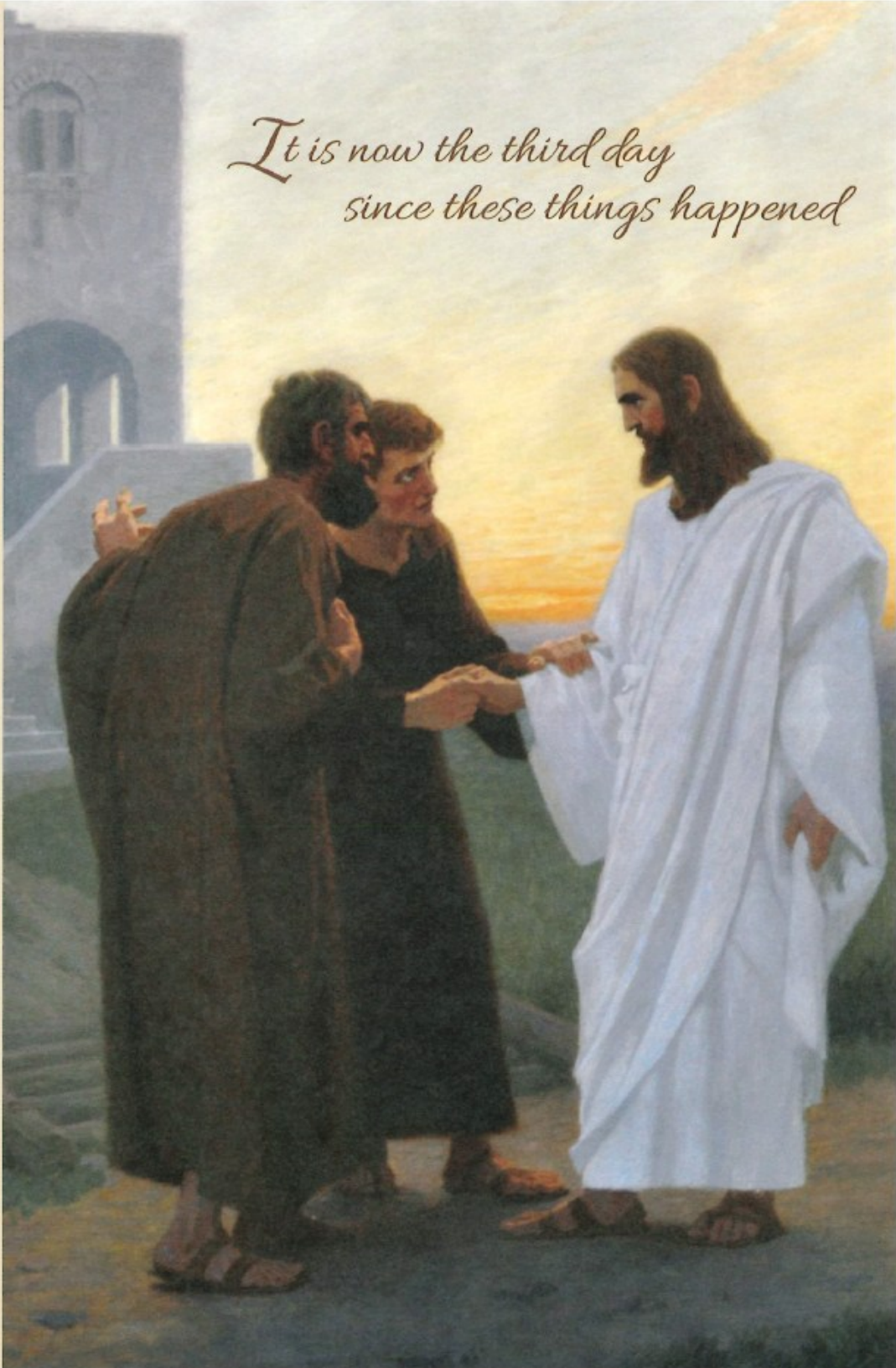
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*It is now the third day
since these things happened*



FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

Hymns:
483, 476, 919

Hymns During Distribution:
585, 486

Sermon Title:
*“The Risen Christ—Revealed in Word
and Sacrament”*

Scripture:
Luke 24

Prelude

“Dialogue,” from *Magnificat en Re*, by Jean Francois
Dandrieu
MIT FREUDEN ZART (“With High Delight Let Us Unite”) -
Jacob B. Weber
JEFFERSON (“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”) - Tim
Shewmaker

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in B-flat - J. S. Bach,
BWV 560

[10:45AM]: Order of Holy Baptism—LSB 268



The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

Serving in God’s House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Debbie Goedecke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen	Head Elder:	Andrew Latham	Dale Addink
	Head Usher:	Chris Nietenhoefer	Paul Cigainero
Counters: Carol Lemmon Herbert Herrmann	Acolytes:	Joseph Kirby	Dalton Jacobs Christian Hernandez
	Crucifer/ Altar	Ethan Salgado	Nathan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Judy Klingbeil to the glory of God.

Introit *Psalm 116:1-9*



*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.*

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

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.

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.*

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Sung by the Cantor

adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 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 under his feet.



This morning in the 10:45am service,
we welcome

Zipporah Katharina,

daughter of

Rev. Brennick and Bethany Christiansen,

born on April 11th,

into God’s Kingdom through Holy Baptism.

Her sponsors are

Jason & Caitlin Pettijohn, Anna Thielke, and Christian White

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: April 19-May 2

19: Ex. 32:15-35
Luke 6:39-49

20: Ex. 33:1-23
Luke 7:1-17

21: Ex. 34:1-28
Luke 7:18-35

22: Ex. 34:29-35:21
Ex. 35:22-38:20
Luke 7:36-50

23: Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23,
27-31
Luke 8:1-21

24: Ex. 39:32 - 40:16
Luke 8:22-39

25: Ex. 40:17-38
Lev. 1:1-7:38
Luke 8:40-56

26: Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36
Luke 9:1-17

27: Lev. 9:1-24
Luke 9:18-36

28: Lev. 10:1-20
Lev. 11:1-15:33
Luke 9:37-62

29: Lev. 16:1-24
Luke 10:1-22

30: Lev. 17:1-16
Luke 10:23-42

1: Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8
Luke 11:1-13

2: Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37
Luke 11:14-36

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 04/19 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 04/20 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING

TUESDAY 04/21 - 9:30AM - JOY BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 6:00PM - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY 04/22

THURSDAY 04/23

FRIDAY 04/24 - 5:30PM - MLCA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 04/25

THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Make prayer a daily habit for your family. Do as much of this as is helpful.
Gather together in one place. Set aside all distractions as best as you are able.

Scripture: Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

READINGS:

Mon: The Lord's Revelation to Elijah - 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Tue: The Lord Condemns Ahab - 1 Kings 21:17-29

Wed: Elijah Ascends to Heaven - 2 Kings 2:1-15

Thu: Elisha Performs Miracles - 2 Kings 2:19-25

Fri: Acts 2:42-47—The Fellowship of the Believers

Sat: 1 Peter 2:19-25 - Submission to Authority & Christ's Example of Suffering

Sun: John 10:1-10—I Am the Good Shepherd

HYMNS:

461 1, 2, 5 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

709 1, 2, 4 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

547 1, 4, 5 "The Lamb"

VOTERS' MEETING- NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a Voters' Meeting **next Sunday, April 26th**, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, men of the congregation are eligible voters only after attending their first meeting. **Be sure to check the weekly Look Ahead email for more information regarding the annual budget, including things such as MLC's mission priorities, operating guardrails, and a realistic plan for income and expenses.**

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Karen Bentle, Mandy Demick, John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Don Knutson, Terry Swender, Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

...all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA is hiring teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, you may call the school office at 817.431.5486, or you may send your resume to schooloffice@mlcatexas.org.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 19 (Easter 3): The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are “for you and your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.



LCMS Stewardship—Third Sunday of Easter. 1 Peter 1:18-19 - “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.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.



BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 72 10:45am: 99 Total: 171
 Sunday School: — **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 10,184.75** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



About the Cover

When the two disciples encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord's death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living, breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now 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?" ³⁸And 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. ³⁹For 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." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If 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, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who 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.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains
forever."

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles

from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?" ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But 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. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.