

Worship Lifeline

In Scripture Today

Introduction to the Day

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

I Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

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May 3, 2020, Easter 4 Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:42-47 *The believers' common life*

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

I Peter 2:19-25 *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*

John 10:1-10 *Christ the shepherd*

In Worship Today

Come to the Table

Ours is the table,
not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready
for those who love him
and for those
who want to love him more.
So come!

You who have much faith and
you who have little, come!
You who have been here often
and you who have not been
here long, come!
You who have tried to follow and
you who have failed, come!
Come, because it is the Lord
who invites you.
It is his promise that those who want
him can always meet him here. Come.

About the Day and Readings

—A Wonderful Walk

I picked up a note pad, as I began the work of figuring out what to save and what to loose, or let go. The notes had no heading or date, but I recognized them from a video (Zoom) meeting several months back. The presenter was a friend from my time in Hildreth, NE. Her topic was that of improving websites in order to draw people in. What caught my eye was a phrase she used, "stories are meaning devices."

I think I knew that already, but I had not heard anyone say it quite that way. Her application of the phrase was meant to encourage us to think of our Church web site as a story to those looking for a church.

We all know the Easter story, though through the Sunday's of Easter we hear several Easter stories. Why not just one story? Well, each story offers a "meaning," a way to understand the resurrection of Jesus.

This year's Easter Day reading was from The Gospel according to Matthew. Last Sunday's reading was from The Gospel according to John; and today's reading is from The Gospel according to St. Luke. Mark's story of Easter sounds similar to Matthew, but when the women see the stone rolled away, a "man" sitting insider the tomb that wasn't Jesus, the folded grave cloth, they ran from the tomb and said nothing to anyone, "for they were afraid." It's quite a story!

In Ministry This Week

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM-LL ?Word of Faith
10:15 AM-S ASLC Zoom
1:30 PM ?Housekeeping
8:00 PM-F ?AA

Monday, April 27

7:30 PM-GR OA-Zoom

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 AM-F Sandwich MeetUp
8:00 PM-F (Cancelled) NA

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 PM-LL ?Word of Faith Ch.
8:00 PM-F ?AA

Thursday, April 30

8:00 PM-F (Cancelled) NA

Friday, May 1

9:00 AM ?Cleaning

Saturday, May 2

8:00 AM-AF ?GAS
9:00 AM-G OA-Zoom

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM-LL ?Word of Faith
10:15 AM-S ASLC Zoom
1:30 PM-All ?Housekeeping
8:00 PM-F ?AA

F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1; CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N+Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

Good for a laugh- we all need it!

- Still haven't decided where to go for church on Sunday ---- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- I used to spin toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog.... we laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?

Russ' Reminders—

All known ASLC birthdays and anniversaries are listed in your Church Directory. We can print you a copy or you can view the directory on your PC or Smartphone. It's all pretty easy once you move through the learning curve, which is more like a speed bump. **Contact Rica Kelly** with changes and updates to all directory information.

It's easy:

go to www.allsaintslilburn.org & click on "Member Directory Link." Log in. You'll see it all!

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

- 6
- +Brad & Joann Rosselle
- 16
- +John & Susan Jonesbrook

MAY

- 10
- Mark & Angie Sanderlin
- 11
- Bob & Lorraine Herrington
- 25
- Herb & Melody McCaulla
- 27
- Kim Alan & Sue Stover
- 28
- Claire & Bob Heiser
- 29
- Phil & "Sam" Undergrahm
- 31

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 17 Joe Attaway
- 25 Joy Wells
- 30 John Holdrich
- Mary Scobee

MAY

- 2 Mary Yale
- 5 Sandra Robinson
- 8 Kevin Swanson
- 9 Eve Herring
- 12 Joyce Holdrich
- 15 Dixie Wigbels
- 27 Brian Ehrich
- Jack Branscomb
- 29 Sheila Wagner

This Week's Commemorations

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Philip and James, Apostles

Friday, May 1, 2020

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views. From sundaysandseasons.com.

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Worship Assistants

April 26 —Zoom

- Altar Guild: Susan H
- Lector: Sheila W
- Worship Assistant: Kevin S
- Communion Assistants: Branscombs
- Ushers: Mac M & Larry M
- Greeter: Beverly P
- Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
- Children's Sermon: Mary Kay K
- Counters: Tom & Lorraine H

May 3 ---Zoom

- Altar Guild: Joann R
- Lector: Miriam M
- Worship Assistant: Joanne S
- Com.Assts: Lisa M & Cheri M
- Ushers: Mary Kay K & Miriam M
- Greeter: Rica K
- Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
- Children's Sermon: Mac M
- Counters: Tom & Angie S

May 10 —Zoom

- Altar Guild: Julie B
- Lector: Sandra R
- Worship Assistant: John Y
- Com.Asst: Susan H & Cindy M
- Ushers: Jack & Lisette B
- Greeter: Bruce K
- Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus
- Children's Sermon: Lisa M
- Counters: Tom & Barb L

May 17?

- Altar Guild: Lisa M
- Lector: Amy C
- Worship Assistant: John H
- Com.Assts: Jacki S & Kelly K
- Ushers: Susan H & Bruce K
- Greeter: Susan L
- Projectionist: Jack B
- Children's Sermon: Kevin S
- Counters: Tom & Lorraine H

May 24?

- Altar Guild: Amy C
- Lector: Barb L
- Worship Assistant: Joyce H
- Com.Assts: Julie B & Joanne S
- Ushers: Kelly K & Cindy M
- Greeter: Mac M
- Projectionist: N/A
- Children's Sermon: Pastor K
- Counters: Tom & Angie S

Stay Safe — — — — — Stay Home
Stay in Touch — — — — — Stay in Prayer