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²⁵My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.

²⁶When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes.

²⁷Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

²⁸My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and 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. ²⁴Some 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.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” WOV 660

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

“Breaking Bread with Jesus – stories of conversation and communion”



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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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Lenten Vespers Service – Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 6:30 pm

Our Lenten journey continues – a journey of worship, repentance, discipleship, and cross-bearing. As Christians, this is truly our whole life’s journey. It is intensified during Lent. May the midweek evening services of this season inspire and strengthen you in following the One who leads the journey: Jesus, our Savior.

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THE POSTLUDE

“Stay with Us”

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1. Stay with us till night has come:
our praise to you this day be sung.
Bless our bread, open our eyes:
Jesus be our great surprise.
2. Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
Hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again our loss, our pain:
Jesus, take us to your side.
3. Walk with us, the road will bend:
Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears:
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
4. Talk with us, till we behold
a joyful life you will unfold:
heal our eyes to see the prize:
Jesus, take us to the light.
5. Stay with us, till day is done:
no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart, your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended” LBW 274

1. The day you gave us, Lord, has ended;
The darkness falls at your behest,
To you our morning hymns ascended;
Your praise shall hallow now our rest.
2. We thank you that your Church, unsleeping
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world its watch is keeping,
And never rests by day or night.
3. As to each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

4. The sun, here having set, is waking
Your children under western skies,
And hour by hour, as day is breaking,
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Aiden Atkinson’s tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy have been postponed.
- Carolyn Peterson has broken her hip and is back at Pine Acres. She is comfortable. She has been pleased with all the cards she is receiving!
- Fred Goltermann is scheduled to receive a pacemaker on Tuesday, March 24. He and Judy would appreciate prayers.
- All those who are working to provide essential services during this crisis.
- All who are affected by this crisis!
- All suffering serious physical or mental illness or injury, dementia, chronic pain, anxiety, depression, or addictions, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All victims of natural disasters, violent crimes, and accidents.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God’s guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.