



Sunday, April 26, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**WORSHIP FOCUS:** *Jesus lives to restore my hope.*

**INVOCATION**

**OPENING HYMN**

156 – “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”

**FIRST LESSON – Acts 24:10-21**

*Paul proclaims the resurrection of Jesus while on trial before Governor Felix.*

When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: “I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup> You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>12</sup> My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup> And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. <sup>14</sup> However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup> and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. <sup>16</sup> So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. <sup>17</sup> After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup> I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. <sup>19</sup> But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup> Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— <sup>21</sup> unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 67

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Let the people praise you, O God.  
Let all the people praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

Let the people praise you, O God.  
Let all the people praise you.

Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let the people praise you, O God.  
Let all the people praise you.

## **SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 1:17-21**

*Believers' sure hope is based on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection to life.*

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

(Luke 24:32)

### **GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35**

*Jesus brought hope to the disciples on the road to Emmaus by appearing to them and pointing them to Scripture.*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

### **SEASONAL RESPONSE**

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

### **HYMN**

161 – "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**SERMON** Text: 1 Peter 1:17:21

**Theme:** "Easter Brings Hope to the Hopeless."

- 1) No hope without Easter.
- 2) Sure hope because of Easter.

## **OFFERING**

Offerings may be made by mailing them to the school at 105 Allen Street, Jenera, OH 45841. You may also drop them off at the school between 9 and noon, Monday through Friday. If these hours are not convenient for you, please call the school at 419.326.4685 to make other arrangements.

You may also make your offering using "Online Giving." Please see the website for instructions.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**HYMN** 166 – "The Day of Resurrection"



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## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH** or school activities until at least May 24th.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION** will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**KAREN MANTHE**, who faithfully taught at Trinity school in the late 60's and early 70's, will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 17<sup>th</sup>. As she may not be able to go out to celebrate, we would like to send the celebration to her by showering her with birthday cards. You may send her birthday wishes to:

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A DVD** of the sermons, please email the school at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org). Or you may call the office during the new hours of 9:00AM to noon, Monday through Friday. You may pick up DVD's of the sermons, newsletters and printed sermons during these hours. If these hours are not convenient for you, please call the school at 419.326.4685 to make other arrangements.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE** to be added to the email list for newsletters, bulletins and other correspondence, please email the school at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org). If you know someone who does not have an internet connection, but would still enjoy these mailings, encourage them to contact the school office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to noon. They may call 419.432.4685 during these hours.

**COMMUNION:** Pastor Schmitzer and Pastor Nowak are offering private communion to anyone who is interested. You can meet one of them at church or they can come to your home. Please contact them by phone or email to make arrangements.

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