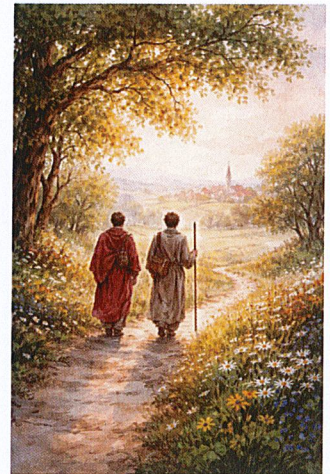


Grace Devotion

Week of April 19, 2026

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. (Luke 24:30-33 NRSVUE)



Friends,

We get so caught up in our daily lives—the routines, appointments, the struggles—that we sometimes forget to see what is right before us. We see what we expect to see. The disciples felt the same way on their walk to Emmaus. It was a seven-mile walk, one that I’m sure weighed on them physically as well as emotionally. The walk they endured reminded them of the hopes they had felt—of Jesus coming to change everything—and the deep disappointment they now carried. The future they had imagined was now one of disillusion, of sadness. As journeyed along, without realizing it, Jesus was walking among them. He walked beside them; he was with them in their grief. He met them in their confusion. They didn’t recognize him until they paused and sat at the table. And Jesus broke the bread.

How often does that happen to us? Christ is with us in each of the ordinary moments, in conversation, in the quiet, and in the kindness of a stranger, but we miss it because we are looking for something else. This week, may we slow down just enough to notice. May we open our eyes to Jesus walking beside us, even when we don’t expect it. May we recognize him in the simple, but holy, moments of our lives.

Prayer:

God of Love, Thank You for the pauses in our days. Thank You for re-pointing our focus back to You. When we get so caught up in events and situations that we can’t see You beside us, give us pause. Remind us of those moments of peace, where we can reflect and notice You at work in our daily lives. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

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Welcome/Announcements
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: "Doxology
** Prayer of Dedication

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** Call to Worship

Lector: We walk many roads in this life—some filled with joy, others with uncertainty,

Congregation: Sometimes we don't recognize who walks beside us.

Lector: Christ meets us in the journey, offering hope in our questions

Congregation: We come with our hearts open, to hear the still-speaking God.

Lector: In the simple moments of our days,

Congregation: Our eyes are opened and we begin to see.

Lector: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,

Congregation: You are welcome here!

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

Loving God, we come here today having walked many roads. You meet us in the ordinary moments of our lives, but sometimes we are unaware that You are beside us. Open our eyes and our hearts to notice You and to respond with gratitude and love. Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others
Lord's Prayer

**° Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Scripture Reading:

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: "Called, Grateful, and Sent"

**+" And All the People Said Amen"

#8

** Final Blessing

** "A Choral Benediction"

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Contact the church office or Leslie Grote for more information about our new widower's group that will meet monthly
- Deacon's Fund Donations will be collected today April 19th

Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministry, In Person – April 22nd @ 7:30 PM
- Mark your calendars for the Grace Parking Lot Yard Sale on May 23rd. More details to come

Upcoming Meetings

- Worship & Music – April 27th @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation – April 27th @ 6:00 PM



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Fay Emlet

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Craig Bixler & Jenn Weaver



Psalm 116

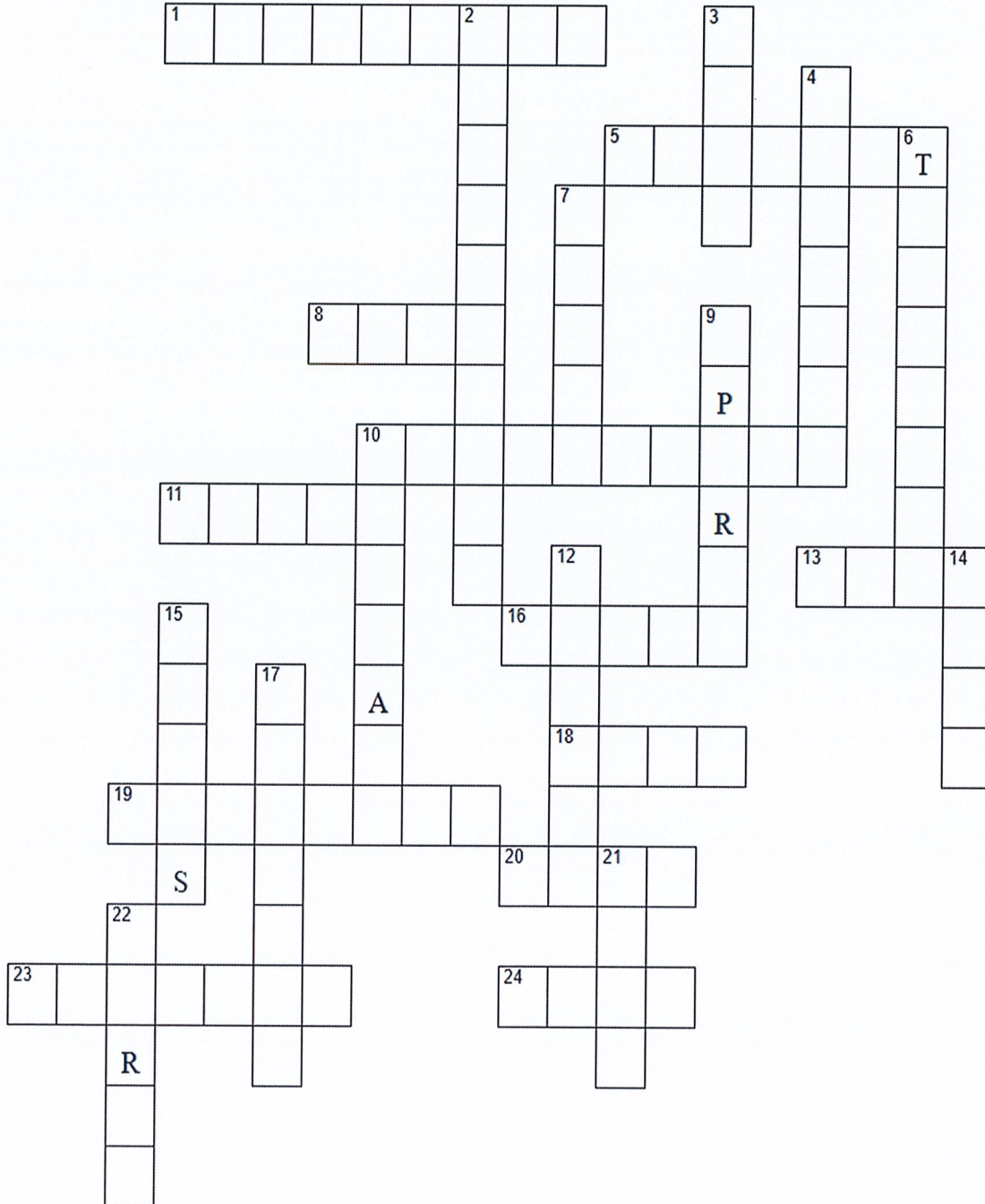
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Luke 24



Across:

1. And how the chief priests and our rulers _____ him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
5. And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a _____ mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
8. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the _____.
10. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things _____ himself.
11. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, _____ I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
13. Saying, The Son of man _____ be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
16. Then opened he their understanding, that they _____ understand the scriptures,
18. And their words seemed to them as _____ tales, and they believed them not.
19. And they worshipped him, and _____ to Jerusalem with great joy:
20. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said _____ them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
23. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to _____, as ye walk, and are sad?
24. But their _____ were holden that they should not know him.

Down:

2. And that _____ and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
3. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he _____ bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.
4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in _____ garments:
6. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do _____ arise in your hearts?
7. And they talked together of all _____ things which had happened.
9. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a _____.
10. And _____ of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
12. And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a _____ of angels, which said that he was alive.
14. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them _____ were with them,
15. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of _____, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
17. But we _____ that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
21. And, behold, two of _____ went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.
22. And they remembered his _____,