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THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-25 page

(Peter outlines the Good News of salvation.)

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 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, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 141:1-4 a

Reader: O LORD, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you.

People: 2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

Reader: 3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

People: 4 Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil,

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

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(On the road to Emmaus, Jesus explains how He is the way of salvation, having fulfilled the promises of Moses and the Prophets.)

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They

stood still, their faces downcast. 18 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?" 19 "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. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 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. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

25 He said to them, "**How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 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.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 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?**" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together

34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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And he said to them, "O unthinking and slow of heart to believe on all the things which the prophets have written

26 ouvci. tau/ta e;dei paqei/n to.n cristo.n kai. eivselqei/n eivj th.n do,xan auvtou/È

Were these things not necessary for the Christ to suffer and to enter into his glory?

27 kai. avrx,a,menoj avpo. Mwu?se,wj kai. avpo. pa,ntwn tw/n profhtw/n diermh,neusen auvtoi/j evn pa,saij tai/j grafai/j ta. peri. e`autou/Å

And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them the writings and the prophets which were concerning himself.

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And they came near to the village where they were going, and he acted as if to go a little more.

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And they strongly urged him saying, “Remain with us, because it is evening and the day is already reclining (ending). And he entered to remain with them.

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31 auvtw/n de. dihnoi,cqhsan oi` ovfqalmoi. kai. evpe,gnwsan auvto,n\ kai. auvto.j a;fantoj evge,neto avpV auvtw/nÅ

And their eyes were opened and they knew / recognized him, And he disappeared from them.

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And they said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning in us as he spoke to us on the way, as he explained to us the writings / Scriptures.

33 Kai. avnasta,ntej auvth/| th/| w[ra] u`pe,streyan eivj Vlerousalh.m kai. eu-ron hvqroisme,nouj tou.j e[ndeka kai. tou.j su.n auvtoi/j(

And having risen / stood up at that hour they returned to Jerusalem and found the 11 and those with them assembled together.

34 le,gontaj o[ti o;ntwj hvge,rqh o` ku,rioj kai. w;fqh Si,mwniÅ

And saying that, “The Lord has risen and appeared to Simon.”

35 kai. auvtoi. evxhgou/nto ta. evn th/| o`dw/| kai. w`j evgnw,sqh auvtoi/j evn th/| kla,sei tou/ a;rtouÅ

And they related how on the way as he made himself know to them in the breaking of bread.

INTRO - In 1982 Kathy and I lived in St. Louis, in the church owned parsonage next to church. I was in a shower in the basement as she left for work as a visiting nurse and one year old Josh was upstairs in his baby seat. As she left, she locked the doors, out of habit. Because we had an alarm she locked the door to the basement where I was showering. When I got out of the shower I could not go to the house upstairs to get dressed, because the door was locked. I could not get to Josh. Because the door was locked. I went outside and tried to come in through the outside doors, which were locked. Finally, I knocked down the door which I had to fix, and was then behind all day. Not realizing what she was doing Kathy made a mistake.

In our lesson for today the two disciples took two actions out of ignorance. One was a mistake, one was a the right thing even though they did not realize that either.

I. What did the disciples do wrong out of ignorance?

A. Look at verses 13-29.

1. They were acting like Jesus was dead.
2. They grieved and even told this man they thought was a stranger, that Jesus was dead.
3. They had experienced his death, and they were living in the assumption He was still dead.

B. This was wrong. Jesus had risen as he had promised. In fact, this was Jesus himself they were talking to.

C. I guess, if I am going to doubt, as they were, or make a mistake, as they did, or do something wrong, I'd rather do it out of ignorance, by mistake, than to intentionally do something wrong. But, their grieving was wrong.

II. The rest of my story is, when Kathy locked me into the basement, she also, unknowingly, did something right. (Don't go locking your family in the basement, however.) That night we were going to a Marriage Enrichment Training retreat as part of a class I was taking at the seminary. We went through the evening session and were walking out with the presenters when the main presenter, a pastor and Christian counselor, asked, "Is something wrong? Are you angry about something?" Well, actually I was still angry at my wife who had caused trouble the whole day. I wanted her to know what a mistake she had made. And, this mistake gave me a reason and opportunity to be honest about myself as we went through this marriage enrichment retreat. Actually, by locking me in, she did something right . . . without realizing it.

A. The disciples did something very right, though they did not realize it. In verse 28 and 29 as they came to the end of their journey, and as Jesus made to continue on, they asked and said to Him, "**Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.**"

1. Do you see what they did right. Without knowing it, they asked the risen Jesus "stay with us" not knowing who he was.
2. Jesus taught them the scriptures.
3. He cared for them.
4. When He revealed himself to them, they cherished every word He said.

B. But, they one they were asking to their place of rest, to their meal, into their lives, was the Lord of the universe who in love had died for them and risen again. Even though they didn't realize it, this was the BEST decision they had ever made.

III. Have you looked at the engine of a car recently and wondered what it would take to fix it? With so much computer brains in our cars, they are above almost everyone but a mechanic with a diagnostic computer. Have you ever tried to consider the mysteries of the universe? I come away realizing how much I DON'T know. Or, have you ever tried to figure out how God can be working in the trials and challenges of life? Much we do in this life is acting in ignorance because life and the ways of God are above our heads.

A. The best decision we can make (3) is to ask Jesus, “**stay with us.**”

1. I know there are places and times that we may not always think we want Jesus, but think, if there is some place in our life we don't want Jesus, do we really want to be there? **If there is some place in our life we don't want Jesus, do we really want to be there?**

2. Here is where I want you to write at the end of this bulletin.

a. The disciples invited Jesus to their place of rest, to the meal, to their discussion. Where are places and times in your life that you need Jesus? (Answer) Let's pray for that right now.

b. Where are places that you feel comfortable with your life that maybe you don't need Jesus quite as much? Actually, maybe we need him to **remain with us** there even more. What are those places? (Answer) Let's pray for that right now.

B. There is another way we can ask Jesus to “**stay with us**” even though we don't understand. This is also something you want to write down.

1. God comes to us in ways that are mysterious and beyond our understanding.

2. God comes to us in the sacraments, in baptism and the Lord's Supper. The word sacrament comes from Latin which means “Mystery.” We don't totally understand the working of God, but He promises to come to us, so we say, **stay with us.**

3. God comes in the Spirit, by His Word, in worship, in prayer and fellowship. Do you always understand the coming of God? But, he does promise to come to us in these ways, so we say, “**stay with us.**”

CONCLUSION - Do you have a struggle in your life now? An unexpected joy? Do you totally understand it? The disciples did not know or understand what they were doing when they invited Jesus. But because of who Jesus is, one of the best decisions we can make is when we ask Jesus, at any and all times . . . “**stay with us.**”

THANKS

GRIEVING

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COUNTRY

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Garon Bishop
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CHURCH

Wednesday worship
Outreach and faithful service of the Lord by people, by the congregation, by Lutheran Church, by Whole Christian Church