

## NEXT STEP: STUDY &amp; SHARE

## READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

## SERMON TEXT- Luke 24:13-35

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## LISTENING TO . . .

**GOD-** *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Read vv25-27 & 44-49; notice how Jesus demonstrates that he is the center or heart or target of the Scriptures. How does this compare with what St. John writes in *John 1:1-14*? Now consider *Acts 2:14-41*, how does St. Peter’s speech/sermon reflect these ideas? How does he show that the Old Testament models or “prototypes” Jesus? *Note: this is different from prediction like the weather, stocks, or horoscopes*
2. Look carefully at the language used in vv30-31; how does it connect to these stories? *See Genesis 3:6-10; Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26*

**EACH OTHER-** *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Recall last week’s Gospel reading, so-called doubting Thomas (John 20:19-31) & last week’s question about your own doubts. This time, what things of the faith have you been “slow of heart to believe”? That is, what things of Christianity once gave you difficulty but have since become easier, straightforward, or clear cut?
4. Reflect on the absence of Holy Communion in your life lately. How has the long social distancing gap in our celebration affected you? What does it tell you if you don’t feel any affect? *Review Large Catechism: Holy Communion; see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Hebrews 10:25; 1 John 2:19 LC available <bookofconcord.org>*

**NEIGHBORS-** *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Notice the language used by the disciples, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us?” ... That same hour they got up & returned to Jerusalem” (vv32-33); enthusiasm & positivity are contagious. How can you share your “burning heart” excitement for the Lord with guests to your home congregation?
6. Check-in for *Corona Virus Challenge Make it your goal to reach out to one other person in the congregation (not in your home/family) each day during these restrictions.* How has this gone for you? How have others received your care & concern for them? How has it gotten easier or harder? If you haven’t tried or (tried very hard) what has prevented you? What do you have to lose? What do you have to gain? **Make a list of 7 folks to contact this week that you haven’t reached out to in the last 30 days.**

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Third Sunday of Easter

04.26.20

Series: Lost & Found

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

U-Turn Permitted

*Why did the disciple go the wrong way on a one-way street?  
Because he was only going one way.*

-Notes-

**KEY VERSE:** That same hour they got up & returned to Jerusalem...  
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**-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-**

Our hearts burn within us while  
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