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3 rd Sunday of Easter

Menighetshus Rektor Steens gata 7: 1030

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2.14a,36-41

1 Peter 1.17-23

Luke 24.13-35

Reflection

Let's take a walk, preferably not all the way to Emmaus, because that's about 11 kilometers and some of us barely walked here this morning. But imagine it: two tired disciples, shuffling along, heads down, hearts heavy.

Europe today can feel a bit like that road, uncertain, confusing, full of questions. "What's going on?" "Where is this all heading?" "Did we miss something important?"



And then, Jesus shows up. But here's the twist: they don't recognize Him. Which is comforting, honestly, because sometimes we don't recognize what God is

doing either. We're looking for grand miracles, and meanwhile He's walking beside us, listening to our worries about politics, economies, and whether we locked the front door.

Now, let me tell you a quick story.

Three students were absent from class. They came up with a clever plan: “Let’s say one of our relatives had an accident, that’s why we weren’t here.” Brilliant, right? Oscar-worthy performance incoming. So they tell their professor this dramatic tale. The professor nods kindly... then hands each of them a piece of paper. “Please write down exactly what happened,” he says. “Include names of victims, location, hospital, time, and condition.” Suddenly, these future actors turned pale. Their story? Not so solid anymore. After a moment of panic, they did the bravest thing possible, they told the truth.

Now, why share this?

Because on the road to Emmaus, the disciples were also telling a story, about disappointment, about lost hope. But it wasn’t the



full truth. They hadn’t yet seen the bigger picture. Jesus gently walked them from confusion to clarity, from fear to faith. Sometimes, like those students, we build our own versions of reality, stories shaped by fear, headlines, and worst-case scenarios. But Jesus invites us to something better: truth. Not denial of difficulty, but a deeper understanding that He is still present, still working, still breaking bread with us.

And when their eyes were opened, oh, what a moment!
Everything changed. The same road, the same world, but now
filled with hope. So in these uncertain times, don't panic-write
your story. Walk with Jesus. Listen closely. And when truth
finally dawns, you might just find your heart burning with
hope again.

Amen.



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Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.





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Tea/Coffee

After our Holy Communion service, everyone is warmly invited to stay behind for tea/coffee and fellowship. This is a lovely opportunity to share time together and strengthen our life as a church family

