

## ***The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’***



**Background:** This Post Easter period we are focussing on the values Christ left with us following His resurrection. The Epistles are provided by Peter as texts are provide from First Peter. So far we have seen the disciples becoming more bold as they witness their faith. Peter now strongly states “we must obey God rather than man” in matters of conflict. They rejoiced that they were beaten for witnessing their faith in the risen Christ. Peter tells us to “*prepare out minds for action.*”. This recognizes that we should love one another as Christ loved us and totally

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forgiven all our sins. In the Gospel, we again see Christ reaching out to some disciples going to Emmaus. Like all his disciples following His crucifixion, they could not believe Christ could rise from the dead. But Christ does not chastise them, but goes through the entire Old Testament that foretells the need for Him to be sacrificed, so all the sins of mankind be paid. He opened their eyes or minds to understand that they were saved by His death and now he is raised from the dead to be our **living God**. Celebrate and listen to God's word in bible study and Christian worship. Receive God's forgiveness through prayer, absolution from your Pastor, and the Sacraments.

**The Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 36–41, 1 Peter 1:17–25, Luke 24:13–35** From “*before the foundation of the world*” until heaven and earth pass away, “*the word of the Lord remains forever*” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “*living and abiding word of God*” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “*raised him from the dead and gave him glory*” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “*have been born again*” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “*with the precious blood of Christ*” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “*in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins*” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “*for you and for your children and for all who are far off*” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “*into his glory*” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “*the things concerning himself*” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “*in the breaking of the bread*” (Luke 24:35).