

**THEY  
GAVE HIM  
A PIECE OF  
BROILED  
FISH,  
AND  
HE ATE  
IN THEIR  
PRESENCE**

LUKE 24:42-43

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Office: 717-637-7101**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**



**WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW?** We are a group of people gathered together to make a difference. We seek to make a difference in ourselves, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We are thankful that you are here today. Check out our website at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org), where you can find out more about us and get connected into our community.

**Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:**

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Names of everyone attending Sunday, **April 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.:**

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Would you like to be added to our email list? **Please list your name and email address:**

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Would you like to be contacted by a pastor? Please list phone number:

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## **Tune your radio to FM 101.5 to listen to our service!**

We hope you find this worship service meaningful. If you have concerns about your car battery, we have people on the premises with battery cables should the need arise.

If you leave your vehicle for any reason, please be considerate of others and wear a mask. Thank you!

If there is an emergency in your car, please dial 9-1-1 and then let parking attendants know.

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**+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +**

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### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

***Risen! Risen!***  
**(Susan, Kevin and Emma Riley, Soloists)**

**Govenor**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy  
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**All: Amen.**

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN..... *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen – No. 377***



Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

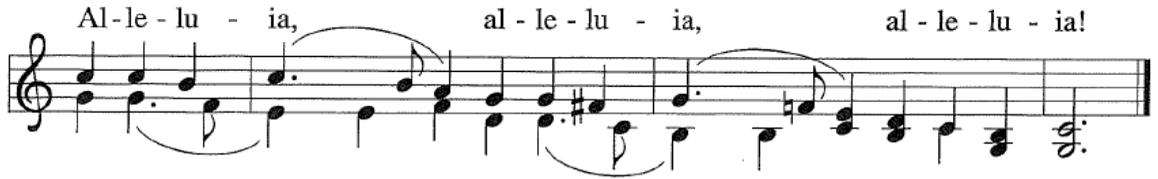
**All: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19** *After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48** *In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE MESSAGE** *Have You Anything There to Eat?* Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Hymn of Promise*  
(Susan and Emma Riley, Soloists)

Sleeth

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Each petition concludes, *"Hear us, O God."* and the congregation responds, *"Your mercy is great."*

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another in your own cars  
with the words "Peace be with you.")  
You may also honk your horn to greet others!*

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

**All: Amen.**

### **RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

**All: Amen. (Eat wafer)**

*(Pause)*

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

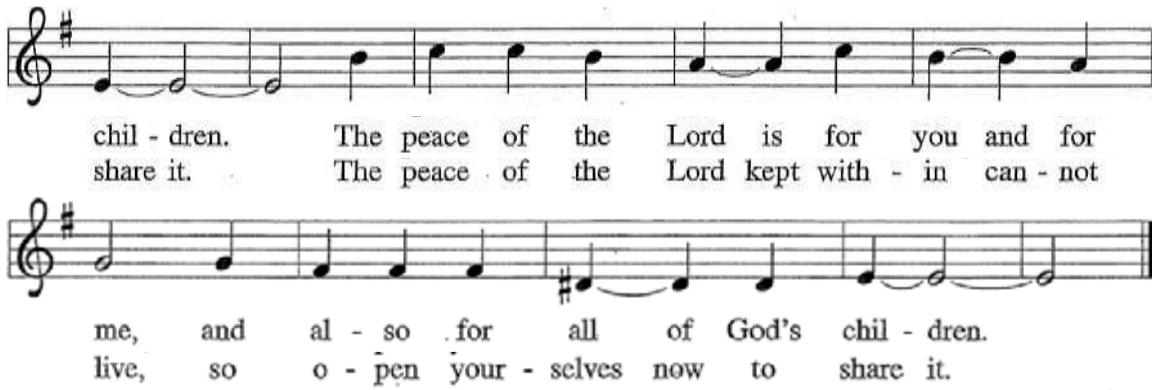
**All: Amen. (Drink juice)**

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**





chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not

me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS** for the week of April 18:

Sunday: Luke 24:36b-48

Thursday: Acts 3:17-26

Monday: 1 John 3:10-16

Friday: Acts 4:1-4

Tuesday: 2 John 1-6

Saturday: Mark 6:30-34

Wednesday: Mark 16:9-18

**Our warm thanks** to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians .....Emily, Susan and Kevin Riley, Soloists

Emergency Person ..... Linda Wheeler

Parking Attendants .....Jeremy Bucher, Roland Kunde, Tim Peck,  
Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship Assistants .....Joan Belt, Karyn George, Ardis Kunde, Gail Mummert

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Chris and Jil Manga on their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary; and in loving memory of Mrs. Mildred Pascoe who would have celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 20 by her grandson Ben Zimmerman; and in loving memory of our parents Carroll and Doris Rohrbaugh and Arthur and Alice Nelson, our siblings Diane Pohlman and Joseph T. Nelson Sr. by Karen and Michael Nelson Sr.; and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cook Dunkinson, Miss Carrie Patterson and Miss Lilian Dunkinson; and in loving memory of Robert J. Cover who entered into God’s care on April 21 by his loving family.

**THE BULLETINS** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert J. Cover who entered into God’s care on April 21 by his loving family; and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cook Dunkinson, Miss Carrie Patterson and Miss Lilian Dunkinson.

**THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL** will be held for Alvin (Bill) McCleaf on Wednesday, April 21, 1:00 p.m. here at St. Matthew Church. Though we celebrate the departure of his life to be with the Lord, we include in our prayers of support his family and all who are bereaved. Visitation will be held at 12:00 in the Gathering Place.

<b>Attendance:</b>	(04/10)	Saturday 5 p.m. service .....	37
	(04/11)	9:00 a.m. Drive-in service.....	110
		10:45 Worship service.....	56
	(04/05-04/11)	Online views .....	149
		<b>Total</b> .....	<b>352</b>

**DEATH:**

Alvin (Bill) McCleaf

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** for St. Matthew scholarships are available in the church office and on the church website at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org). General college scholarships, a music scholarship and scholarships for anyone pursuing a Christian vocation are all there for you to apply for. Applications must be completed by **Friday, June 4, 2021**. You are eligible to receive the undergraduate scholarship twice and once at the graduate level.



**URGENT NEED** - An updated Emergency Response list is being made for our Services. New volunteers are urgently needed! Past volunteers should also contact Doris. Anyone needing CPR training please leave us know. Online training will be available. Please call the church office as soon as possible, 717 637-7101, Ext. 225

## St. Matthew Calendar April 18 - 25, 2021

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Class.....	11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
	Youth Group (Fellowship Hall).....	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:15 a.m.
	Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall).....	12:00-5:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts.....	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	Cyber Women.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	10:30-11:30 a.m.
	Primary Choir.....	4:20-5:00 p.m.
	Junior Choir.....	4:45-5:30 p.m.
	Boy Scouts (Gym).....	6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Bible Study (Zoom).....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Preschool Choir.....	6:15-7:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers #1.....	7:00-7:35 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers #2.....	7:40-8:15 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Sat.	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall).....	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
	New Members Class (Fellowship Hall).....	11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**CYBER WOMEN** will be meeting by Zoom **THIS** Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please e-mail Pastor Kathy at [pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org) for the link and a copy of the article. We will share the screen with the article and read it together. For more information, check out [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org).



## **M&M FUNDRAISER**



**ENJOY THE CANDY!! WHEN YOU ARE DONE,  
FILL IT BACK UP WITH QUARTERS.  
EMPTY THE TUBE OF QUARTERS INTO THE BAGGIE  
and PLACE IN THE OFFERING BASKET.**

**We invite you to do this as often as you would like!!  
THANK-YOU for supporting this Youth Ministry  
Fundraiser as we prepare for the next ELCA Youth Gathering.**



**DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL** is continuing to register children for the 2021-2022 Preschool Year. ALL of our usual classes are being offered, including our afternoon 4s class and our Pre-K class geared for older 4 year-old children not yet ready for Kindergarten this fall. Don't wait to register - ensure your child's spot in the class session of your choice NOW! Registration can be found at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org) or contact Martha for questions, 717-637-1864.

**OUR COMMUNITY AID BOX** has been removed from our parking lot. St. Matthew will get credit for anything you drop off at the Community Aid store on Baltimore Street. Please give them our **partner number 20014** when you make a drop off.

Thank You!

*Doris Deitzel*

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** begins this week on Wednesday April 21. *How did the first followers of Jesus end up in jail? What's the difference between a shepherd and a hired hand?* This week, Pastor Kathy will be leading the Bible Study on next week's First reading **Acts 4:5-12** and the Gospel reading, **John 10:11-18**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. and by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail the office at [info@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:info@stmattlutheran.org) or call 717-637-7101 to sign-up.



**American Red Cross**

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## **Donors needed for whole blood and “Power Red”**

Thursday April 29, 2021, 12:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

This will be our largest Red Cross blood drive yet! Our goal is to schedule 53 donors, including 10 “Power Red” donors. The whole blood donation process takes about 1 hour, while a

“Power Red” donation takes about 1 ½ hours. If you have one of these blood types, O positive, O negative, A negative, and B negative, please consider making a Power Red Donation.

If you have questions about your eligibility to be a whole blood or “Power Red” donor, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for more information. You may also call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) with specific questions about your individual medications, health conditions, travel history and how these factors may impact your eligibility.

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) today to schedule your donation appointment. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Social Ministry Committee,

Barb Thomas, Blood Drive Coordinator 717-586-7047



**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA “DAY OF RENEWAL”** will be held on **Saturday, May 8, 2021**, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Registration is 9:00-9:30 a. m. with refreshments available upon arrival. The day is sponsored by the Women of the ELCA, Lower

Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization. We will meet at Camp Nawakwa, the Upper Camp Pavilion. The cost is \$20 which Includes the program and lunch. This year’s theme is “Where God Leads Us,” Jeremiah 29:11. Special Offering: Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministries. Speaker: Norma Good, recently retired after more than 30 years from her role as Lower Susquehanna Synod’s contact for Lutheran World Relief, Lancaster. Norma joins us to share her faith journey as she has worked with Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Please complete and mail the section below, postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2021. Make check payable to **LS SWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA** and mail to: Kathy Kauffman, 970 Stevens Road, York Haven, PA 17370.

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Please select your sandwich and salad choice Sandwich choice:

Ham  Turkey  Roast Beef  Cheese

Salad choice:  Potato Salad  Macaroni Salad (Lunch includes a Kaiser sandwich, chips and 4 oz. container of potato salad or macaroni salad.)

For additional information or interested in carpooling, call Joan Scott at 717-637-6303.

## ***HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS***

HACC current needs are as follows:

**Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)** - Single serve fruits, Individual size chips, pretzels, etc., Instant White Rice, Scalloped Potatoes, Laundry Detergent, Dish Towels/Rags, Pot holders

**Changing Lives Shelter** – Deodorant (Men and Women), Disposable cleaning gloves (Med. & Large), Razors, Body wash, Lysol Spray, Ajax, Clorox wipes, Paper Towels, Ziploc Gallon size storage bags, Bottled water, Sleeping bags, Bed pillows

**Clothing Bank** - Family sized toiletries, Sheet sets all sizes, Bath towels, Men's L & XL white t-shirts, Baby diapers sizes 4 & 5, Bread wire ties

**Ruth's Harvest** - Single serve entrees, Cereal, Juice boxes, snacks or veggies (All single serve)

We accept donations Mon-Fri 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m. or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop off.

***HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES*** is looking for a part-time (up to 30 hrs. weekly)

Administrative Assistant who will report to the Executive Director. This is a Monday to Friday position. Office hours are 7 am to 1 pm. Schedule to be determined with Executive Director. In addition to all general office and reception duties. The administrative assistant should have the following: Computer skills are a must; Customer service skills; Ability to multitask; Strong data entry; Should have knowledge of: Word, Publisher, Excel, Quicken and If you are bi-lingual, that would be very helpful. Please respond to Faith Soto, Administrative Assistant, [adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org](mailto:adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org) or call 717-633-6353 for inquiries.

**FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**Psalm 4****SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."