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CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED -- ALLELUIA!!

We continued celebrating the Easter Season today and enjoyed not only hearing familiar Easter texts and music but even a rousing closing singing of "I Saw the Light"!

Here are the six takeaways from the message today based on Luke 24: 36-48 and other post resurrection accounts of the Risen Jesus:

1. At first many didn't recognize the Risen Jesus. As we have talked about throughout these last sermons, do YOU recognize Him? In others? Do others see Jesus in you? Strive to recognize Jesus in these ways this week.
2. Most of those encountering the Risen Jesus had to be reminded, by Jesus that His resurrection should not have been a surprise, based on how many times it is prophesied and talked about by Jesus Himself in His teachings. We can take comfort in the fact that even the disciples themselves needed to be patiently reminded and retaught the Good News. Don't be discouraged if you struggle now and then with your faith -- let the Risen Lord rebuild it in you as you spend more time with Him.
3. The Risen Jesus most often included the "breaking of bread" with His followers as He met with them. This sacramental event/encounter with Jesus is what we experience EVERY Sunday here at Living Word when we share the sacrament of Holy Communion -- what a blessing to be able to experience the Risen Lord in this way!
4. Jesus continually referred to Scripture as He taught and inspired His followers after His resurrection. Want to encounter the Risen Lord? Live daily with the Word of God!
5. One of the consistent and wonderful results of these post resurrection encounters is that it "caused their hearts to burn" with excitement and joy -- sound like something YOU would like to experience?? Review all of the above and do it!
6. Jesus calls His disciples to go out into their world to share Him with others -- let's do the same!!

"Extra credit": review and study I Corinthians 15 this week.

The "word of the week" I referred to as a way to impress your friends this week is "centripetal" -- 🙏

May the Risen Lord bless and keep every one of you this week!

Pastor

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