

## 04-30-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus comes to us as we are, walking with us amid questions about death and darkness, loss and limits, questions about pain and wounds, fear and imperfection, questions about what just happened and how will we continue...In these very real questions of life, Jesus comes near and walks with us.”

- Luke Ditewig



Luke 24:13-35

### Questions for Reflection —

- What does it look like for you to allow Jesus to walk with you as a companion along life's journey? Have you ever encountered Jesus in an unexpected place, person, or circumstance? What do you need in order to be able to recognize the presence of Jesus in mundane daily situations? How can you be more aware of and sensitive to Jesus' guidance in your life?
  
- When/how have you experienced Jesus as comforter and consoler amidst life's challenges? How have you found hope and encouragement in the face of unrealized expectations? What disappointments are you presently carrying in your heart? What would it mean for you to talk to Jesus about those disappointments? Through what life questions are you living right now? As you wrestle with these questions what is the spiritual sustenance you need?
  
- What have been some of your most meaningful experiences of the sacrament of Holy Communion? How does receiving Communion deepen your relationship with Jesus? How does it impact your relationship with other members of the congregation? What role does general table fellowship play in your spiritual journey? What is the importance of hospitality and welcome of strangers in the life of a congregation?

### Daily Household Prayer

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory. Amen.