

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ruby McGuill

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord" (by Lanny Wolfe)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord has heard our cries and lifted us up from despair.

All: Our hearts burn within us as we remember His saving love.

One: God walks with us on every road, even when we do not recognize Him.

All: We trust in the One who breaks bread and opens our eyes.

One: What shall we offer to the Lord for all His goodness and love?

All: With grateful praise, we worship the Risen Christ.

HYMN, # 217 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, You gave Your whole life for us, and joined us together as Your body, the Church. Yet too often we have overlooked the importance of our connection and sought fulfillment apart from You. We have prioritized our own convenience and forgotten to live in gratitude for Your sacrifice. Have mercy upon us, according to Your unfailing love. May Your Holy Spirit help us to spur each other toward love and good deeds. Encourage us in our meeting together, and in the worship of Your Holy Name. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS / WORDS OF PARDON

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

GLORIA PATRI, #33

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 13 - 35

Chuk Guzman

HYMN, # 421 "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread"

MESSAGE Burning Hearts

Pastor Andy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Music: # 678 "Abide with Me"

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth" (by John Rutter)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

CLOSING HYMN, # 226 "Lift High the Cross"

BENEDICTION

SENDING OUT "Lift High the Cross" (refrain only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: your presence is a gift that we never take for granted and treasure the opportunity to be your church family. Join the church is easy. See the back of this bulletin for details.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP: everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. Our disciple groups meet at 10:15am for Bible study.

ALTAR RAIL: special donations left on the communion rail or the Narthex giving box support specific mission opportunities. For April it supports our church's VBS program.

NEW MEMBERS DINNER: this church-wide catered dinner is set for this evening at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

EMMAUS GATHERING: this Tuesday's gathering will be held at First Methodist Church - Schulenburg. Bring a dish to share at the 6:30pm potluck dinner. Our bus leaves at 6:00pm.

FRIENDS 'N FELLOWSHIP: Saturday, May 16, at 8:45 a.m. we are taking a road trip to tour the Giddings Stone Mansion in Brenham. Steeped in history, the mansion was built as an escape from yellow-fever producing mosquitos. A lunch outing follows at Must Be Heaven. Sign-up in narthex.

MOTHER'S DAY: begins our baby bottle and diaper and wipe drive through Father's Day to support the Brenham Pregnancy Center.

SAVE THE DATE MAY 29 - 31: Steve & Pam English, missionaries, program. Revival-style worship, Friday; teaching on missions & evangelism, Saturday; combined worship, Sunday.

UM ARMY: the UM Army Youth Mission trip this summer is in Boerne, TX, July 12 - 18. If you are youth member or adult volunteer who would like to attend, please contact Jay Watson at 979-249-6201 or email jwatson316@gmail.com or call the church office.

PRAYER TEAM: we have a dedicated group that meets on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Conference Room. This is open to all. This group lifts up our church's prayer requests and is always willing to pray for you.

CHURCH BOARD: meets tomorrow (April 20) at 5:30pm in Room 5. Open to all.

As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:

- *For our Military & their families
- *Nursing Home & Homebound members
- *Twila Thurman (*diagnosed with cancer*)
- *Linda Hartson (*hospice care*)
- *Marie Allen (*healing mercies*)
- *Bill Wegmann (*healing from broken ankle*)
- *Gary Martyr (*healing mercies*)
- *Ed Murphy (*healing from stroke*)
- *Denice Fisher (*heart tests*)
- *Donna Pyle (*upcoming hand surgery*)
- *Barbara & Frank Walla (*healing mercies*)
- *Dustin Machinsky (*healing from a tumor*)
- *Stephanie Bunch (*healing from a brain tumor*)
- *Jack Anderson (*breathing difficulties*)
- *E.J. and Beverly Gray (*healing mercies*)
- *Dave Swartz (*recovering from surgery*)
- *Maxine Ballard (*encouragement*)

For Our Extended Family:

- *Cathy Gillentine (*struggling with COPD*)
- *Michael Ballard (*cancer treatments*)
- *Randall Slinkard (*healing from stroke*)
- *Mark Gillentine (*fighting cancer*)
- *Sheila Traybig (*Stage 4 colon cancer*)
- *Brea Laudano (*recovering from back surgery*)
- *Merry Douberly (*healing mercies*)
- *Ron Boggess (*Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer*)
- *Adam Lively (*Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies*)
- *Freida Dallmeyer (*Jennifer Golan's mom, hip & knee rehab*)
- *Marvin Alexander (*healing mercies*)

Birthdays

- *E. J. Gray (4.19); *Debra Schwartzenburg (4.20);
- *Jess Walker (4.22); *Tim Evans (4.23);

Anniversaries

- *David & Paulett Renfro (4.24)

JOINING THE CHURCH...

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

_____ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

_____ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

*A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.*

_____ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

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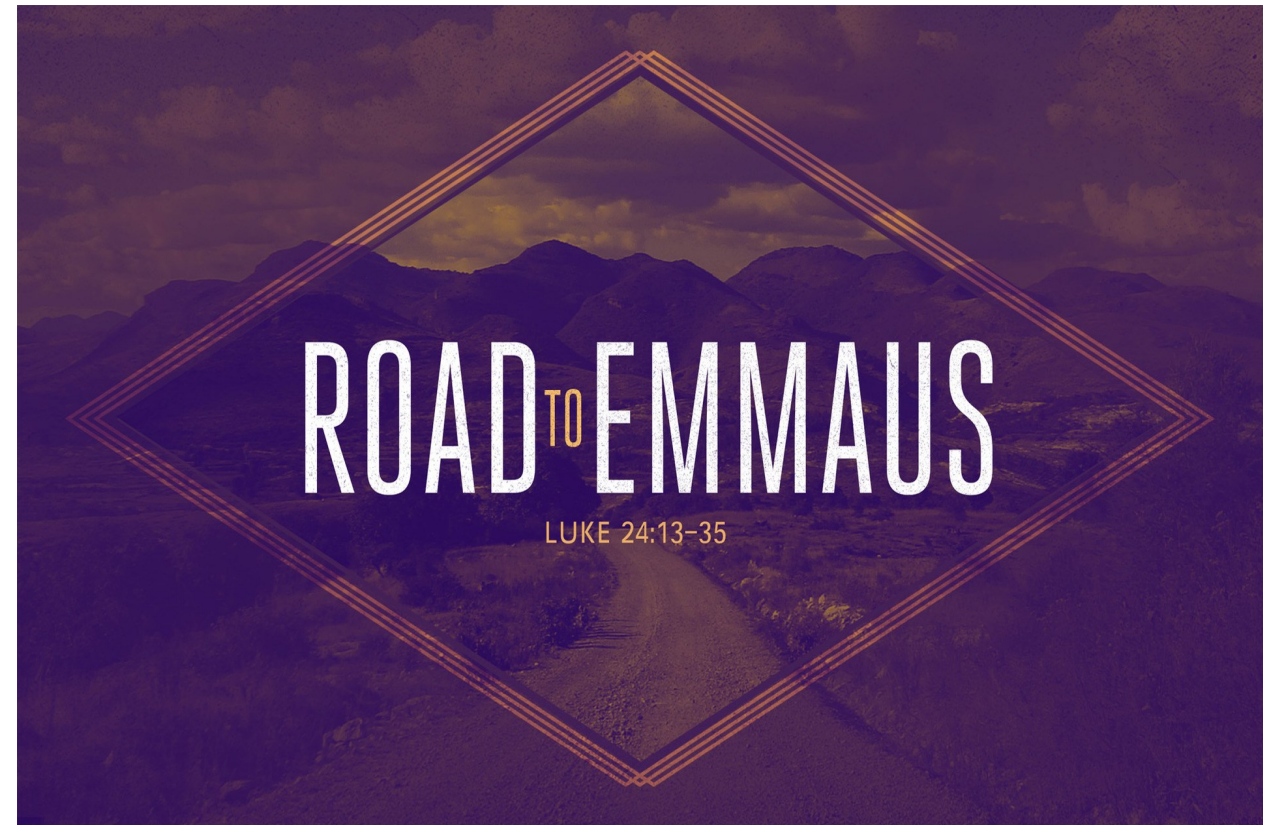
Former Church: _____

You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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Celebration of Worship

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo