

***St. John Lutheran Church & School  
Berlin, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***

*For I consider that the  
sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with  
**the glory that is to  
be revealed to us.***



**ROMANS 8:18, ESV**

**The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22 and 25, 2026**

***Large Print Bulletin***

**AS WE GATHER...** Though many congregations observe Reformation on the last Sunday in October, there are those who keep it on the day appointed. For those, the propers of the day place us in conversation with Jesus about the greatest commandment and a discussion of David. This is not unrelated to the issues that gave birth to the Reformation—Law and Gospel and the confession of who Christ is. Jesus spoke well to those who questioned Him—so well that from that day on no one dared question Him anymore. As hard as it is to admit, we do not reason ourselves into the kingdom of God but enter by faith, trusting in Christ who fulfills all the Law and the Prophets and the promise of salvation as David's Son and David's Lord.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS...** Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the narthex.

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **829 Christ the Eternal Lord**

**1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;**

**With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.**

**2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.**

**3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.**

**4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,**

**Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.**

**5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.**

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess  
our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

*Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18*

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;**

**I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

**Kyrie     *LSB 186***

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

### ***1 Samuel 1:10–11, 19–20***

<sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Cherub Choir sings on Sunday**

## **Epistle**

***Romans 8:18–21***

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia    *LSB 190***

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

***Luke 24:13–27***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation

that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon**

**837 Lift High the Cross**

***sts. ref-6***

**REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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**Sermon                      “Listening Evangelism 4”**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C It is meet and right so to do.**

P "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, let us now and evermore praise God's glorious name, singing:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei    *LSB 198***

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution Hymns**

#### **620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
    Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
    "Come and taste the blessed feast."**
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
    In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
    Of His sacred covenant.**
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
    Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
    Hung upon the cursèd tree.**

- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.**
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.**
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

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## **Hymn 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care**

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;**

**He Himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not turn away.**

**2 Thou art coming to a King,  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow'r are such  
None can ever ask too much.**

**3 With my burden I begin:  
Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
Set my conscience free from guilt.**

**4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,  
Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
And without a rival reign.**

**5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.**

**6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.**

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*Stand*

**Thanksgiving                      *LSB 200***

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C and His mercy endureth forever.**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction    *LSB 202***

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and + give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain**

**REFRAIN: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

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### **Calendar of Activities this week at St. John**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>29 Thursday</b> | <b>Worship Service/HC</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>1 Sunday</b>    | <b>Worship Service/HC</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>1 Sunday</b>    | <b>Sunday School</b>      | <b>10:30 am</b> |
| <b>1 Sunday</b>    | <b>Adult Bible Class</b>  | <b>10:30 am</b> |

**QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING:** Sunday October 25th agenda items include - Fundraiser Policy, Tree Removal Bid, Election of Officers; Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Election of Boards; (1) Elders, (2) Christian Education, (2) Trustees. Church's Mission/Vision Statement. Please plan to attend.

**FROM THE ELDERS...**We want to make you aware that on November 3, Wisconsin voters will have the opportunity to decide on a proposed amendment to our state constitution. If passed, it would prohibit the state or any local government from forbidding worship gatherings during a declared emergency like we experienced during COVID. A "Yes" vote means that the decision to close would be left up to individual churches. A "No" vote means the state would still be able to close churches.

 **CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT UPDATE:** Krista Kobishop has stepped up to lead this year's Christmas Parade Float, and other generous congregation members have provided a trailer *and* a place to store it! We are so thankful for these blessings and can't wait to share the joy of Christ's birth with our community.

Now we need your help! If you'd like to help plan or decorate the float, please contact Krista at [kristaw89@gmail.com](mailto:kristaw89@gmail.com). Every helping hand is welcome.

**JOIN THE PRAY & GO, 30-DAY JOURNEY!** You may order the hardcover copy of Pray & Go, by Thom S. Rainer, from Amazon. If you have Prime, you should receive quickly and shipping is free. It is also available on Audible; or, available to listen to for free through the Hoopla App, with your Berlin Library Card.

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This Sunday we are learning about the "Provided-For Prophet", When the prophet Elijah warns King Ahab of the severe drought coming, God first sends Elijah to a brook, where he is fed by ravens, when the brook dries up, Elijah stays with a widow, and despite her limited supply, her flour and oil never run out. God supplied just what they needed each day.

**HYMN FESTIVAL & SING:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, invites you to a Hymn Festival & Sing on Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. Guest organist Dr. Mark Bloedow, along with choirs, soloists, cello, and trumpet, will lead an afternoon of beautiful sacred music. A free reception will follow. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHRISTMAS CAMP AT LUWISOMO:** St. John has money set aside to provide scholarships for children who'd like to attend the Kid's Christmas (Grades 1-5) program at Camp LuWiSoMo. If you're interested, please speak with Pastor Rob before November 1.

**ST. JOHN CHOIR STARTUP:** The Lord has blessed St. John's with many beautiful voices, and we would love for you to use your talents to praise Him in song!

We are excited to restart our Adult Choir, open to anyone in high school or older. We will begin with a limited rehearsal and performance schedule, and the music will be accessible and enjoyable for a wide range of skill levels.

Can't attend every rehearsal? No problem! Join us whenever you are able. Practice recordings will also be provided so you can rehearse at home.

**The choir will sing during:**

- **November 1 – Reformation/All Saints' Worship Service**
- **December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship (second service only)**

**Rehearsals:**

**Following the 6:30 p.m. worship service, 7:15–8:00 p.m.**

- **Wednesday, December 2, 9 and 16**

Interested in singing or joining the email list? Contact Amanda Tetzlaff at [mandabusse@gmail.com](mailto:mandabusse@gmail.com) or 920-229-1205. We hope you'll consider joining us as we lift our voices together in praise!

**SAVE THE DATE! THE GARMS FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: A NIGHT OF COMFORT AND JOY:** Friday, December 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an uplifting evening of Christmas music and

celebration as The Garms Family shares the comfort and joy of our Savior's birth through song. Invite your family and friends!

**OPENINGS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The St. John Board of Christian Education will have two positions opening in January 2027. Board members serve three-year terms, and all candidates must be members of St. John Lutheran Church. If you would like more information or are interested in running for the board, please contact Miss Linse or any current member of the Board of Christian Education.

**PLANNING TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES?** As the new school year begins on September 1, please note that a facility calendar has been posted in the Card Room. This calendar provides information on room availability and includes instructions for reserving school space. For additional information or assistance, please reach out to the school office.

**MEN'S OPEN GYM:** Our Men's Open Gyms will move to every Wednesday at 5:30 PM (instead of every other week). We are currently playing basketball and will have other competitive activities like spikeball and dodgeball. If you'd like to join, please text 920-658-3029 to be added to the group chat for updates and reminders.

**TRIP TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER:** Our sister congregation, **Zion Lutheran Church in Neshkoro**, is organizing a Diamond Tours trip to the Ark Encounter and other attractions **April 12-16, 2027.**

Members of St. John are invited to join this exciting trip. If you would like more information, please call Ivy Fritsche at (715) 347-5111

**UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION:** For many in our congregation, the information we have about you in our church software is out of date. So, in your mailbox you'll find an instruction sheet along with a printout of the current data we have. Please follow the instructions to help us get your correct information. Thank you in advance!

**HOOPS FOR HUNGER 3V3 CHALLENGE RETURNS!** Help us reach our goal of donating 1,000 pounds of food to the Berlin Food Pantry! The **Hoops for Hunger 3v3 basketball tournament for males ages 13+ begins April 10th.** The **top 12 teams** advance to the championship on **Saturday, April 17th.** Team entry is one paper bag of nonperishable food items. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to bring donations as well. Check out the flyer by the church office, **register at [Hoops4Hunger.com](http://Hoops4Hunger.com) or call/text (920) 658-3029.**

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** The next men's ministry meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd, at 6 p.m. at 139 S Swetting Street. We'd love for you to come along for a meal, some Bible study, and a chance to hang out. If the weather cooperates, feel free to bring a chair for a campfire!

**DONATE CHRISTMAS DÉCOR FOR SHUT-IN'S IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Do you have Christmas decorations that you no longer use? The Ladies Aid would like to provide small shelf or table

size figurines and small Christmas trees (18" and under) to Shut-in's at Patriot Place, Juliette Manor, and Brown Wilcox. (There are currently 115 residents/rooms at these locations).

Family members of the Shut-in's may provide decorations for their loved ones but we would like to make sure everyone has a visit and a Christmas tree.

Donations can be placed in the box located in the Card Room. Monetary donations accepted and can be placed in the envelope attached to the box.

If you are interested in assisting in the delivery and visiting with Shut-in's, delivery dates will be provided at the end of November.

**Thank you for helping to brighten their day with a visit and for brightening their room for Christmas.**



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## **Sermon Notes – 10-25-26 – Listening Evangelism IV**

-We all live with disappointments.

-As a Christian, you also have *real encouragement* and *real* \_\_\_\_\_ to share with someone in their disappointment!

-We have a God who suffered and died on our behalf to take away our sins and who rose from the dead three days later to give us \_\_\_\_\_ in paradise!

-One great way to share the hope of the Gospel is through Listening Evangelism.

-Listening Evangelism builds relationships by \_\_\_\_\_ to people to understand what's going on in their lives and then lovingly telling them how Jesus can help.

-“While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.” (Luke 24:15)

-The first lesson in Listening Evangelism: Listen \_\_\_\_\_ those who are disappointed.

-“Jesus of Nazareth...our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned...and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.” (Luke 24:19-21)

-The second lesson in Listening Evangelism: Listen \_\_\_\_\_ those who are disappointed.

-“‘Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:26-27)

-The third lesson in Listening Evangelism: After listening, tell people the HOPE of the \_\_\_\_\_ they can find even in their disappointments.

-We get disappointed because things don't go the ways we expect them to go. But the Scriptures are full of examples of people's

disappointment being turned to joy because things always go the way God wants them to go – his plans are better than our plans.

-The best example is the same one the disciples on the road to Emmaus heard: how Jesus endured the greatest disappointment – his innocent suffering and death – and turned it into the greatest good – \_\_\_\_\_ for all who believe!

-In a world filled with disappointment, we have the one message of hope, and we should share it! So, listen for those who are disappointed. Listen to those who are disappointed. And then share the Gospel – real hope that overcomes every disappointment.