

**Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)**

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**1 John 1-2:2 (ESV)**

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**John 20:19-31 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



"Peace  
be with you.  
As the  
Father  
has sent me,  
so I send you."

John 20:21. NRSV

**April 7, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**As We Gather** ~ *The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution.* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He *“came and stood among them,”* and with His Word and the wounds in *“his hands and his side,”* He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He *“is the Christ, the Son of God,”* so that by such faith we *“may have life in his name”* (John 20:31). The apostles *“have seen and heard”* this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we *“too may have fellowship”* with the risen Christ, with the apostles and *“with one another”* (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by *“their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,”* and all who believe this Word are *“of one heart and soul,”* because in Him they truly have *“everything in common”* (Acts 4:32–33).

ORDER OF SERVICE Divine Service Setting Three	184
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<b>Pastor</b>	Larry Warsinski	<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>A/V</b>	Dave Hutfilz		
<b>Elders</b>	Dick Bluemer and Paul Bohn		
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Rohde and Kevin Ross		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Thank you for helping out.		

### Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – MT 47; GF 59; Easter 22/113 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3,934 *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$6,219; Capital Projects \$20; God’s Helping Hands \$70.

**This Weeks Memory Verse** ~ “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** April 8- Nancy Deibel; April 9- Ryan Hilbrandt; April 10- Adam Beyersdorf, Bethany Blohm; April 11- Carol Card (her 85<sup>th</sup>), Travis Yell; April 13- Sharon Hyatt, Robin Wenzel.

**The Hemlock Lions Club** is having a scrap metal drive for the month of April. Clean up your scrap metal and bring it to the dumpster behind the Richland Township Fire department 1099 N Hemlock Rd. Funds raised will be used to support community of Hemlock.

**Frankenmuth Girls of Grace** concert will be held Saturday, April 13 at 1 and 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. at the St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center on West Genesee Street in Frankenmuth. General admission tickets are \$10/person and can be purchased at [stlorenz.org](http://stlorenz.org) (click on Ministries and then Girls of Grace) or by calling the church office at 989.652.6141. Join us for a night that will boost your spirit with love, peace, and the Holy Spirit.

**St. Martin Lutheran Church, 10995 Canada Rd, Birch Run is a stop on The Family Life Radio Listener Appreciation Tour Concert with Mike Donehey from Tenth Avenue North (& Iveth Luna).** In case you haven’t heard, Tenth Avenue North is back! One person who has been around for all of it is Mike Donehey. He’s the writer and voice behind songs like “Control”, “I Have This Hope”, “No Man Is An Island”, and so many more. All in all, Mike has been a part of 12 Top 10 Hits (including 3 #1s) and been nominated for 8 Dove awards, winning 3 of them. On April 18th, he’s coming for a special night of stories and songs and we would love for you to come sing along and worship with us. General Admission tickets are only \$15 for GA and \$25 for VIP. (The first 100 people to purchase a ticket can get theirs for just \$10!)

**Bible Challenge:** What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples -twice- when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding? A. “Love one another as I have loved you.” B. “Peace be with you.” C. “I am risen!” D. The last shall be first and the first shall be last.” See John 20:19, 21