

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21 (ESV) ¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

1 John 3:1-7 (ESV) ³ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who

thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



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3rd Sunday of Easter
Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ ✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠ ✠

As We Gather ~ *The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure.* The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46– 47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13– 15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so, we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Sierra Yell
Ushers	Roger Kade and Paul Bohn
Altar Guild	Thank you for helping out.

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 72 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$3,934 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$1,276; Capital Projects \$25; God’s Helping Hands \$617, Memorials \$100.00.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: April 15- Larry Kade, Cash Kruth; April 16- Rebecca Hodges, Steven Kumar; April 18-Kim Rose, Sierra Yell, April 19- Megan Rich; April 20- Jordan Hingston.

This Weeks Memory Verse ~ “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Thank you to all who helped out at the ham dinner. The cost of the dinner was covered by donations of groceries and a \$250 Thrivent card requested by Shirley Tessin. A total of \$2,085 will be put toward the repairs to the bell tower. We were blessed to have help from the Hemlock Wrestling team on Sunday. Their help was greatly appreciated!

There will be a voters’ meeting is scheduled for April 28 following the worship service at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the worship service. All confirmed members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend this meeting as we will be voting to place a pastoral call.

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.

Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation. In the next few weeks we will print sections of the catechism for our review. We will begin with Section 1 The Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments ~ As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.
What does this mean? We should fear love and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.