



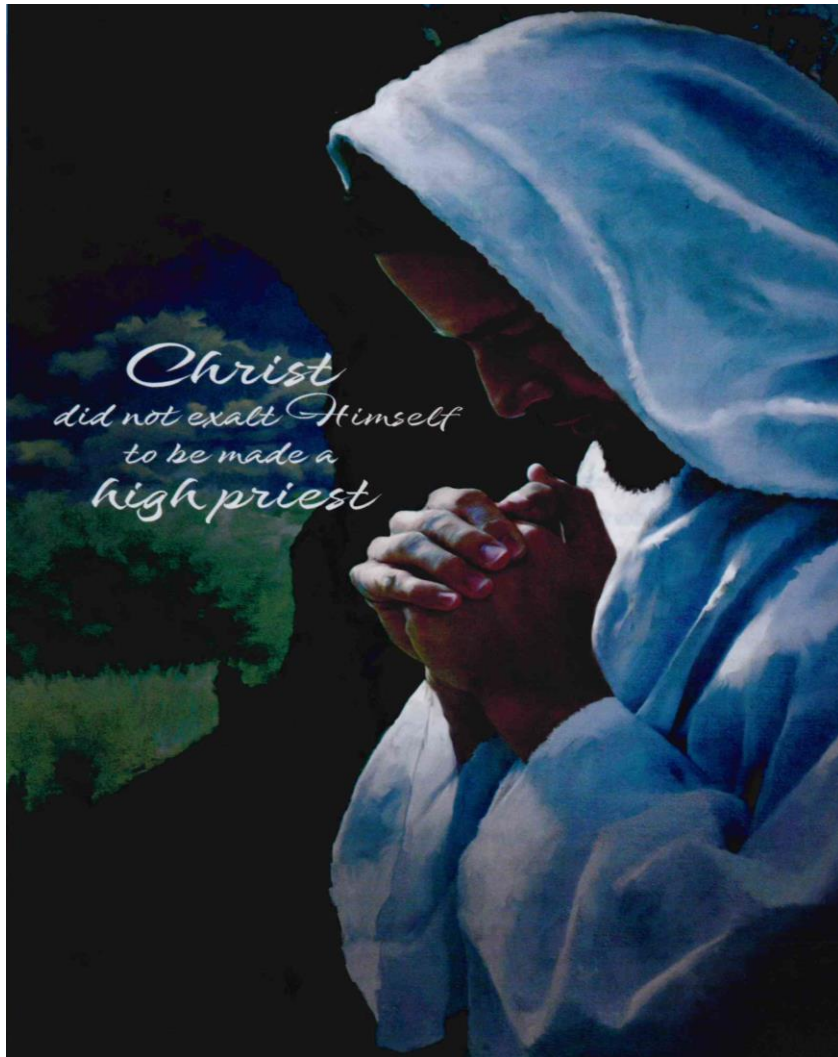
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Communion Sunday, March 17, 2024

Opening Hymn: "My Song is Love Unknown"

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



Bible Readings for the 4th Sunday in Lent



O.T.-Jeremiah 31:31-34: “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. ³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Epistle- Hebrews 5:1-10 - Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “**You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**” ⁶ And he says in another place, “**You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.**” ⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel- Mark 10:35-45. ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “**What do you want me to do for you?**” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸ “**You don’t know what you are asking,**” Jesus said. “**Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?**” ³⁹ “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “**You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,** ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “**You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.** ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

Sermon: "That You Might Believe" John 20:30-31



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament:

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Make Songs of Joy"



SERMON REVIEW for April 7, 2024

"That You Might Believe" John 20:30-31

Introduction: Easter is filled with "Life C_____ Experiences"
(*Easter day we saw Easter's effect on Mary, Peter and John*)

Illustration: "...now you are a W_____"
(It's not always this simple)

Traditionally the Christian Church uses the Sunday after Easter to emphasize the power of Jesus Christ to change lives.

I. Context of the passage: Follows two events that describe how lives are changed:

A. V. 19 ff Jesus gives His church the authority to F_____ S_____. God uses people to present His Word. Faith takes hold of this Divine Assurance.

B. V. 24 ff Jesus changes Thomas from A D_____ to a B_____.

C. Life Changing Experiences always begin with J_____.

1. Note the error of trying to convince someone the Bible is God's truth before they know Jesus as their Savior.

2. We don't argue about the authority of God's Word we just U_____ I_____!

Illustration: "I don't believe in guns."

II. Application of this passage.

A. God's Written Word is 'the C_____ that holds the Christ' "These things are written that you might believe!"

B. Easter Proclamation and Easter Faith always center on Jesus

1. Who we believe, "even though we haven't S_____"

2. Who has called us to announce F_____ in His Name.

3. Who provides the ultimate blessing of E_____ L_____
"That believing, you may have Life in His Name."



Adult Bible Class will continue their study of the book of Revelations downstairs after service
Jr. Bible Class Class will continue today & the 21st, also May 5th & 19th .

Voters Meeting is April 14th after service. No Adult Bible Class that day.

Ladies Aid/LWML meeting is April 9th at 10:00am.

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LWML Mites Collection

LWML is collecting coins and currency for the next three weeks for our mites donation to Michigan District. These monies are used to fulfill Mission Grants that were approved for 2022-2024. We would appreciate all monies turned in by April 14, 2024.

Any monies turned in after that will be deposited and ear-marked for our donation in October 2024. You may put your small mites box in the larger purple/white box, which is on a table in the Narthex, and feel free to take another box for future donations; or you may keep your mites box and put your mites in a ziplock bag and put in the larger box. Please write “mites” on your ziplock bag.

Thank you Linda Johnson, President



APRIL Mission of the Month
-TR FOOD SITE



Emergency Care Network is a volunteer organization that provides extra food for the hungry in our community.

