



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

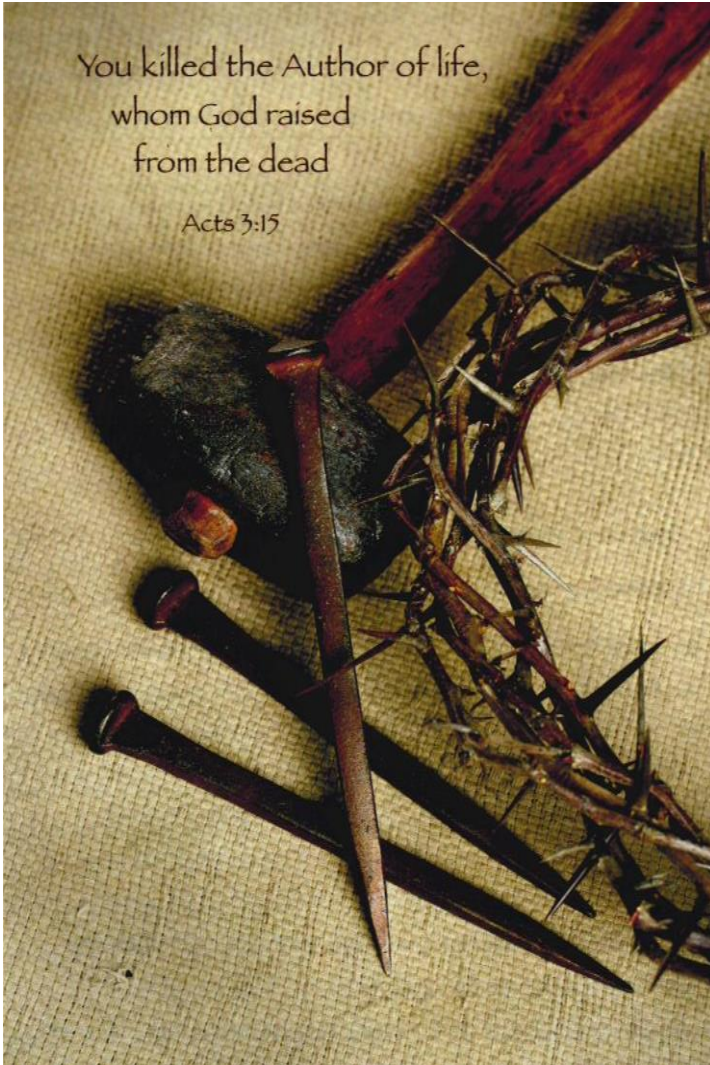
Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

You killed the Author of life,
whom God raised
from the dead

Acts 3:15



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Opening Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide"

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 3rd Sunday of Easter



1st reading Acts 3:11-21 - ¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Epistle- 1 John 3:1-7- See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel- Luke 24:36-49 - ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Sermon: "Being in God's Place at God's Time" Acts 8:26-40



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

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "He is Arisen Glorious Word"

SERMON REVIEW FOR April 14, 2024

"Being in God's Place at God's Time" Acts 8:26-40

Introduction: Jesus P _____ through us.

I. This passage in the flow of Acts

- A. Key words, "You will be My W _____"
- B. Ethiopian represents, 'the ends of the e _____'
- C. He was a God F _____ man. 'Religious, but not C _____'

II. God placed Philip in the right place at the right time

- A. God creates the O _____ We must seize it.
- B. Philip used the M _____ of G _____ Same as we have.

III. God brings the mission field to us

- A. Ephesians 2:10 'created to do G _____ Way _____'
- B. Motivated by the love of Christ

Voters Meeting is April 14th after service downstairs. No Adult Bible Class today.



Voters Meeting



Adult Bible Class will continue their study of the book of Revelations next week downstairs after service

Jr. Bible Class- April 21st, also May 5th & 19th .

Ladies Aid/LWML meeting is May 14th at 10:00am.

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.