

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)

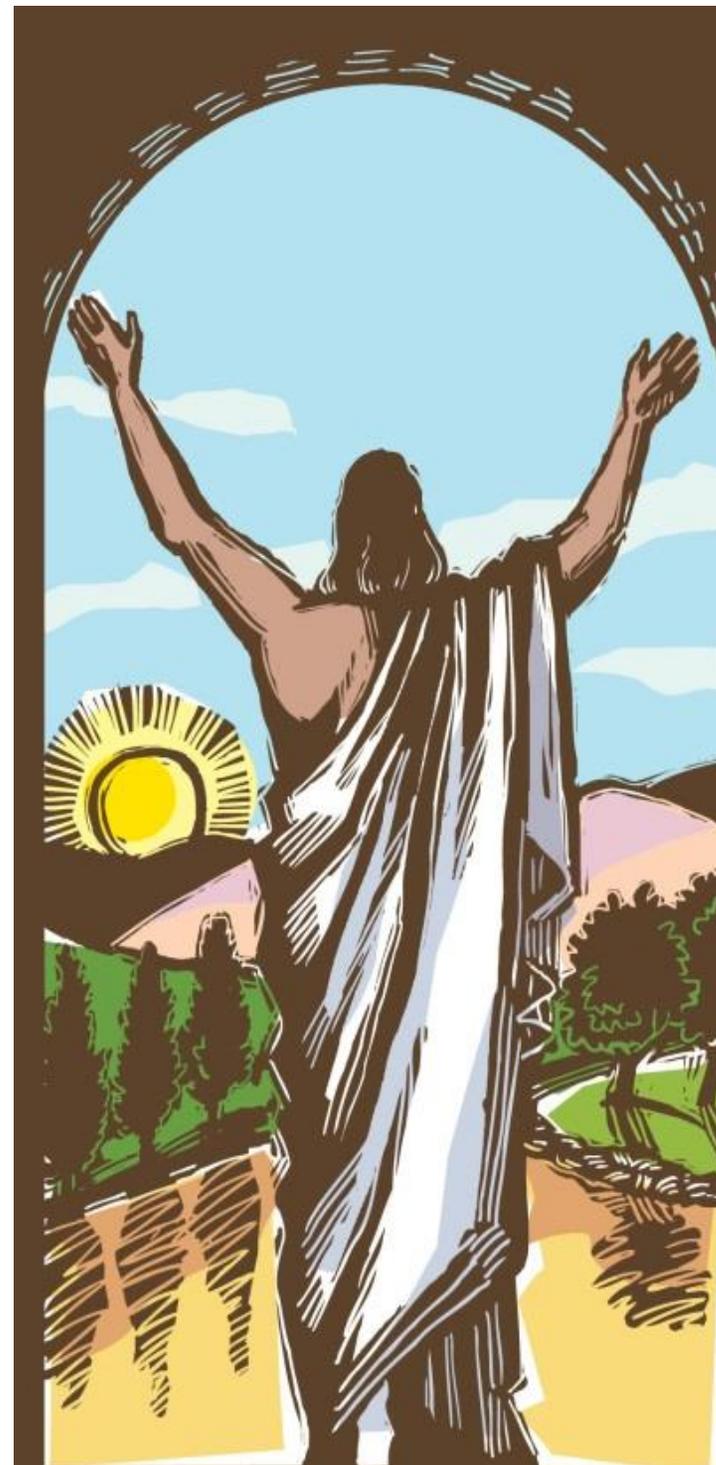
³ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall 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."



**But in fact
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1 Corinthians 15:20, NSRV

April 15 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter
Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *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	Paul Hauser	Organist	Tami Mosher
A/V	Mark Richardson	Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Acolytes	Allyssa Carroll & Mckenna Kumar		
Ushers	Paul Bohn, Roger Kade, Dave Hutfilz		
Altar Guild	Lori Kade & Maxine Diener		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 85 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,810 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$1,961= Loose Plate \$69, Envelopes \$1,622, Mission \$90, Maintenance \$180.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Apr 20- Jordan Hingston; Apr 21- Jonathan Berger, David Berger, Jim McQuiston, Marsha Pretzer; Apr 23- Shirley Fraser, Sierra Hanson; Apr 25- Bruce LaLonde (his 86th); Apr 26- Dick Gofton (his 90th), Thomas Hollingsworth, Katie McCoy, Mark Richardson.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Thank you, thank you to all who helped at Zion’s 97th annual chicken dinner. We served 442 meals (141 take outs and 301 dine in). Profits of \$3,484 will be split between the Breckenridge, Hemlock, Merrill, Wheeler (BHMW) Food Pantry and Zion’s pledge to the 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation. In addition to your grocery donations, we also received donations from Gordon Foods, Sam’s Club, Meijer and the Thrivent Action Team that helped fund the dinner. Thank you all!

TUITION COVENANTS for 2018-2019 School Year ~ Tuition Covenants will be distributed in the month of April to families currently participating in K-8 Lutheran education at area Lutheran schools. Please check your church mailbox for a copy of the covenant. Once the covenant is completed, please place in the church mailbox for Troy Beyersdorf. Please return all signed covenants by **April 29**. The Board of Education will meet in May to finalize the covenants and plan budgets for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are a new family considering Christian education and would like to receive more information, please contact the church office or any member of the Board of Education. The members of the Board are Janice Hingston,, Joyce Little, and Michelle Beyersdorf.

Thank You ~ Thank you to Pastor Hauser for the many visits and kind words of comfort to Donald and our family. Thank you to all who sent cards, brought food and served the delicious luncheon following the funeral. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all. Shirley Tessin, Karen, Betty Lou, Donna and families.

Handbell Concert ~ The Breckenridge, Merrill, Wheeler Community Handbell Choir invites you to an afternoon concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 10020 E. Monroe Road, Wheeler, MI 48662 on Sunday, May 20, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm. Join us for a variety of music followed by snacks and conversation.

Cemetery Decorations ~ A reminder for those with loved ones buried in Richland Lutheran Cemetery -- it is time to remove all grave blankets and wreaths from the graves. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Job Opportunity ~ The Early Childhood Center at Peace Lutheran School, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township, is hiring part-time aides for its new infant and toddler care programs. Aides can work up to 20 hours per week; start date is after May 14. If interested, please contact Peace Early Childhood Director Kathi Pearson at kpearson@peacesaginaw.org or 792.2581.