

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On 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.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.”

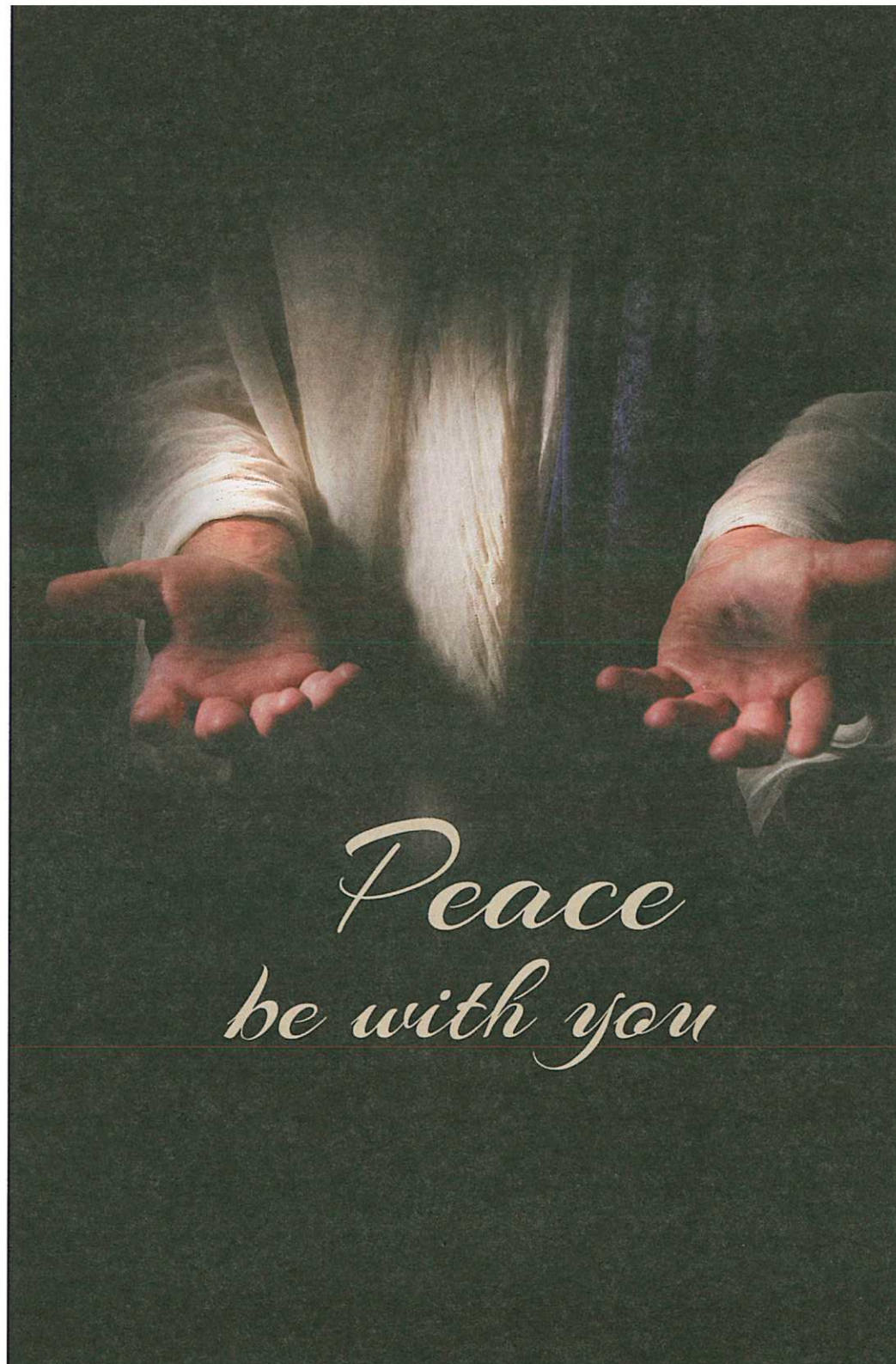
²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.



Easter

About the Cover: Out of fear, Jesus’ disciples had gathered behind locked doors. Jesus had been crucified and buried. The disciples had been told not to speak His name. Then Jesus comes to them on Easter evening and says, “Peace be with you.” He lifted the heavy burden from them. He does the same for us when He comes with words of forgiveness. He lifts the burden of our sin with His words of peace, His peace that truly passes all understanding.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19 & 23, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 470, 472, 805, 917
Sermon: "Unless I See" John 20:19-31

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/13 (Maundy Thurs.):	68	Comm.: 64	Offering: \$ 653.00
Attendance 4/14 (Good Friday):	97		Offering: \$1,129.00
Attendance 4/16 (Easter – 7 am):	85	Comm.: 65	Offering: \$5,015.10
Attendance 4/16 (Easter – 9 am):	139	Comm.: 103	
No Sunday School/Bible Class			
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 4/16: \$ 50.00		

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (4/26) No Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion
8:00 p.m. Church Council

SUN (4/30) 8:00 a.m. S.S/ B.C.
9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
10:00 a.m. Voters' Meeting

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Tony & Susan Wittmann in honor of their anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Tony & Susan Wittmann in honor of their anniversary.

THANK YOU to Pastor Tom Fleischmann for sharing the message of God's Word with us and leading us in worship today!

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE will again take place on May 14th. Roses are \$2 each. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose for Right to Life. You can pick up the rose after the service on Mother's Day. Proceeds go to Mother & Unborn Baby at Appleton and the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Deadline is Wed, May 3rd.

VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

PASTOR ON VACATION – April 17-24 – If an emergency should arise and pastoral care is needed, contact Pastor Jon Christensen (920-530-8606) or one of the elders.

BASKETS OF PROMISE will be assembled today (Sunday) after church in the fellowship hall. All help is appreciated. Many hands will make quick work of things!

CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 7-9 – 9-11:30 a.m. – Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi or find the link on the church website. Register today!

SPRING RETREAT FOR 55 & UP, Wednesday, May 17: Join us once again – or for the very first time – for a day of spiritual enrichment, a delightful lunch and fellowship at Cedar Valley Retreat Center. Rich Bimler will share with you why "Aging is the only way to live?" in the morning, and David and Mary Wiedenkiller will play the roles of President George and Martha Washington in the afternoon. Registration is only \$62 for the day that includes a light breakfast and lunch! For complete information and registration, go to swd.lcms.org or call Peg at the District office, 414-292-0744. *Deadline for registration is May 8, 2017.*

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER on April 30th at Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein, from 4-7 p.m. All You Can Eat Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes. Also serving brats, hamburgers, applesauce, dessert, milk & coffee. Cost: \$9/adults; \$5/6-12 years; 5 & under/free. Funds raised will help with ongoing expenses for 13-year old Braeden Rockow.

ALLELUIA CHURCH, WRIGHTSTOWN: Part-time Office Assistant position available in May. The position is approximately 20 hours/week and is responsible for a variety of office functions. Seeking an individual with strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office and Publisher. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send resume to Alleluia Church, Attn: Office Assistant Position, 6725 Elmro Road, Greenleaf, WI 54126".

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Today in Sunday school, your children joined in the celebration of "The Resurrection of Jesus" as they studied the account of Easter morning from Matthew 28:1-10. Consider asking, "Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus important? How is each Sunday a celebration of Easter?" On the first Easter, Mary Magdalene and Jesus' disciples discover "The Empty Tomb" (John 20:1-18). Today in Sunday school, the children also learned how Jesus comes to us in His Word so that the Spirit gives us faith to believe in Christ's resurrection and comforts us when we mourn the death of loved ones. You might discuss, "How did Jesus' followers react when they discovered the empty tomb? How can we share the message of the resurrection?"