

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ... <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-25

<sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

## Holy Gospel

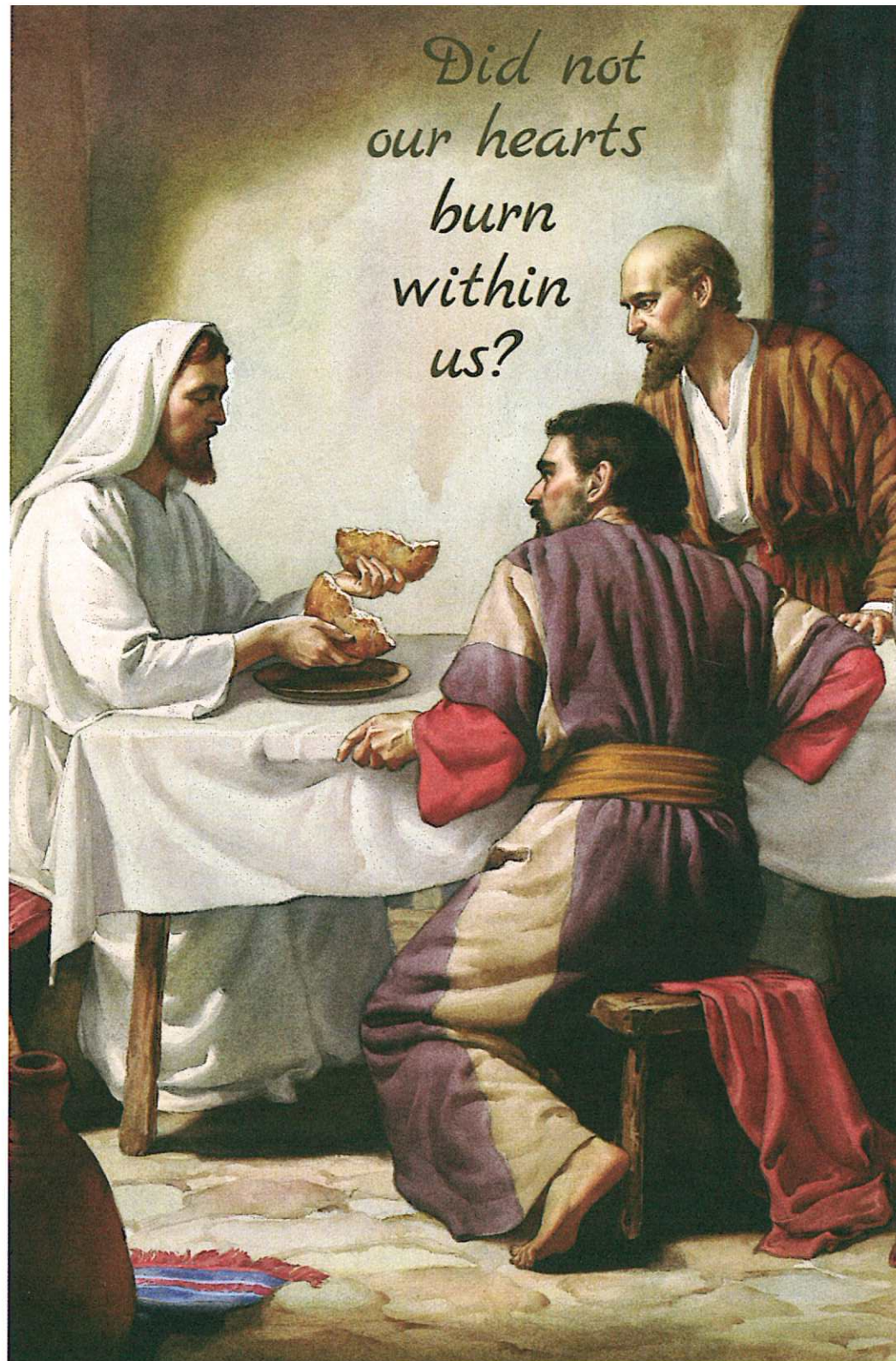
Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking

and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Easter

**About the Cover:** As they walked, the Emmaus disciples talked about the Passover events they had witnessed, much like we discuss big events with friends. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. Later, He opened their eyes, and they knew Him. They asked, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" meaning "Weren't we excited by what we heard?" We, too, need to have our eyes of faith opened to see Jesus in our lives, that we may tell others of His great love for all.



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26 & 30, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: 474, 463, "Offering," 805, 629, 483, 680

Sermon: "Futility Fails as Christ Rises" 1 Peter 1:17-25

**Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/19 (Wed.): 32	Offering: \$ 574.00
Attendance 4/23 (Sun): 79	Offering: \$1,229.50
S.S. - 23	Staff - 7
	No B.C.
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Script Profit 4/23: \$ 64.90

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (5/03) 7:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion  
SUN (5/07) 8:00 a.m. S.S/ B.C.  
9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by the Woldt family in memory of Hugo & Jeanette Woldt.

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

**THANK YOU** to all the people who brought items for the World Relief Baskets of Promise during Lent. Thanks to those who helped after church on Sunday to pack 55 kits. It will be interesting to see where they will be sent.

**MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE** will again take place on May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 7-9 from 9-11:30 a.m. - Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to [www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi](http://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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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".

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

*1 Peter 1:19-19 "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." We have been ransomed - bought back from the slavery into which we were born. WE do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world; we belong to Jesus. Therefore we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** Today in Sunday school, the children learned of how the disciples recognize the resurrected Jesus through the Scriptures and the breaking of bread when "Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road" (Luke 24:13-35). Talk with your children: "*How does Christ come to and abide with us?*"