

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And 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?" ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And

everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

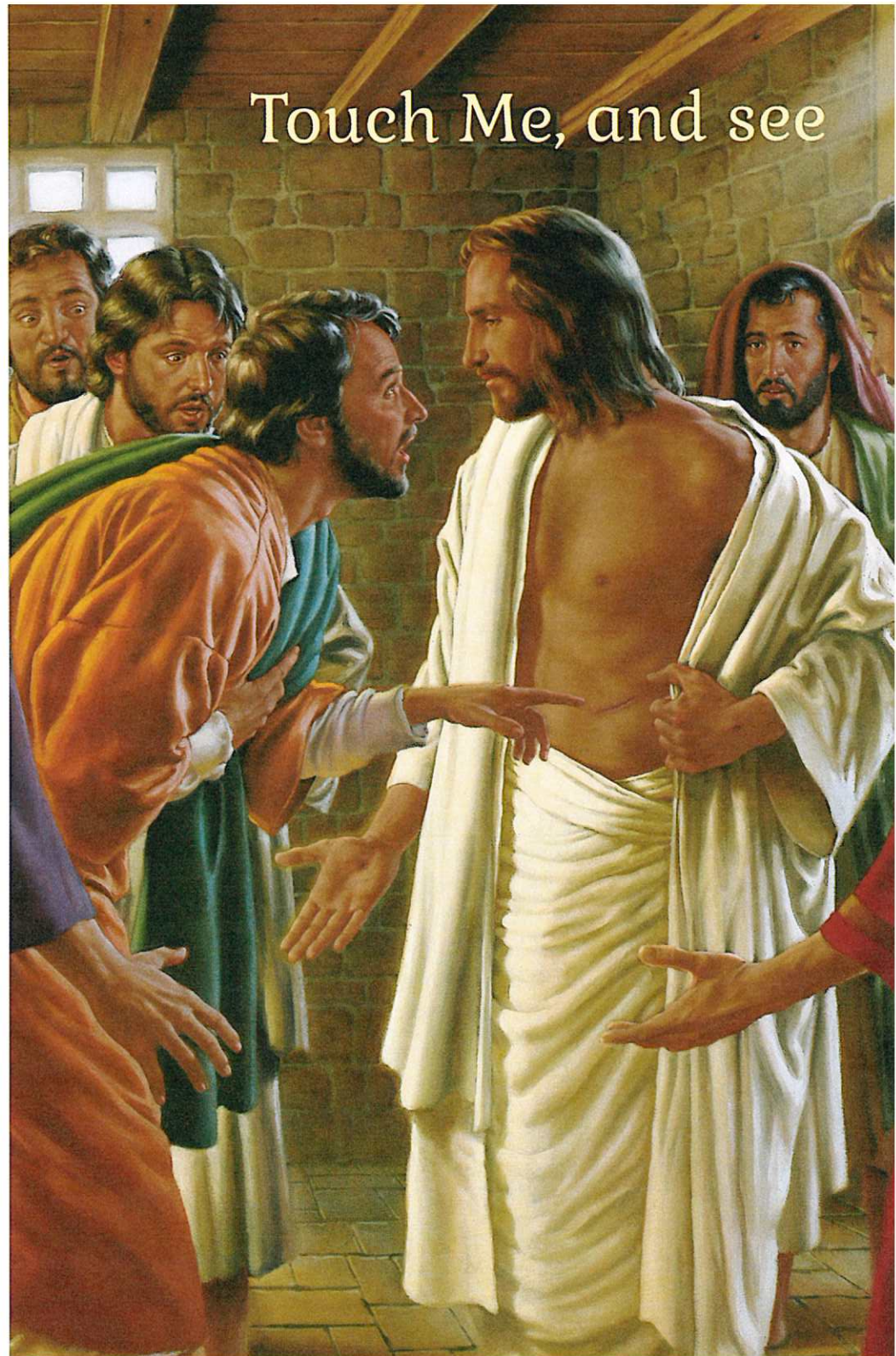
Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹See 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

Touch Me, and see



Easter

About the Cover: The risen Jesus came before fear-filled disciples to bring peace through the reality of His bodily resurrection. The Jesus who lives is the same Jesus who was crucified. Those marks remain today and remind us of what He endured and triumphed over for us. His wounds are marks of His glory and love and reminders of the price He paid to redeem sinners. So He speaks these same words to us: "Peace to you."

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14 & 18, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 475, 725, 483, 465, 392
Sermon: "Ugly Duckling or Beautiful Swan?"
1 John 3:1-7

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 4/7 (Wed.): 20	Offering: \$200.00
Attendance 4/11 (Sun): 24	Offering: \$1,736.00
Budget Needs: \$3,541	Scrip Profit 4/11: \$15.75
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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON-WED District Pastor's Conference, WI Dells
WED (4/21) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
7:45 p.m. – Council
THUR (4/22) 5:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
SUN (4/25) 8:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting
8:15 a.m. – S.S./No B.C.
9:00 a.m. – **Worship**

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.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN – The Women in Mission group of St. Peter, Hilbert invites you to join them on Tuesday, April 20 @ 2:30 p.m. for a special presentation by Ashley Lehr who serves as a missionary in Puerto Rico. More information can be found on the bulletin board. You are asked to sign up by Sunday, April 18.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE will again take place on May 9. Roses are \$3 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 Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Deadline is Sunday, May 2.

VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, April 25 at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CONFIRMATION & MOTHERS DAY CARDS are available in the card room.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday April 24, 3-6 p.m. at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Chilton. Cost is \$10 per meal. Drive-thru carry out only.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10