

## Old Testament

Acts 4:32–35

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Epistle

1 John 1:1–2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

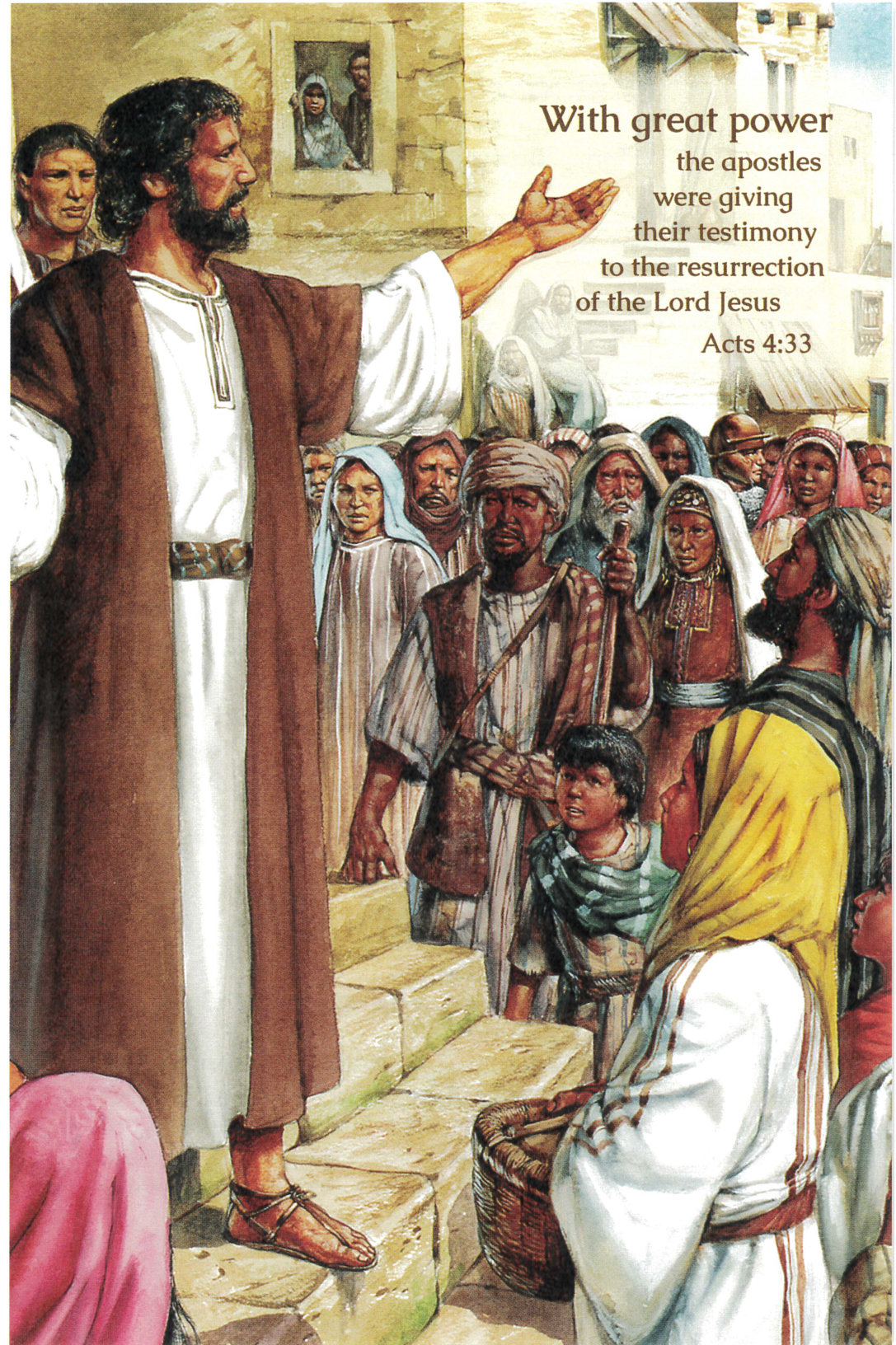
<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

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

<sup>26</sup>Eight 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

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Acts 4:33



Easter

**About the Cover:** Great power characterized the apostles' preaching of Jesus' resurrection. The source of that great power did not come from them but from the One who sent them to speak with His authority. For this great power flows from the great grace of Jesus that was upon them all. Likewise, we today can do nothing apart from the grace of Jesus, who was crucified and raised for us.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3 & 7, 2024

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One, p. 151  
Hymns: 487, 470, 805, 481, 467, 920

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/28 (Maundy Thurs.): 52    Comm.: 44    Offering: \$993.13  
Attendance 3/29 (Good Friday): 84    Offering: \$930.06  
Attendance 3/31 (Easter – 7 a.m.): 49    Comm.: 42    Offering: \$7,160.06  
Attendance 3/31 (Easter – 9 a.m.): 135    Comm.: 115  
No Sunday School or Bible Class  
Budget Needs: \$3,342.50    Scrip Profit 3/24: \$63.50 and 3/31: \$45.90

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (4/8) 4:00 p.m. – Finance  
WED (4/10) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. – Worship  
7:45 p.m. – Elders  
THUR (4/11) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid  
SUN (4/14) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. – Worship  
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class  
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Alvin Bladow, Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Stephanie and Lillian Petersen in honor of their birthdays.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated or purchased a basket for the Silent Auction. We made \$2,215 which will go towards a new snow blower.

**VOTERS MEETING** will be held on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**GRASS CUTTERS** – We are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

**MOTHERS DAY ROSE SALE** will again take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Roses are \$3 each. Proceeds go to fund the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair in Chilton. Roses signify “Thanks mom for giving me life.” Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Deadline is Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**THRIVENT T-SHIRTS** – Free for anyone to take. They are hanging in the coat room.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**John 20:19** – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

**ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein, from 3-6 p.m. All you can eat potato and buttermilk pancakes. Also serving brats, hamburgers, applesauce, dessert, milk & coffee. Cost: \$14 adults; \$8/6-12 years; 5 & under free.