

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15 & 18, 2021

Christ's work is completed. It is our privilege to share this truth with the world.

Opening Hymn225, "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"
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Prayer of the Day: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 27 (page 75)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. *Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us.* Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day 528, "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

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Closing Hymn 406 vv. 1-3, "This Is the Threefold Truth"

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:8-12

Peter tells the Jewish high council that Jesus lives and reigns as the Savior of all people. Peter quotes the prophecy in Psalm 118, which speaks of Christ as the stone that the builders rejected, who has become the capstone.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has

become the cornerstone. "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1—2:2

John speaks of the "Word of life," "Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." He has brought light into the world by paying for the world's sin.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-49

Our risen Lord appears to the disciples. He tells them that his suffering and rising from the dead is the fulfillment of God's plan foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures, and he instructs them to wait in Jerusalem until the Father gives them the power to be his witnesses.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS: Hubert Albert/Don Koch; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21**, at **8:00 PM**. A big topic of discussion will be the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. All voters please note this date and time on your calendars as we urge you all to participate!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next meeting of the Service Group will be held immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, April 25**. All members are invited to join us!

BRAT FRY: St. Matthew's PTL will be serving a burger/brat fry on **Saturday, April 24**, from **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at the **Horicon Bank – Iron Ridge Branch** in connection with the bank's community document shredding event. We are looking for donations of food items, monetary gifts, and volunteers to help at this brat fry (**from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**), especially from our school families! If you are willing to donate something, have a grill we can use, or are able to help grill and/or serve at this brat fry, please sign up on the sheets located on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board in the school hallway as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

For those of you donating items for the brat fry, please have those donations to the kitchen by **Friday, April 23**, at **NOON**.

We also encourage everyone to stop over at the bank that day to help support the school while enjoying a delicious lunch!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 15; Sunday: 66

Offerings: \$10,056.26

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,052.00)

Special Funds: Church Refurbishment: \$2,000.00

Memorials: In Memory of Dave Nehls: \$170.00 (*Hymnal Fund*)

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

Wednesday: **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING 8:00 PM**

Thursday: Worship Service 7:00 PM
Adult Choir 8:00 PM

Saturday: *Brat Fry (@ Horicon Bank)..... 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM
**Service Group Meeting – Immediately following
worship service**