

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 1 & 4, 2014

Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. How did the disciples fail to anticipate the resurrection? How did the teachers and people of Israel fail to see the Messiah God had promised and delivered? They let their wants and cultural expectations color their view of Scripture, and hope was lost. But God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his Word.

Service of the Word

(page 38 and following in CW)

The Service of the Word makes room for the full scope of preaching and teaching God's Word in sermons and hymns. It was designed for use when there is no communion

Opening Hymn:

Hymn 752

STAND

After the opening hymn the congregation and minister exchange words of blessing to each other, using the words of the Apostolic greeting.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins and Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness) in this service emphasizes the scriptural themes of original and actual sin, and Jesus' perfect life and innocent death to remove the guilt of sin.

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See (sung)

This Song of Praise is based on two Psalms. The refrain comes from Psalm 37:8. The verse comes from Psalm 119:89. The focus and message of this song of praise is especially fitting in a service that focuses on teaching and preaching the full scope of God's Word.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

THE WORD

Grades 1-4 (10:30)

Hallelujah, Jesus Lives!

First Lesson:

Acts 24:10-21

After his arrest at the temple, Paul stood before the Sanhedrin. The session erupted into a brawl when Paul asserted his belief in the resurrection, a divisive issue for Pharisees and Sadducees, and the Roman officer had to remit Paul to the regional governor. In this lesson, Paul is on trial in Caesarea before Governor Felix. The Sanhedrin had hired the lawyer Tertullus to accuse Paul of leading the Nazarene sect. In Paul's reply to Tertullus he asserts that Christianity is no sect, but agrees with all that is written in the Law and the Prophets. It is the Pharisees and the Sadducees that abandoned Scripture and became a sect without hope. We hold to the ancient hope of Scripture: the resurrection of the dead.

¹⁰ When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense.

¹¹ You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. ¹² My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. ¹³ And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. ¹⁴ However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, ¹⁵ and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ¹⁶ So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

¹⁷ "After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. ¹⁸ I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. ¹⁹ But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. ²⁰ Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— ²¹ unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'" (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 67 (p. 91 of CW)

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-21

This is the second in a series of five continual readings from 1 Peter. Peter's first epistle is a letter of hope in the midst of suffering. He wrote to believers elected by God but persecuted for their faith. Trials and grief try to choke out our hope. But how empty life would be if we followed the way of the world! We would have nothing but a short life in this world of pain with no hope for a better future. Our hope is restored when we remember that we were bought by the blood of Christ, and that one day we will join our glorious Savior in our heavenly home. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going home.

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.
(NIV)

Verse of the Day (sung)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

Gospel:

Luke 24:13-35

For these two disciples on the road, it was a day of great puzzlement, sadness, and disillusionment. They left the Holy City having heard the report of the women and Peter and John. But their understanding of God's plan of salvation was deficient: they weren't expecting a resurrection! John puts his finger on the disciples' problem. "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." (John 20:9). Their sight, logic, emotions, and expectations had led them to abandon what Scripture said. But our gracious Lord comes and identifies the problem: they are not believing all that the prophets have spoken. They chose only to believe those parts of Scripture that met their preconceived notions of what the Messiah should be. Our Lord addresses the problem by explaining all the Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise. How well did they learn the lesson? They marveled at how he opened the Scriptures to them and restored that ancient hope!

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 160

Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

**The Redeemer Lives!
He Lives To Restore My Hope**

STAND

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

Musical Offering *Joyful Joyful Matthew Krueger 8:00 a.m.;
I Love You Lord Andy Gajewski 10:30*

STAND

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Hymn:

Hymn 780

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 333

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 36

May 5—11

Monday	2 Chronicles 1-2
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 3-5
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 6-7
Thursday	2 Chronicles 8-9
Friday	2 Chronicles 10-11
Saturday	2 Chronicles 12

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Announcements

Thank You to Mr. Muchka for leading us in worship today.

Adult Christ Light will meet today in the church at 9:15 a.m.

Come Follow Me This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons.

Confirmation Class for public school students will not meet this Wednesdays. We will meet again on May 7.

Thursday Worship: Evening worship services will *resume on Thursday, May 1st at 7pm*. Please pass this information on to others. (Note the newsletter calendar says NO worship service this is incorrect.) Thank you for your help.

Pastor Ott will return on May 4. If you need pastoral care from April 20-May 4 please contact Pastor Dan Cole of Maribel. His contact information is: (920) 863-2851 or pastor_sjm@charter.net

Open Forum to prepare for the Quarterly Voters Meeting will be after 10:30 a.m. worship next Sunday, May 4. Items that will be discussed at the Voters Meeting on May 18 include: allowing alcohol in the pavilion, organist fund guidelines, reports from the council restructuring committee and appeal committee.

The Bay Area Life Center will offer roses after each service on Mothers Day, Sun-

day, May 11. A free will donation is appreciated.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will not meet again until May 11. We will discuss three weeks of readings on May 11: Weeks 34-36 1 Chronicles 1-2 Chronicles 12. Discussion guides form April and May are available in the rack at the back of church and in the church basement. The discussion guides now include suggested answers!

Sunday School Teacher Needed This Fall we will need a new Sunday School teacher. Sunday School is for students ages 3-5. It meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you have any questions about it or would like to see what it is like, talk to Char Van Rossum or stop in for a class on Sunday!

Vacation Bible School: "A brand NEW summer day camp program for your children and their friends comes to Zion Morrison on June 30th through July 2. This year's theme is Happily Ever After and is based on Revelation 2:10. Go to the website for a form and more information there are also some forms in the church basement. The deadline is June 8th.

School Band: Our spring music night is quickly approaching. On Friday, May 2nd, our band and soloists in the even grades will perform in the commons at 7pm. *All are invited.*

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Adult Christ Light, church
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Bible History, grades 1-5

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Come, Follow Me Bible Study, commons
 9:15 a.m. Adult Christ Light, church
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Open Forum, church

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 35—April 28-May 3

Monday 1 Chronicles 18-20
 Tuesday 1 Chronicles 21
 Wednesday 1 Chronicles 22
 Thursday 1 Chronicles 23-27
 Friday 1 Chronicles 28
 Saturday 1 Chronicles 29

Endowment Helps Start Missions

The Board for Home Missions authorized a new mission start in Goodyear, Ariz., and a mission enhancement for Bethel, Menasha, Wis., at its April 3-4 meeting. According to Rev. Keith Free, Board for Home Missions administrator, the board also prioritized five more new missions that can be started when funding is available and authorized.

Funding for the two authorized endeavors came as a result of distributions from the WELS Missions Endowment Fund. The Joint Mission Council, which oversees mission opportunities and cross-cultural work that are the operational responsibility of both the Boards for World and Home Missions, received a distribution of more than \$287,000 in 2013 from the WELS Missions Endowment Fund. This freed up Home Missions' dollars previously set aside for cross-cultural work, allowing funding for these new mission opportunities for the next four years.

"Whether it is through Congregation Mission Offerings or through special gifts to Home Missions or through gifts to the Missions Endowment, we are elated that God's people are supporting missions," says

Free. "With such support the Board for Home Missions can continue to authorize new missions."

Currently Rev. Thomas Schulz serves a core group of about 40 communicants in Goodyear, Ariz., part time. The group has been meeting under the name River of Life since 2013 and worships at a storefront location near the center of growth for the Goodyear community. Home Mission funding will allow River of Life to call a full-time pastor to train, organize, and lead members to reach out to the unchurched in this large, growing area 20 miles west of Phoenix. Future potential includes ministering to a growing Hispanic community in the area as well as reaching out in the neighboring city of Buckeye.

Bethel, Menasha, Wis., began outreach to the Hispanic community in 2003 with a multi-cultural vacation Bible school. This quickly grew into offering English as a second language classes. With the addition of a bilingual pastor in 2005, the congregation started offering bilingual worship services and eventually monthly worship in Spanish. In 2012, with funding help from the Northern Wis-

consin District Mission Board, Bethel called a half-time retired pastor to expand its offerings to the Hispanic community. Now with Home Mission funding, the congregation can call a second, full-time bilingual pastor and thus be able to offer weekly worship in Spanish, better prospect follow-up, more community outreach events, and continued nurture of the English-speaking congregation.

Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director of the Ministry of Christian Giving, says he's excited to see "what Jesus is allowing us to do through these WELS endowment distributions."

He continues, "Since 2006 God's people have honored him with their gifts to help build up the WELS endowments. Now their gifts are bearing fruit by creating another stream of revenue to support the Lord's worldwide work."

In 2013, almost \$600,000 was distributed from WELS endowments to support work in our ministerial education schools and missions. Learn more at www.wels.net/christian-giving.

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