

## *Third Sunday of Easter~ May 5, 2019*

**THEME: Our risen Lord appears to strengthen faith and change lives.**

**HYMN 153:** *"Alleluia! Jesus Lives!"*

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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:** Acts 9:1-19a (Sermon Text)

*This is the account of Saul's conversion. Jesus appears to him, calls him to faith, and designates him, soon to be renamed Paul, as his chosen instrument to preach salvation to the Gentiles.*

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest

<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

<sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

<sup>13</sup> "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 67 (p. 91) (sung in unison)

*We join with nations throughout the earth in praising our Lord whose salvation extends to all corners of the earth.*

**SECOND LESSON:** Revelation 5:11-14

*John is granted another vision of the glorified Lord Jesus. He alone is worthy to receive "honor and glory and praise" from the hosts of heaven and all creatures.*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb,

who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**CHOIR:** *"King of Glory"*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 21:1-14 (Please Stand)

*In love and friendship, Jesus appeared to his disciples a third time. This time, while they were fishing, he repeated an earlier miracle so they might recognize that he, who had risen for them, was the same Lord Jesus who died for them.*

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanae from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were

unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**HYMN 380:** "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You"

**SERMON THEME: Our Lord's Resurrection Changes Our Lives**

1. Removing our past
2. Directing our future

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**OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Please Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 158:** "I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again"

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 216:** "Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious"

**SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Serving Us Today ~ May 5, 2019**

*Organist:* Marjean Schroeder

*Ushers:* Jessie Reiter, Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter & Ruth Reiter



**The Flowers Adorning Our Altar** this morning have been provided by the Nieman Family in honor of the baptism of Hudson Robert Freerking performed yesterday in a private ceremony by John Nieman.

**Special Organ Envelopes** are available in the narthex of our church for those that would

like to contribute to our new replacement organ.

**Thank You to Everyone** that participated in our Mexican Night. Food, fun and fellowship galore!

**WELS Night at the Brewers** is scheduled for Friday, July 12 against the San Francisco Giants. More information will be available in our June Lamplighter.

**Vacation Bible School** (combined WELS-Oshkosh) will be June 24-28 at Martin Luther. Please inquire in our church office or go to [daycamp@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:daycamp@martinlutheroshkosh.com) for more information.

**Grace Lutheran School** Eighth Grade graduation is Thursday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. in their gymnasium. Martin Luther School is the same day at 6:30 p.m.

**Jesus Cares Ministry** will meet May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran's cafeteria. Please see our bulletin board for more information.

**Choir Rehearsals Have Concluded For The Season.** However, the choir will sing at our worship service today, May 12 and May 19. Thank you to Marge Schroeder and the choir members for beautifying our services with song. We will be coming together again in September. Practice singing with the birds this summer and consider joining choir in the Fall!

**Ladies' Guild May Meeting** is Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. Come join their annual ice cream social.

**Oshkosh WELS Joint Ascension Service** is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers** the family of Betty Pollock whose son Rob Berndt unexpectedly passed away this past week.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	<b>Office Hours.</b>	Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 04-30-19	\$1,976.10	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Budget Need to date	\$57,443.00	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Budget Received to date	\$53,127.18	<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
		<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Worship Attendance 04-28-19	90		
Sunday School 04-28-19	10		
GriefShare 04-29-19	4		
Tuesday Bible Class 04-30-19	11		