

preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Hymn of the Day: 389 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Sermon: Jesus Opens Our Eyes
1. To Who He Is
2. To The Scriptures

Offering: (*Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.*)
“Easter Medley” by the Hand Bell Choir

3rd Hymn: 452 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Closing Anthem: “I Wonder Why” by the Hand Bell Choir

Ushers: This Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger
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We Welcome You!

The blessings of Easter are all ours through the Word, the effective means of grace!

Daycare and PreK: *Jesus Loves Me and This Little Light of Mine*

Opening Hymn: 404 This is the Threefold Truth

Order of Worship: Service of the Word pg. 38

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

God's Word for Today:

First Lesson: Acts 4:8-12 (*Just like Jesus in the gospel lesson Peter goes straight from the visible to the Word and from the outward but unseen manifestation of Christ's power in his resurrection to its inner power in the law which kills and condemns and the gospel which miraculously brings faith and life, forgiveness and salvation. The miracles of the Word are far greater and more long lasting than the visible miracles are. The greatest miracle of the Word is that it creates faith in the message that salvation is by faith in the all sufficient merit of the crucified and risen Christ.*)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Psalms 118: Pg. 108 (*Sung together*)

Second Lesson: 1 John 2:1-2 (*The Word brings God to light. It shows and brings the Advocate who pleads our case so effectively to light. It*

brings the truth to light that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Sin removed is darkness removed. The light of the Word removes the sin by revealing the Advocate which brings forth trust in him and in his merit.) My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-49 (*In this appearance Jesus moves from the visible to the Word. He uses what they can see and touch as the bridge to the Word. The closer they are to his Word, the closer they will be to him. For everything that he is and did is enclosed in the Word. In revealing himself in the Word, he gives himself and all that he has to them. So that he may be with them and they with him, he performs the miracle, a miracle which the Holy Spirit will soon perform regularly (Don't forget: Opera ad extram sunt indivisa). He opens the Scriptures so that they finally understand; without that miracle of the effective Word all remains darkness and foolishness. For how impossible everything he promised appears to reason! But with the effective Word, it all becomes both clear and powerful even beyond the creation of faith. Look at what Jesus sends them to do!)*

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be