



# Third Sunday in Easter

April 26, 2020

## Calvary and Zion United Methodist Churches

This outline can be used for your own personal service on Sunday. I would suggest that if you use this outline that you begin at the normal worship time.

### **Hymn: # 309 On the Day of Resurrection**

### **Call to Worship:**

M. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

P. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

M. The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever

### **Prayer:**

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

### **Hymn: # 365 Grace Greater than Our Sin**

**Prayers:** Take time now to pray for the individuals on our prayer list and anyone else you would like.

**Birthdays:** Margie Hayes (4/29), Bill Shepherd (4/29), Penni Lewis (5/1)

**Scripture:** Luke 24:33-42, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

### **Message:** Forgiveness

Jesus meets Peter as he returns from the tomb. The Bible does not say anything about what was said at that meeting, but we can make some assumptions.

When Jesus was still alive He pronounced Peter to be the leader of the Disciples (this was after his confession of faith found in Matthew 16:16-18, Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it). After the Resurrection we know that Peter was indeed the early leader of this community.

But, what did Jesus say to convince Peter to remain the leader of the Disciples after his death? As I said, the Bible does not tell us anything about that conversation. I think Jesus did more than tell Peter, "you can do it, have faith, it will all work out".

Peter must have felt like a failure. He had made great promises but did not keep them. When he was given the opportunity to affirm Jesus, he denied him. Peter was in a bad state when Jesus met him to tell him that he was still the leader of the community. Whatever Jesus said was effective, because with Peter as the leader, the church thrived in those early first years.

Perhaps Jesus told Peter that I want a church built on people - not ideas or buildings. I do not want the church to be a fellowship of like-minded people who have only formed a support group for each other. I want a church that is built in humility by people that see themselves as the light of the world. I want a church that works at transforming the world.

I think Jesus' final words to Peter were, "As you see me now, know that I will be with you always. You will never be alone because there is nothing in all creation that will separate you from my love". Jesus' final words to Peter are the current words to us.

**Hymn:** # 389 Freely, Freely

### **Benediction:**

Jesus said Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Amen

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### **Scripture Readings:**

#### **Luke 24:33-42**

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

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> 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.”

<sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-9**

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, <sup>1</sup> and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have failed asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.





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### **Our Prayers**

#### **God's Healing Touch**

Terry Carlson, brother of Jan Johnson  
Juanita Alley  
Bob and Barb Cable  
Don Olson  
Melvin Pfister  
Don Garber  
Kayla Edwards, niece of Fred Lewis  
Tim Trotter  
Mary Lou Moore

#### **Members Who are Homebound Or are in Care Facilities**

Evelyn Mueller  
Wes Fischer  
Mary Ann Masson  
Jeanne Desotelle

#### **Those Serving in the Military and Others in National Service**

##### **Marines**

Michael Frelk, Gabriel Holcomb, Adam Reinhardt,  
Samuel Carrasco

##### **Air Force**

Sarah Carrasco, James Fouts, Paul Lewis

##### **Army National Guard**

Justin Bowden

##### **Army**

Colin Snook, David Norwick

##### **Navy**

Jake Vallone, Derek Olsen, Brian Olsen, Jared  
Hentz

#### **In Our Community**

For all who own businesses

For all of those out of work

For those whom are struggling

For those who are working twice as hard

For all of you who provide support

Thanks to you ALL!

## **Mission of the Month April 2020**

# **Support Door County**



**In response to the nation's crisis the Mission of the Month will go to support the people of Door County. The missions committee will decide where the money will go once it is all collected. It will go to the place(s) in Door County that have the most need. With the world changing daily there will be great need. Please mail donations to either of the churches and specify for Door County Mission. Our mailing addresses are:**

### **Calvary**

**P.O. Box 168**

**Egg Harbor, WI 54209**

**or**

### **Zion**

**P.O. 344**

**Fish Creek, WI 54212**

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