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READINGS

Acts 3:12-19

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1 John 3:1-7

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy & righteous God, you are the author of life, & you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] & said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled & terrified, & thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, & why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands & my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me & see; for a ghost does not have flesh & bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands & his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving & still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it & ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, & the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer & to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance & forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. People think & believe all manner of things about God, faithfulness, & Jesus that are not found in or backed up by the Bible. How do we know the Old Testament tells us about Jesus? *See Matthew 10:35-36 (Micah 7:6), 13:14-15 21:13, 42, 22:43-44, 26:31; Luke 4:16-21, 22:37, 24:25-27, 44-48; John 6:45, 12:35-43, 13:18, 15:25*
2. It's clearer that the New Testament, & particularly the Gospels, tell us about Jesus. Write down at least 12 ideas you have about him (other than things in the Creeds) & find their source in the Gospels.

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. A surprising number of regular & frequent worship-attenders don't consider themselves “Christians.” Perhaps the word has too much “baggage,” or they struggle to know & accept basic teachings, or they don't feel “good” or competent enough. When have you struggled with these same things? How did you resolve them? List 3-4 for each one. How do your “doubts” (*cf. v41*) give you compassion & patience for others?
4. We don't merely know about Jesus, we experience his living presence, particularly in the Sacraments. List as many times as #3 when you comprehended the living Jesus in everyday life. *See Small & Large Catechisms: Baptism, Confession, & Communion, available bookofconcord.org*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Sharing a snack/meal is one of the easiest ways to get know someone. (It's something about how our minds & souls work.) In a quiet moment, seek an answer from God about a pre-Christian in your life to begin befriending **over food** & then **follow thru**, *i.e.* actually get that “cup of coffee.”
6. Observance is an essential part of belief (*cf. Psalm 4:5; Leviticus 16:29-31; Luke 24:45-48*). How does your witness of weekly worship with the living Jesus at church (or not) encourage (or not) others, especially pre-Christians, in their own encounters with the living Lord?

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Third Sunday of Easter

04.14.24

Series: Let's Eat

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Life together is more than food, but not less

Feed Your Mind

Get to know Jesus by eating with him

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: While in their joy they were disbelieving & still wondering,
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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

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