

April 14th
(Third Sunday of Easter)

“Will Be Like Him”

Baptism

Main Text: 1 John 3:1-7
(Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48)

We have been given the standard in Jesus Christ. It was through Jesus' life lived that we are shown what we are to reflect in thought, word and deed. There is so much we don't know and can't know about what the fullness of God's kingdom will be like. We do know we are to be like him. The reading from Acts reminds us of the power that comes through Jesus, who embodied the love of God even through the hatred and violence of the world. If we are called to be like him, how are we also to preserve and embody the love of God even when it is not easy or convenient? In the Gospel reading, Jesus appears to them. We are reminded that Jesus continues to appear to us in the concrete act of Word and Sacrament. Jesus also opens our minds to the scripture and gives us a commission to embody that same love through our life and witness. Where do you need to grow to be more like him? The good news is that the peace of Christ is with us for the journey!