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WELCOME

HOLY BAPTISM – 10:30 AM – SERVICE BEGINS ON PAGE 3

THE OPENING HYMN "This Joyful Eastertide"

Christian Worship #160



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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HOLY BAPTISM 10:30 AM ONLY

THE OPENING HYMN..... “See This Wonder in the Making”
Christian Worship #300



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, “Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God’s pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!”
place *him*, With your love and peace em - brace *him*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of

God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Addison Marie Zurad, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Addison may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Addison and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joy of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 5:12, 17-32

The risen Christ gave his apostles the ability to perform miracles and to proclaim the peace and joy of salvation boldly in spite of persecution.

¹² The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people the full message of this new life.” ²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as

they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this. ²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. ²⁷ Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men! ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 16

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Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

Keep me safe, O God,*
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;*
apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;*
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON..... Revelation 1:4-18

St. John is given a glimpse of heaven. No longer is Jesus seen as the suffering servant. Instead, Jesus appears as the firstborn from the dead, the all-powerful prophet, priest, and king, the Alpha and the Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty, and the Living One who reigns forever and ever.

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.” ¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 20:19-31



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

On Easter evening, the glorified Jesus appeared to his disciples and announced peace to them. When Thomas refused to believe, Jesus, in love, appeared a second time to convince him of the resurrection and to repeat his message of peace. In love, God gives us his Word that we might also believe and have life in his name.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But

these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Christian Worship #152



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

THE SERMON John 20:19-30

Please stand

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: *(spoken)* We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(spoken)* It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. (8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

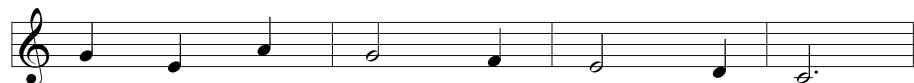
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN..... "O Sons and Daughters of the King"
Christian Worship #164



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! | 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! |
| 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! | 9 On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! |

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

- P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
 C: *(spoken)* And his mercy endures forever.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please be seated

CONGREGATION HYMN "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Christian Worship #334

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
 crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
 ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff

Preacher Pastor Brian Adams

Organist Mrs. Karen Pautz

Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Announcements

BAPTISM: Today in the 10:30 AM service Addison Marie Zurad will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Addison is the daughter of Robert and Corinne Zurad. Serving as her godparents are Matthew Jimenez and Rosie Brand. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

REMINDER: There will be no Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday. We will begin our full schedule next weekend.

NEW SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: On Saturday, April 9th, we will begin a new Bible Class. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for more information. Please come and join us for this new study in God's Word. We begin at 8:00am on Saturday, April 9th.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: On Sunday, April 17th, there will be an Open House for our school. The focus for the services that weekend will be on Christian Education. Anyone is welcome to join us that Sunday. The Open House will start at 11:30 am, right after the 10:30am service. There will be refreshments and activities for all. Come and check out our Christian Day School. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, ages 3K – Grade 8, please invite them to come on that Sunday. In order to help promote the Open House, there are some yard signs in the back of church. Please feel free to take one home and post it in your yard.

EASTER BANNERS: We thank the Mary Martha Society for donating the funds for the new Easter banners in the front of church.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY DOOR COLLECTION: On Sunday, April 10th, we will be taking our bi-annual door collection for LWMS.

KINDERGARTEN CALL: Dear Friends in Christ, After prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as the Kindergarten teacher and assist with Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Franklin, WI. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our church and school. I look forward to working with St. Paul's faculty, families, and young learners. I pray that the Lord will use me to bless HIS kingdom. God's continued blessings to our congregation.
Your fellow servant in Christ, Rachel Manske

150TH UPDATE: What a difference the new organ makes as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us! We've raised \$56,618.00 through various generous gifts and donations. Thank you! However, we still have a ways to go. We are almost at our goal but we need your help. There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES WANTED: As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration, we would like to collect as many confirmation class pictures as possible. If we are able to get most or many of them, they may be framed for permanent display. We already have pictures from 1994 to present. We need almost all from 1993 and as far back as possible. Pictures will be scanned and returned to you. Please label pictures with your name and confirmation class year. We would like to begin collecting these immediately. Pictures can be passed on to the pastors or turned into the church/school office. Thank you for your help.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: All ladies are invited to attend the LWMS Spring Rally – which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:00am - 12:30pm at Christ Lutheran Church – S89 W22970 Maple Ave., Big Bend, WI. Our presentation speaker will be Pastor Pheng Moua of Hmong Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN. Pastor Pheng is one of our 'Befriend A Mission' missionaries assigned to our congregation and circuit. The rally will also include an opening devotion,

bible study, and business meeting. We will be voting on 5 new officers at this rally and voting on which of the following missions we will fund this next year (these are WELS missions but are NOT funded through the WELS budget): WELS Home Missions: 'Equipment Fund' or 'Tools for Outreach' and WELS World Missions: 'Thailand Projects' or 'Nepal Projects'. Attend our rally and have a say (vote) on which mission projects our donations will fund this next year! For more information, flyers are located in our church narthex. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2016 CONVENTION: Hosted by the LWMS Chicago Area Circuit, our 53rd Annual LWMS convention, under the theme: 'Christ Alone - Our Cornerstone', will be held June 23-26, 2016 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. Besides many missionary presentations, you can renew your faith through worship, devotions, workshops, and Christian fellowship. Registrations are still being accepted. Convention informational booklets, agendas, and registration forms are located in our church narthex. You may also get more information on the LWMS Website at: www.lwms.org – then click onto the: '2016 Annual Convention' box in the center of that webpage. If you have never been to an LWMS Convention before, NOW IS THE TIME – as it is just over Wisconsin's southern border!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: St. Paul's is collecting box tops for our school. There is a container on the counter in the narthex to put them in. So far our church members have brought in 154 box tops! We have collected 7,002 tops since September. Our goal is 10,000 for the school year, so keep bringing them in! This is a great program for our school to earn money. Thank you for your help!

WLHS SPRING BAND CONCERT: Please join us for an evening of beautiful music on Sunday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium as the concert band presents their spring concert. The band will perform Gustav Holst's 1st Suite in Eb and will feature the percussion section in a piece called "Undertow." 8th grade members of the Jr. Viking Band will also perform with the high school band. Seating is general admission.

THE LUTHERAN CHORALE OF MILWAUKEE: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee under the direction of Mary Prange will present its spring concert entitled "All Praise to God" on Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 PM at Atonement – Milwaukee (4500 N. Sherman Blvd.) & 6:00 PM at Trinity – Waukesha (1052 White Rock Ave.). The organ prelude presented by

Lynn Kozlowski begins twenty minutes prior to the concerts. The concert will include music for choir, brass, strings, organ and congregational singing.

ANNUAL LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION: Next stop -- St. Charles, Illinois! Get your early bird registration sent in now for the 53rd Annual Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Convention, June 23 to 26. Early bird fees are available until April 1st. As we rejoice in our Risen Savior, let’s keep in mind his Great Commission, given to his disciples then and now: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing... and teaching.” At the Annual LWMS Convention, mission-minded women and men come together to worship, enjoy fellowship, learn about, and support missions across the continent and around the globe. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Jesus’ Great Commission at work and an amazing inspiration for each of us to help support the spread of the gospel. Registration form and information about the convention are on the website, www.lwms.org. Remember, early bird fees are in effect only until April 1st.

WLHS WORK DAYS: The student body from WLHS is here to help with any yard work or outdoor spring cleaning. A team of 4-6 students will be available on either a Saturday or Sunday throughout the day, whatever works for you. Work Day weekends are from Saturday, April 9 until Sunday, May 15. Work may include: window washing, yard work, cleaning, painting, etc. Donations will be given to the WLHS mission project for the year "Generating Pure Love." Please e-mail workday@wlhs.org or call [262-385-4811](tel:262-385-4811) with the details of the job you would like completed and the dates you are available.

WISCONSIN SINGERS AT WLHS: Wisconsin Singers will entertain you with big band sound, stunning vocals, and stellar dance **on Sunday April 17, at 4:00 p.m.** with all proceeds going to benefit Wisconsin Lutheran music programs. This fun, family-friendly show will take the stage at Wisconsin Lutheran High School auditorium and feature special guest performers from Inspiration Vocal Jazz, Ensemble, Wisco Kids Show Choir, and Standard Operating Procedure (WLC Men’s A Cappella Singers). **Showcasing WLHS alumna, Abby Rasmussen,** Singers’ newest show highlights American pop artists of the past forty years, from Tony Bennet and Michael Jackson to classic TV themes like “All in the Family” and “SpongeBob Squarepants.” Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors 62 and available at the WLHS office or online at www.wlhs.org/news.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (April 3 & 4)

8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo

10:30 AM – Peter & Diane Eppen; Andrew, Austen & Ian

6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 10 & 11)

8:00 AM – Andrew & Renate Nazimek

10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

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8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

Mar 30 – Apr 5 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

Apr 6 – 12 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 3

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

NO Bible Study/Sunday School

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Monday, April 4

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 5

CDS Parent/Teacher Consultations..... 4:00 – 8:00 PM

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 6

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
Board of Education 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 7

CDS Parent/Teacher Consultations..... 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Friday, April 8

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 9

Bible Class 8:00 AM
School Cleaning..... 9:00 AM

Sunday, April 10

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Statistics – Easter Sunday

Attendance: 6:00 AM – 128, 8:30 AM – 487

Total Attendance – 615