

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
ETERNAL LIFE-CHANGING POWER

Worship Participants

LiturgistPastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN“Glory Be to God the Father”

Christian Worship #239

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whitfield, 1865-1919.

Please Stand

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-19a

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or

women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

⁵“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

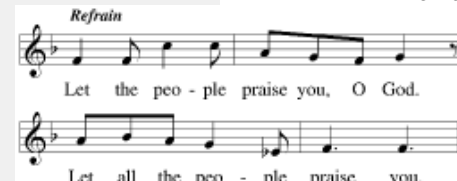
¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 67

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Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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 5:11-14

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.¹²In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out

to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.


⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

CHILDREN'S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY **"This Joyful Eastertide"**
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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.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.
Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

THE SERMON **John 21:1-14**
Easter – The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be Seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

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

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN**“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”**
Christian Worship Supplement #776

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry;
 2 Oh, what glo - ry far ex - ceed - ing
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es:

Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
 All that eye has yet per - ceived!
 Je - sus lives who once was dead.

Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!

To the for - mer days be - long.
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
 Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing.
 God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it,
 Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders

Soon the storms of time shall cease.
 There on high our wel - come waits.
 Crowd on faith, what joy un - known,

In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it.
 When a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed th' e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Announcements

EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR: The Easter Celebration choir will begin soon. The first rehearsal was April 6, it's not too late to join! Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Easter Celebration choir is from April 6 -May 22. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or email her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

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.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY DOOR COLLECTION: This weekend we are having a door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Society (LWMS). They thank you for your support!

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS: We will meet this week, April 12th, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm. Please note the change in the start time of that meeting.

BOARD OF ELDERS: The Board of Elders will meet on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: The Board of Spiritual Growth will meet on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm.

BOARD OF OUTREACH: The Board of Outreach will meet on Thursday , April 14th, at 6:30 pm.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL PLAYS: All are invited to come and watch this year's school plays. On Friday, April 22nd at 6:30pm, the Upper Grade students will perform in the play – "Kids From Camelot." On Saturday, April 23rd at 4:30 pm, the Kindergarten Class will perform their play – "Snoozy Snowflake." A light supper will be served following their play. After supper, the Upper Grade students will perform their play – "Kids from Camelot." Please come and watch these performances from our school students!

150TH UPDATE: What a difference the new organ makes as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us! We are very close to our goal – only \$3,152.00 to go! 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!

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.

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 10 & 11)

- 8:00 AM** – Andrew & Renate Nazimek
- 10:30 AM** – Tony & Mary Tripoli
- 6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 17 & 18)

- 8:00 AM** – Nancy Adams
- 10:30 AM** –
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR APRIL

- 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:

- Apr 6-12 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
- Apr 13-19 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 10

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

Monday, April 11

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 12

- PSCIC 6:00 PM
- Church Council 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 14

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
- Board of Spiritual Growth 6:30 PM
- 150th Anniversary Committee..... 6:30 PM
- Board of Outreach 7:30 PM

Friday, April 15

- School Devotion 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 16

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

Sunday, April 17

- Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
- Bible 101 Class 9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM
- School Open House..... 11:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 98, Communed – 90
 10:30 AM – 125, Communed – 68
 6:30 PM – 38, Communed – 25
 Total Attendance – 261

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