Second Sunday of Easter April 12 & 13, 2015



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!

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WELCOME THE OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" Christian Worship #145



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Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815–97, alt. Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and Sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 26:19-29

Paul is in chains. His prospects of accomplishing anything in this appearance before the high and mighty are slim and none. Nevertheless the reality is altogether other than appearances. Paul is the one who has everything in the message he has brought; the high and mighty have nothing. In fact what they appear to have gets in the way of what they could have, peace with God through the light made known in the resurrection of Christ. But how sad! They think themselves too clever, too powerful, to bow before the Crucified. His peace and his peace ambassador make no sense to them, and they reject both. May none of us make that tragic and damning mistake! Peace is God's to give in the work and message of Paul; warfare against God is however still in the power of man. Your peace is not in your outward beauty

or strength or possessions or health or anything else; They are indeed as gifts of God, but not substitutes for peace with God.

¹⁹ "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven, ²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. ²¹ That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.²² But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—²³ that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." ²⁴At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane." ²⁵ "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable.²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do." ²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"²⁹ Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."



I have set the LORD always before me.*

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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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

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THE SECOND LESSON......1 Corinthians 15:12-22

People think that the cemetery is peaceful. Apart from Christ's resurrection the cemetery is anything but peaceful. It is the testimony of our utter defeat in the war against God that sums up life apart from Christ. No resurrection of Christ means no peace with God in this life and no gospel or blessed resurrection for us in the life to come. Ah, but Christ is risen! Peace is ours through all eternity!

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is

your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

P: Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Blessed are those who

VERSE OF THE DAY



THE GOSPEL LESSONJohn 20:19-31

Jesus' Easter greeting is much more than just a greeting. He does not merely wish what the word expresses; he gives it. And then he gives it again. And then he gives it to them to give to the world. What an amazing thing! He is so anxious that they get peace which they should then give. Peace with God and peace with Jesus himself was the last thing that the disciples might have expected to hear and receive from Jesus that day. But now, the very first thing the disciples hear from the mouth of the risen Savior is: Peace! That's even his message to

Thomas and now with an exclamation point behind it to us who have not seen but by the power of the Word have nevertheless believed.

¹⁹On 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.







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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt. Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

THE SERMON.....

John 20:19-31

"The Eyes Have It"

Please Stand

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 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.

THE SACRAMENT





P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



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.



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.



Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt



THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

- **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.



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Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt. Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Pastor Wayne Shevey
Organist	5 5

Announcements

- **BAPTISM:** After the 10:30 service this morning, Jaxon Howe will be received into God's family through the sacrament of holy Baptism. Jaxon's parents are Cassandra Winter and James Howe. May God bless this family as they grow together in Christ.
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to Theresa Mess and all who helped serve our Easter Breakfast last Sunday. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.
- **THANK YOU:** Thank you to Heritage Funeral Homes for providing the palms for Palm Sunday and Easter.
- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class this Sunday.
- **TEHAN GREENHOUSE FLOWER ORDER**: Tehan Greenhouses, Inc., located at 1515 E. Rawson Avenue in Oak Creek, has agreed to join our Scrip Program again this year. They are offering us a great deal on hanging baskets, flats and all other items they have to offer. Starting today, we will be selling these certificates to our St. Paul's school and church families and friends. There is a flier on the counter in the narthex with more information to order.
- **PASTOR CONFERENCE:** On Monday, April 13th, 9:00am 4:00pm, St. Paul's is hosting the Western Lakes Pastor Conference. The Conference is made up of about 50 pastors in the Milwaukee area.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 PM.
- WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY: Taher Inc. is looking for reliable, caring, individuals to join the Wisconsin Lutheran High School food service team. Opportunity as a Utility Crew Member, washing dishes, using the fryer, serving meals, light prep work, and cleaning. This position is M-F 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and other working

opportunities based on catering event schedule. Summers off, great for families that have children attending the school, a college student who already has a summer job but wants a few hours now, or someone who only wants to work a few hours a week! Please call Sarah Derouin at 414-881-7071 (cell) 414-453-4567 ext 1561 (work) OR e-mail your resume to chef@wlhs.org

- WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CAR WASH: Come and support Wisconsin Lutheran High School by getting your car washed on Sunday, May 3, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in the back parking lot of the high school. All donations will go to support WLHS' mission project to help build a church in Sonora, Mexico.
- WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE OF DEDICATION: Join us for a service of dedication on Sunday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. as Wisconsin Lutheran High School gives thanks and praise for the completed building expansion. The service will take place in the auditorium with guest preacher Pastor Aaron Christie (Trinity, Waukesha). An open house with tours, appetizers, and presentations in the new spaces will be held from 2:30-5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.
- **THE WISCONSIN SINGERS CONCERT:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to again host The Wisconsin Singers, a premier group of students who have auditioned from across the state and who entertain more than 40,000 annually with their stellar vocals, stunning choreography and spectacular big band sound.

Wisconsin Singers will present a concert of Broadway show tunes in the auditorium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on **Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students and seniors,** and can be purchased at WLHS or by calling <u>414-453-4567</u>. The concert will include the Wisco Kids show choir and Inspiration vocal jazz ensemble.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: The LWMS Milwaukee Metro South Circuit cordially invites grandmothers, mothers, and daughters of all ages to attend their Mother/Daughter Spring Rally - which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Muskego, S66W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego, WI. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:15am - with the rally starting at 8:30am. Join with your sisters in Christ to hear the mother/daughter team of Karen and Talia Spiegelberg share how fun and easy mission work as a family can be - and that you don't have to go to overseas mission fields to share the love of Jesus! You're also invited to stay for our FREE 'Tea' (light lunch) following the rally. Feel free to fancy dress for a tea - if you so desire (don't forget your hats, ladies!) Door prizes and a 'fashion show' follow. For more information and a map, the LWMS Spring Rally flyers are located in the church narthex. There is no cost to attend our

rallies (but a freewill offering is collected to support LWMS/WELS missions). Hope to see you at our rally!

COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGES: With the all the special services in the next month, there are some changes in the communion schedule for April. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the following dates.

April 12 & 13 – Communion in all Services

April 19 & 20 – Communion in all Services

Following the weekend of April 19/20, we will return to the regular schedule of having communion offered on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} weekends. Please take note of these adjustments for March & April.

- **SAVE THE DATES:** Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am 3pm. Registration forms and help forms will be available at a later date. We just wanted to let everyone know what the dates are for this summer.
- **SPECIAL MLC CONCERT:** We are pleased to invite you to a unique concert. *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter will be presented on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1052 White Rock Ave., Waukesha, WI. This work is scored for adult choir, children's choir, soloist, and orchestra. Participating in the concert will be the Martin Luther College Choir from New Ulm, MN along with children's ensembles from Our Redeemer Lutheran, Madison, Trinity Lutheran, Waukesha, and WISCO, Milwaukee all accompanied by an orchestra from the Waukesha area. Soloists for the performance are Jonathan Laabs and Emily Lai. Each ensemble will perform individually as well as joining in the performance of Rutter's work. Please join us for this special event.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENT:

- **Theatre Production:** Wisconsin Lutheran College's Theatre Department presents "The Miser" by Molière April 16, 18, and 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 2:30 p.m. Visit wlc.edu/boxoffice or call 414.443.8802 to order \$10 tickets.
- **GRILL KINGS MEN BIBLE STUDY:** The next Grill Kings Men Bible Study will be held on Saturday, April 18from 4:30pm - 7:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, N108W14290 Bel Aire Lane, Germantown, WI. Topic of discussion - What are you doing? We will examine three aspects to God's Will and how each can be known. RSVP-<u>Ceobalampe@gmail.com</u> before April 12th, 2015.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK April 12 & 13)

8:00 AM-	Andrew & Renate Nazimek
10:30 AM-	Tim & Michelle Yenter; Lauren & Mason
6:30 PM -	Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 19 & 20)

8:00 AM-	Nancy Adams
10:30 AM-	Tony & Mary Tripoli
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-David Destrampe, Daniel Desrampe, Paul Larsen 6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

April 1-14 – TEAM #4; Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek April 15-21-TEAM #1; Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 12 Worship Service with Communion NO Adult Bible Class/Sunday School Worship Service with Communion	
Monday, April 13	
Christian Day School Resumes Pastor Conference	8:15 AM
Pastor Conference	9:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 14	
PSCIC Church Council Meeting	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
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Friday, April 17

School Devotion	
Preschool Power Hour	

Sunday, April 19

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
Worship Service with Communion	10:30 AM
School Open House	

Statistics – Last Week

Maundy Thursday; 3:30pm-148, Communed 87; 6:30pm-83, Communed-69 Good Friday; 1:00pm-130; 6:30-271 Easter Sunrise-111; Easter Festival Service-459