

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
6881 S. 51st Street • Franklin, Wisconsin
Pastor Brian Adams
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

April 5, 2015

Easter Sunrise Service

6:00am

Welcome



We welcome all who worship with us this morning. "He is not here! He is risen!" These words are the glorious announcement of the angels to the women on Easter Sunday. They are the victory cry for Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who has conquered sin, death and hell by the resurrection. They are the proof that we need that the good news of Jesus saving us is true and certain. They are the words that make us sure of our own resurrection. They are "the words of eternal life."

"What a Difference a Day Makes!"

Quiet Meditation before service

Church Bells

*The Christ Candle returns to the sanctuary.
 It reminds us that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ,
 is once again alive and shining brightly to the world.*

Opening Hymn..... "Where You There?"
Sung to the tune of CW #119

**Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?**

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P: He is risen!
C: *(Spoken)* **He is risen indeed!**
P: Why do you look for the living among the dead?
C: *(Spoken)* **He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.**

P: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Death has been swallowed up in victory!
C: *(Spoken)* **Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?**
P: The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law,
C: *(Spoken)* **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Hallelujah!**

Please be Seated

Opening Hymn..... "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Christian Worship #157



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Please Stand

Confession and Absolution of Sin

P: As we gather early this morning to marvel at the empty tomb of Jesus, we must confess we are not worthy to come into God's presence. Let us 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: The Lord is risen indeed! We thank you, God, for the joys you give us this morning. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Hallelujah!

Response **“He’s Risen! He’s Risen!”**
Christian Worship #143, verses 4 & 5

4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

Please be Seated

1. What a Difference a Day made for Peter and John

Scripture Reading..... **John 20:1-9**

^{20:1} Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Meditation..... *by Pastor*

Senior Choir Anthem..... **“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”**

*Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb
 Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
 Life un eclipsed by doubt and dread; Christ has risen from the dead!
 Bearing the standard from on high
 As the Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruelly treated,
 Lives again our foes defeated! Where is your sting, O death and grave?
 Christ has shown His strength to save!
 Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
 Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
 Let there begin the jubilee – Christ has gained the victory!
 Let there begin the jubilee – Christ has gained the victory!*

2. What a Difference a Day made for Mary Magdalene

Scripture Reading..... **John 20:10-18**

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated

where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Meditation..... *by Pastor*

Congregation Hymn **"O Sons and Daughters of the King"**
Christian Worship #165, verses 1-3

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,

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,

To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."

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

3. What a Difference a Day made for the Disciples

Scripture Reading..... **John 20:19-23**

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."

Meditation..... *by Pastor*

Congregation Hymn **"Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb"**
Christian Worship #159

1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus
 2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph
 3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your

scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through
 in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares
 un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -

the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.
 a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.
 ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

4. What a Difference a Day (Week) made for Thomas

Scripture Reading..... John 20:24-28

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!"

Meditation..... by Pastor

Congregation Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King"
Christian Worship #165, verses 4-8

4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard

A - mong them came their Lord most dear
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,

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!

5. What a Difference a Day makes for Us

Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰ But 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. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Congregation Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Christian Worship #149, verses 1-5

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing

earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like

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tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Meditation..... by Pastor

Senior Choir Anthem..... "Easter Angel Song"

*He is not here, for He is risen. Come see the place where Jesus lay.
 Now go and share the wond'rous story: Christ the Lord is ris'n today.
 He is not here, for He is risen. Come see the place where Jesus lay.
 Now go and share the wond'rous story: "Christ the Lord is ris'n today."
 Although He was crucified at the hands of sinful men,
 Remember how He told you that He would rise again.
 So why do you seek the living among the dead?
 Jesus is risen as He said! He is not here, for He is risen.
 Come see the place where Jesus lay.
 Now go and share the wond'rous story: "Christ the Lord is ris'n today."
 Look! The stone is rolled away. Go and tell the world today!
 He is not here for He is risen. Come to the place where Jesus lay.
 Now go and share the wond'rous story: "Christ the Lord is ris'n today.
 Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Christ the Lord is ris'n today."*

Offering & Offering Prayer

Please Stand

Easter Prayer

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 Blessing

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please remain standing for closing hymn

Closing Hymn..... "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Christian Worship #152, verses 1-2, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 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!"

Worship Participants

Worship Leader Pastor Brian Adams
 Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen
 Senior Choir Director..... Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on Sunday, April 5th and Sunday, April 12th.

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH WORSHIP: There will be no worship service on Monday, April 6th. (The Monday after Easter.)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the eight months ended February 28, 2015, contributions were \$15,239 (4%) **above** budgeted needs. In addition, contributions for the eight months ended February 28, 2015 were **above** the prior year by \$41,536 (13%).

As a result of exceeding our budgeted contributions and being significantly below budgeted expenditures due to having one Pastor, we are in a significantly improved cash position compared to the prior year. In our current position, we should not have to draw on our line of credit during the upcoming months to meet our obligations, which will be a great blessing to the Congregation. We thank you for your past and continued support of the ministry at St. Paul's.

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of February	42,008	57,619	15,611
Fiscal Year-to-Date	357,067	372,306	15,239
Balance on Line of Credit	-		
Capital Improvement Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of February	\$9,000	6,773	(2,227)
Fiscal Year-to-Date	72,000	55,936	(16,064)
Faith Needs Room to Grow		Actual	
Month of February		\$10,305	
Life-to-Date		2,554,910	

LWMS DOOR COLLECTION: Thank you to all who donated \$482 to the free-will offering that was gathered for the LWMS.

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. The host congregation will also provide refreshments and lunch for the conference. In order to help with the cost, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex for people to donate food items for that day. Thank you for helping us out.

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 [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567). 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 this month, there are some changes in the communion schedule April. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the following dates in April. They are:

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 1st and 3rd weekends. Please take note of these adjustments for April.

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE! The Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers is holding its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, April 7th from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

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 EVENTS:

Gary's Gallop: Wisconsin Lutheran College will host the 12th-annual Gary's Gallop 5k run/2-mile walk on April 11 at the college's Outdoor Athletic Complex. Advance registration is \$20. For information or to register online, visit wlc.edu/garysgallop.

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.

WELS Regional Handbell Festival—Everyone is invited to the 36th annual southwest regional WELS Handbell Festival concert "Celebrate Christ with Ringing" on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m., at Wisconsin Lutheran High School (330 N Glenview Ave). Handbell choirs from around southwestern Wisconsin will gather for a full day of practice before presenting their concert on Sunday. Admission is free and seating is general admission.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK Easter (Sunday 4/5)

6:00 AM - Don & Marge Gebert

8:30 AM - Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (4/12 & 13)

8:00 AM - Andrew & Renate Nazimek

10:30 AM - Tim & Michelle Yenter; Lauren & Mason

6:30 PM - Richard & Kathy Hintz

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 5

Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 AM
Easter Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
Easter Festival Service 8:30 AM

Monday, April 6

NO School Easter Break
NO Evening Service

Tuesday, April 7

No PSCIC

Sunday, April 12

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
No Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –186; 10:30 AM –175; 6:30pm – 34; Total Attendance - 395
Bible Study - 26; Sunday School - 8