

resurrection
REALity

WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

Third Sunday of Easter

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

April 14, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Holy Spirit, I often forget how meaningful the message you empower truly is. I can often view the message and proof of Jesus' resurrection as stale, empty, or even unbelievable. Reveal the sinful error in such an attitude toward the gospel, and reveal the true power of the message of the cross and empty tomb first in my own heart today. Then equip me to share this truly meaningful message before I leave this building for my mission field. In the Risen Lord I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Harriet Langrehr

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SETTING THREE

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The Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the Word of God and the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHIMES

He Has Made Me Glad

CHOIR

I'm So Glad

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

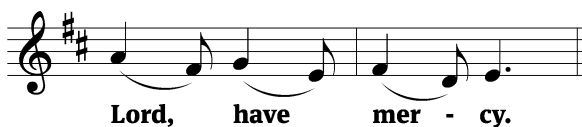
DECLARATION OF GRACE

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.





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. 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. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon’s Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

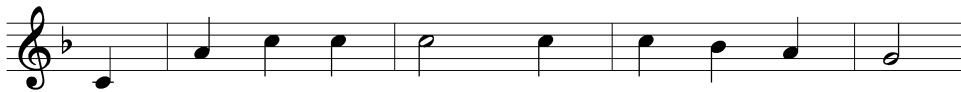
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

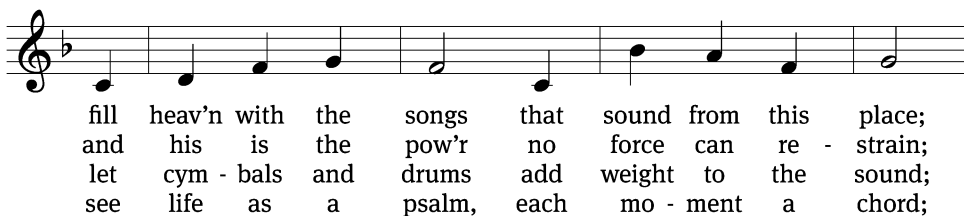
PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150

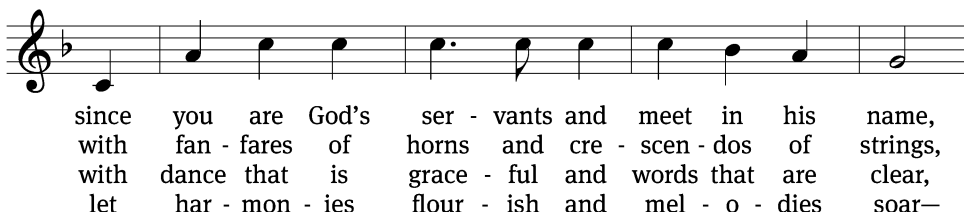
This psalm will be new to you. Join as comfortable.



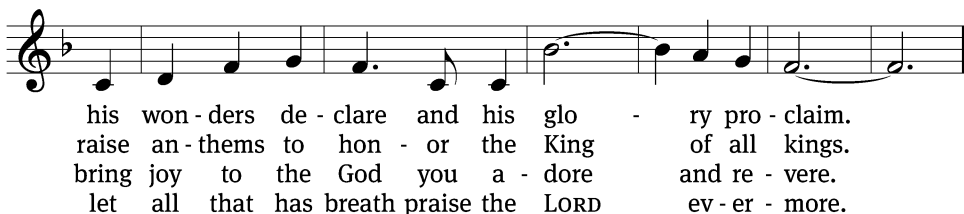
1 Sing praise to the LORD, you peo - ple of grace;
2 His great - ness ex - ceeds what words can ex - plain,
3 Where mu - sic is made, let rhy - thms a - bound:
4 Yield all that you are to wor - ship the LORD—



fill heav'n with the songs that sound from this place;
and his is the pow'r no force can re - strain;
let cym - bals and drums add weight to the sound;
see life as a psalm, each mo - ment a chord;



since you are God's ser - vants and meet in his name,
with fan - fares of horns and cre - scen - dos of strings,
with dance that is grace - ful and words that are clear,
let har - mon - ies flour - ish and mel - o - dies soar—



his won - ders de - clare and his glo - ry pro - claim.
raise an - thems to hon - or the King of all kings.
bring joy to the God you a - dore and re - vere.
let all that has breath praise the LORD ev - er - more.

Refrain



Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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SECOND READING

1 John 1:5—2:2

^{1:5}This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 24:46,47

Alleluia!

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36—49

³⁶While they were still about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost

does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb.⁴³He took it and ate in front of them.⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.



HYMN OF THE DAY

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
 4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
 dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
 on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
 in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
 is exalted now to save;
 now through Christendom it rings
 that the Lamb is King of kings.
 Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
 how the lost may be restored,
 how the penitent forgiv'n,
 how we, too, may enter heav'n.
 Hallelujah!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534, abr.

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You Are Witnesses of These Things

Stand

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.**

Be seated

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added here.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

HYMN

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
he has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show."
on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

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.
Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

450 The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

Our midweek Bible study series is called *How We Got the Bible*. The story of the Bible has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told." But did you ever wonder where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why did they write it? Who decided which books to include? In this study, Dr. Paul Maier travels to The Bible Museum in Goodyear, Arizona, to take a look at how we got the Bible. Join us this Tuesday or Wednesday as we dive into how the Lord has preserved his sacred Word.

ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY WISH LIST

We have new beautiful cabinets installed in the basement. The plan for the upper cabinets is to develop a bigger church library for members to utilize. A library wish list has been compiled of books and series that would provide a great blessing to the congregation as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, his work in the world, the history of salvation and church history, how to interact with people of other religions and evaluate the teachings of other Christian denominations, and more. If you would like to donate money toward the purchase of new books for our library, you can find copies of the wish list printed in the narthex. You can submit gifts via the offering plate with "library" in the memo line, and if you'd like a specific book or series purchased then please send a note to Pastor Groth.

CAMM LETTER FOR APRIL

Copies of the Central Africa Medical Mission newsletter for this month can be found printed in the lobby.

LUTHER'S BIG KNIGHT

The Big Knight is an annual fundraiser supporting Luther High School. This event is a dinner auction with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the students of Luther High. All who attend get to experience a packed silent auction followed by an elegant dinner and an incredible live auction. Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024, for the annual Big Knight dinner auction at Celebrations on the River in French Island, WI. This event not only raises funds for tuition assistance, but is a night of exceptional auction items, great food, and fellowship with others who love Luther High School. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with registration and the silent auction, followed by dinner and live auction. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://one.bidpal.net/thebigknight2024/ticketing>.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00 Budget to Date: \$165,564.00
Received Last Week: \$9,457.43 Rec'd to Date: \$128,181.57

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 101 Online Viewers: 54 10:00 am: 102 Total: 257
Sunday Bible Study: 44 Sunday School: 13 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 34

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
MONDAY	6:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
TUESDAY	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	Public School Catechism Class
THURSDAY	6:00 pm	3K Investigation Committee Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
	6:30 pm	PACE Meeting

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