



HE LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE

Third Sunday of Easter

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

April 19, 2026

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

Risen Savior, oftentimes I'm slow to believe all that has been written about you and I fail to understand that you suffered in my place for my redemption. Restore my hope today through your Word. Show me the testimony of your death and resurrection and what it means for my eternity and for my life in the here and now. In your name 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.



HOLY COMMUNION

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship '93

Service of Word and Sacrament is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the gospel in the Scripture readings as well as in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

GRADES 3-8

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Stand

INVOCATION

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION

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.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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

O LORD, OUR LORD

(no musical intro)



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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

The Word

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 32–41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

³²"This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³³So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

³⁴"For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies
a footstool under your feet.'

³⁶"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, "Escape from this crooked generation."

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17–21

¹⁷If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 24:32

Alleluia!

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

¹³Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped.

¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked them.

They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" ³³They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." ³⁵They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

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: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Tune: Latin, c. 1100, adapt.
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When Something's Missing

Stand

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 truly 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.**

Be seated

OFFERTORY

749 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending sts. 1, 3



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
 and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

Stand

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.295 in the hymnal for preparation.

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. 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 for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(no musical intro)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

(no musical intro)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



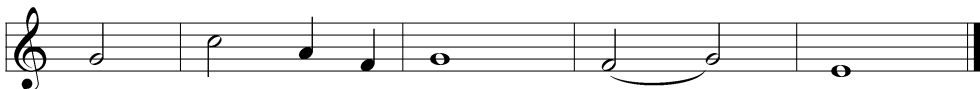
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

449 This Joyful Eastertide



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 has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934; Tune: Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684; Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

464 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a - gain, in whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; his mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, my ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free and wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the law of God for me,
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he died
 sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all:
 from the dead that I may rise for - ev - er - more to be



God's wrath he has ap-peased. Since he in
 with cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
 sweet com-fort, hope, and peace. This Eas-ter
 with you, my liv-ing head. The chains that



death could per-ish nev-er, I al-so shall not
 brought in-to sub-jec-tion for me by Je-sus'
 sun has brought sal-va-tion and ev-er-last-ing
 hold my bod-y, sev-er; then shall my soul re-



die for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 res-ur-rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 ex-ul-ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!
 joice for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!

Text: attr. Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

456 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he
4 That night th'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted that it was the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"my hands, my feet, my body see;
and doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessed are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615;
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Stand

Thanksgiving

THANK THE LORD

(short musical intro)



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

PRAYER

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.



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

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.



Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

924 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

*Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED BY MR. LINDEMANN

Our principal and grades 7-8 teacher Mr. Lindemann has received a call from St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Caledonia, MN, to teach grades 7-8 and serve as principal. Feel free to reach out to Mr. Lindemann if you'd like to discuss the ministry here at St. Paul's. Keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve the Lord in his kingdom.

WELS/ELS SINGLES EVENT

WELS/ELS Singles invite all Singles/Widowed/Divorced to join us for hiking at Wildcat State Park on Saturday, April 25, at 2 pm. We will meet in the Upper Parking Lot. Length of the hike will be determined by the group. RSVP is not required. Questions email Rachel at rachelfritz@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS

This week we keep in our prayers: Brian Berg, Gary and Christa Lemke, Clarice Koltermann, Marcie Richmond, Herb Miller, Dan Chandler, Vivian Havens, Shelly Horstman, Roy Koltermann, and Kaitlyn Stratman.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2026 Weekly Budget: \$11,428.44	Budget to Date: \$171,426.60
Received Last Week: \$12,570.42	Rec'd to Date: \$141,923.34

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 90 Online Viewers: 80 10:00 am: 116 Total: 286
Sunday Bible Study: 34 Sunday School: 11 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 21

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
	11:15 am	Bible Information Class
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Church Choir Practice
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	Public School Catechism Class
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Bible Information Class Orientation
NEXT MONDAY	6:00 pm	School Play
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Practice

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Pastor Brock Groth

Accompanist

Harriet Langrehr

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