
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sadorus, Illinois
Second Sunday of Easter
April 08, 2018

(*) = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord.
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock.
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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And may the God of my salvation be exalted.

Repeat 1 time

*Invocation, Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,
C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

P That our joy may be complete, let us first confess our sins to God our Father and receive His forgiveness.
C **Gracious God, we confess that we are troubled by our sins and the doubts that arise in our hearts. We can hope for Your grace and help only if we can hear Your Word and the assurance of Your forgiveness. In the name of our risen Lord Jesus, we ask You to speak Your pardon to us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*Salutation & Collect of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts: 4:32-35

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia Verse

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLE LU JAH! HALLE, HALLE, HALLE LU JAH!
HALLE, HALLE, HALLE LU JAH! HALLELUJAH! HAL LE LU JAH!**

*The Holy Gospel

John 20 19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you" ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

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C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

God's Word for His Children

Sermon Hymn

"King of the Nations"

Come let us worship Jesus
King of the nations Lord of all
Magnificent and glorious
Just and merciful

Refrain ***Jesus King of the nations***
 Jesus Lord of all
 Jesus King of the nations
 Lord of all

Lavish our heart's affection
Deepest love and highest praise
Voice race and language blending
All the world amazed.

Refrain

Bring tributes from the nations
Come in joyful cavalcade
One thunderous acclamation
One banner raised.

Refrain

Come Lord and fill Your temple
Glorify Your dwelling place
'Til nations see Your splendor
And seek Your face.

Refrain

Fear God and give Him glory
For His hour of judgment comes
Creator Lord Almighty
Worship Him alone."

Sermon

"So That You May Believe"

(John 20:19-31)

Offering/Music

*Offertory

"Create in Me"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit with me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit with me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit with me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit with me.**

*Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon our Synod, that all we undertake together may be to Your praise and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son's resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us of all our sin, You have given Your Church the keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people's joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [*especially remembering before You _____*]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lavish Giver of every good, Your Son has set before His people a feast of love, a table where He serves us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that we may receive this gift in a worthy manner, that this Eucharist may bring forth an abundance of good fruit for Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting One, receive our thanks this day for all who have fallen asleep in faith in Jesus Christ. Bring us to share with them the joys of the feast that never ends. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*Preface and Proper Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who faithfully fulfilled everything written

about Him so that all people may come to repentance and the forgiveness of sins by faith in His mighty sacrifice and victory over death. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted oh Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Glory, glory, Glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise!
Be exalted oh Lord my God, Glory to the King of Kings.**

*The Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C **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 Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*The Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is really present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Lord's table during communion, including children and youth. However, we respectfully request that those who are not confirmed members of St. Paul or another LCMS congregation speak with St. Paul's pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper. These individuals may indicate their desire to receive a pastoral blessing by crossing their hands in front of their chest. Thank you.

Communion Hymns

*"The Lamb" 550
"A Simple Word of Grace"*

A simple word of grace is all I need,
flowing from the cross, a cross for me.
A gentle word of love is all I need,
flowing from the cross, a cross for me.

Refrain ***Jesus, You have given me all of Your grace so tenderly.
I lift my hands and praise Your name.
Jesus, You have given me all of Your love on Calvary.
I lift my heart into Your hands.***

A simple word of hope is all I need,
flowing from Your love, Your love for me.
A gentle word of peace is all I need,
flowing from Your love, Your love for me.

Refrain

Teach me, Lord to share Your simple grace,
flowing from Your love, Your love for me.
Teach me, Lord, to live as You have lived,
gently flowing from Your love for me.

Refrain

"As the Deer"

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As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Refrain

***You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.***

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

Refrain

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

***Post Communion Cantic**

"Thank You, Lord!"

For all that You've done, I will thank You,
For all that You're going to do.
For all that You've promised, and all that You are
is all that has carried me through, Jesus, I thank You!
And I thank You, thank You, Lord.
And I thank You, thank You, Lord.
Thank You for loving, and setting me free,
Thank You for giving Your life just for me.
How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You,
Gratefully thank You. Thank you.

***Post Communion Collect**

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Benediction**

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

"We Shall Not Be Moved"

How blessed are the ones who never walk
Within the place where wicked scoffers talk.

Refrain *We're like a tree that's planted by the water. We shall not be moved!
We shall not, we shall not be moved! We shall not, we shall not be moved!
We're like a tree that's planted by the water. We shall not be moved!*

Our joy is in the statutes of the Lord,
and night and day we ponder on the Word.

Refrain

The wicked shall not stand the judgment day,
but like the chaff they'll all be blown away.

Refrain

Prayer Requests: For help and healing: Jeanette Bialeschki, Matt Boulos, Donna Brady, Larry Craft, Tom Ennen, Paula Ingrum, Joan Jones, Courtney Kidd, Everland Lybarger, Shannon Lybarger, Sebastian Major, Doug Montgomery (brother of Pastor Montgomery), Paul Reed, Melvin Schroeder, Shirley Schroeder, Gail Tendick, Curtis Von Behren, and Tammy Wolff:

For Ruth Reifsteck, Sheila Stoerger, David Tendick, and Maci Richmond who are celebrating birthdays this week.

For Jeff and Amber Nugent who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.

Worship Assistants: Elder: Nathan Reifsteck ; Acolyte: Amelia Rinella;
Media Shout: Chris Snodgrass; Communion Ware: Ruth Karcher & Loretta Stoerger;
C.A.: Mark Montgomery and Bob Ritter; Flowers: Deb Bialeschki & Loretta Stoerger

TONIGHT: Adult Inquiry Class begins at 6:00 PM -7:30 PM. and is a 6 week class to refresh what we learned in confirmation, and/ or for anyone wishing to become a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church..

Salad Supper: On Monday, April 16, 2018, St. John's Lutheran, Champaign, Illinois, LWML members are hosting a salad supper. Please bring a salad to share.

Ham Dinner: Sunday, April 22 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM St. Paul's Lutheran of Mattoon, 2 miles east of Dorans, will be having their annual Ham Dinner A free-will offering will be taken. Monies collected will benefit Kevin Shaffer who is on the liver transplant list.

LWML Spring Convention: On Saturday, April 28, Trinity Lutheran in Bloomington, Illinois will host the Spring **LWML** District Convention. Please contact Loretta Stoerger by **TOMORROW**, if you are planning on attending

This week at a glance:

Tuesday - Elders' Meeting 6:00 PM
Tuesday - Bd. of Education 6:15 PM
Tuesday - Church Council 7:00 Pm
Wednesday - Praise Choir 6:30 PM
Wednesday - Chancel Choir 7:30 PM

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