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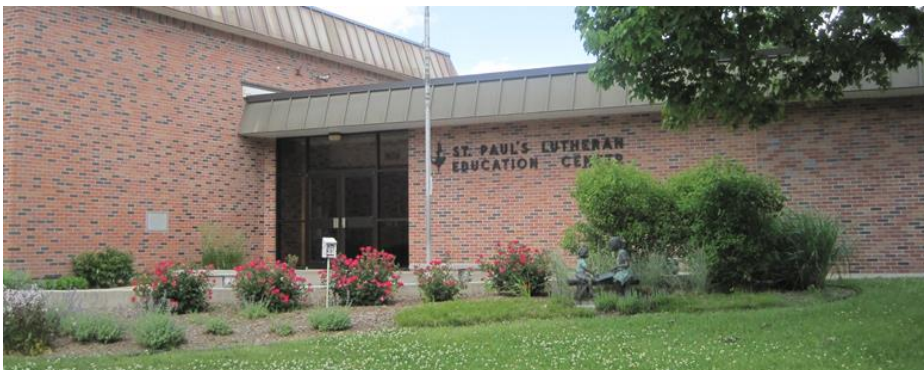
## St. Paul's Lutheran School

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# The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:30am Blended Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek

Organist: Judy Vrbka

Acolytes: Logan Glynn, Brandon Scheer, Sarah Scheer

Elders: David Trout, Wilferd Deke

Greeters: Bernice Pfingsten, Ruth Poppe

Ushers: Rod Aden, Eric Jobman, Robert Pfingsten, Gary Swanson

## Welcome and Announcements

*Psalm 30:1-5*

- P** O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
- C** **But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.**
- P** Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah
- C** **Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.**
- P** There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”
- C** **You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

## Opening Hymn – “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

*LSB 465* ▲

▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
    “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
    Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
    That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
    “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heavn’ly blessed sing:  
    “Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
    All the glory, never ending!  
    Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## The Lessons of the Day

### First Reading

*Acts 3:11-21*

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?”

<sup>13</sup>“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect

health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

<sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,

<sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Second Reading

*Luke 24:36-49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children’s Message

**Message Hymn – “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”**

*LSB 822*

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration.  
To Him through everlasting days  
Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise,  
Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing:  
Holy, holy,  
God is holy;  
Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory.
  
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected.  
He bought His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessèd flood,  
And as His bride selected.  
Holy, holy  
Is our union  
And communion.  
His befriending  
Gives us joy and peace unending.
  
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory!  
Joy eternal,  
Bliss supernal;  
There is manna  
And an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our triune God we sing;  
    Blest be His name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
And sing His praises evermore  
    For all His grace and favor!  
    Singing, ringing:  
    Holy, holy,  
    God is holy;  
    Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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**Message:**

**Luke 24:36-49**

**“The Church Challenged to Get Out the Door”**

A Prayer of Confession in Response to the Message

The Sharing of Gifts with the Lord

The Prayers and 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 Institution of the Lord’s Supper

Hymns during the Reception of the Lord’s Supper

**Hymn – “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

*LSB 839*

1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

- 2      Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3      O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4      Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5      That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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**Hymn – “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”**

*LSB 468*

- 1      I am content! My Jesus ever lives,  
          In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
          God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never,  
I also shall not die forever.  
          I am content!  
          I am content!
- 2      I am content! My Jesus is my head;  
          His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
          With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection  
For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
          I am content!  
          I am content!

- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,  
My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,  
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation  
And everlasting exultation.  
I am content!  
I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free,  
Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be  
With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever;  
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content!  
I am content!

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## The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Supper

### The Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn – “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477 ▲

▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.



2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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**The Sacrament of the Altar:** In bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice 'close' Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it's best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

**SERMONS:** Did you know that many of our sermons from the past year are available on our website? Visit <http://stpaulbeatrice.org/sermon/> to browse the archive. More sermons as well as full services and other special event recordings are coming soon!

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** We pray for ...

- Melvadine Arntt, Duane Johnsen, Pat Nave, Mark Seckel, Frieda Sohl, Amy Wrightsman (friend of Marilyn Keilig)
- School Families: Ariel Linville, Erich Tiemann & Carrie Tiemann, Danny & Jill Toland
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Marie Kitt, Keith Krecklow, Dan Leseberg (father of Jessica Leseberg), Norma Lohse, June Martin, Bonnie Oestreich, Marjorie Rogge, Deb Scheideler (daughter-in-law of Bob & Darlene Scheideler), Kenneth Smock (father of Brad Long), Ann Kelley, and our many shut-ins.

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

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**BUSY BAGS** for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

**NOMINATION FOR PASTOR FORM:** Members of St. Paul's who wish to suggest names of pastors to be considered for our Call List are asked to complete a Nomination Form located on the table in the narthex. Deadline to turn those forms is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be turned into the church office. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the call committee or the church office.

**CHURCH USAGE POLICY:** All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. – the fellowship hall for a baby shower or a meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

**LYF:** Interested in what activities are coming up. Please make sure you check the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex.

**AMAZON SMILE:** Doing any online shopping? Log on to smile.amazon.com and set St. Paul's Lutheran Church as your organization, and a portion of the sales will be donated to St. Paul's. This is a free, easy way to support our school. When searching for our organization it needs to read SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in order to find it. SAINT does need to be spelled out.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who saved Campbells Labels for the school in the past. The Campbells labels for Education program has ended, we no longer need you to turn in those labels or UPC codes.

**VBS:** St. Paul's Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the evenings that week.

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WORK NIGHTS:** Outdoor classroom and playground work days have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. On these evenings we will be spreading mulch, planting flowers and perennial plants, tilling up the long jump pit, and re-spreading rubber mulch over our playground. With the track meet on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we would like our grounds to be in excellent shape for our many visitors! Please mark your calendars now and plan to help us. We will need wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, garden hand tools, and many willing hands. A light supper will be served after the work nights.

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

**LADIES:** You are invited to attend the annual Mother/Daughter Salad Supper sponsored by the LWML on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Join us as we take a look at *"YOUR PURSE-ONAL JOURNEY"*. If you'd like, come dressed classy with your fancy purse. A photo booth will be available for those attending to remember this special evening. Freewill donations from the photo booth will be given to St. Paul's LWML Missionaries for 2018 – Rev. Stu & Deb Freese. Entertainment will be provided by the "Seniorettes". Bring a friend and a salad to share.

**SECOND QUARTER VOTERS' MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (today) at 1:30pm in the church basement. In the event the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> is cancelled, it will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the church basement.

**FAREWELLS FOR PASTOR REEK:** Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us as our Intentional Interim Pastor will be Sunday, April 29. We will have two opportunities for congregation members to thank him for his service and work among us. The Elders will host a short reception following the 8:00 service in the church fellowship hall. The Church Council will host a potluck at the school following the 10:30 worship service being held there. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or both of these times of thankfulness and recognition for Pastor Reek. A basket will be available for cards of thanks at both places. Table service and drinks will be provided at the potluck. Please bring food to share.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** is April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the 10:30 service. A Confirmation Preparation Service will be held Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. On Sunday a reception will be held at 9:15am in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE DIRECTOR:** St. Paul's Board for Parish Education is seeking candidates to fill the position of Child Care Director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This would be a full time, salaried position on the ministry team at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Mrs. Duever at St. Paul's Lutheran School. They can also contact Mrs. Duever by phone: 402-223-3414 or email: [aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org](mailto:aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org) with any questions.

# *Gifts of Time and Treasure*

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	92	\$3,435.00
10:30 AM Service	120	\$2,244.00
Monday Night Service	26	\$670.00

**COINS FOR CHRIST:** All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are designated to Camp Luther. Total amount collected so far \$7.88.

## *The Lord's Week*

Today      8:00 Divine Service  
              9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class  
              10:30 Divine Service  
              1:30 Voters' Meeting

Monday     7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Tuesday    12:00 Ladies Quilting  
              3:30 Child Care Committee

Wednesday 2:30 Catechism Class (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

Thursday   12:00 Ladies Quilting

Friday      8:00 Men's Bible Breakfast in Church Basement

Saturday    7:00 Confirmation Examination

Sunday      8:00 Divine Service  
              9:15 Reception for Confirmands  
              10:30 Divine Service (Confirmation)

### **Church office hours** are

9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday

**A CHALLENGE:** There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.