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# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

10:30am Blended Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek

Organist: Vivian Zimmerman

Acolytes: Xander Glynn, Ellie Whitfield, Kiera Whitfield

Elders: Rod Aden, Ken Loemker

Greeters: Duane & Irene Daubendiek

Ushers: Jeff Junker, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling, Dave Taylor

## Welcome and Announcements

*Psalm 47:1-6, NIV*

- P** Clap your hands, all you nations;
- C** **shout to God with cries of joy**
- P** For the Lord Most High is awesome,
- C** **the great King over all the earth.**
- P** He subdued nations under us,
- C** **peoples under our feet.**
- P** He chose our inheritance for us,
- C** **the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**
- P** God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
- C** **the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**
- P** Sing praises to God, sing praises;
- C** **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

## Opening Hymn – “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

*LSB 466*

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

- ref      Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
            Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
            Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
            Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 2            For three long days the grave did its worst  
            Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
            He who gives life did death undergo;  
            And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain
- 3            The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
            You look for Jesus who is not here.  
            See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
            Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain
- 4            "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
            He has arisen this world to save.  
            Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
            Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 5            Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
            Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
            Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
            He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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## The Celebration of Holy Baptism for Harper Ellyse Boltz

### The Lessons of the Day

#### First Reading

*Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Second Reading

*John 20:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.”

<sup>26</sup>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.” <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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 be to Thee, O Christ.

Children’s Message

**Message Hymn – “O Sons and Daughters of the King”**

*LSB 470 st.1-7*

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”  
Alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, “My peace be with you here.”  
Alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!
- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be.”  
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.  
Alleluia!

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**Message:**

**John 20:19-31**

**“The Church Behind Closed Doors”**

## 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 – “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”**

*LSB 602*

- 1     The gifts Christ freely gives  
          He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride,  
          His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
          Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
          And cling to His strong name.
  
- 2     The gifts flow from the font  
          Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes  
          Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins  
          With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself  
          Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
  
- 3     The gifts of grace and peace  
          From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's  
          For us to trust and know.

Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends  
Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day  
The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear,  
Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself,  
Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing  
Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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**Hymn – “God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

*LSB 594*

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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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 – “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

*LSB 470 st.8-9*

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia!

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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.

**Do you need a prayer?** If you would like a prayer for you at church, please call the church office or contact Pastor Reek by Thursday to be included in the bulletin. Please do this once you know that you need prayers, especially if you will be having medical procedures and will be in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact the church if you are having surgery or are hospitalized. Please leave your name and number when contacting the church office, so we can return your call.

**BAPTISM:** Harper Ellyse Boltz, daughter of Trevor & Chelsea Boltz will be baptized in our 10:30am service today. Her sponsors are Billy & Britney Peterson.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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 evening 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.

**LYF LASER TAG:** Middle school and high school youth we will be going as a group to Laser Tag in Lincoln on April 8. We will meet at the church at 1:00pm. Please let Carla or Vicki know if you are going. You should have received an email or text.

**THANK YOU:** The Youth Group wants to THANK to everyone who joined us last week and supported our efforts in raising funds to send the youth to the 2019 National LCMS Youth Gathering. Even with the snow we served close to 80 for the Coffee & Donuts and then almost 100 for the Easter Breakfast. We'd also like give a special note of THANKS to the members who signed up and brought the juice, milk & donuts to add to the meals.

**THANK YOU:** The Evangelism committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Palm Sunday Bake Sale a success! All your donations and support were greatly appreciated!

**THANK YOU** Pastor Reek and Pastor Brisbois for your visits and prayers, my Christian friends for your support and visits during my surgery and rehab. God Bless you, Carline Mencl.

**THANK YOU:** The Dorcas Society says Thank You to the many people who assisted in serving the recent funerals at St. Paul's. Your willingness to provide food and/or service is most valuable.

**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> 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.

**CHURCH SERVICE & POTLUCK:** We will be having a church service in the school gym at 10:30am on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in place of the 10:30am service at the church. Everyone is encouraged to join us immediately following the service in a potluck honoring Pastor Reek and his service to St. Paul's this past year. April 29<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided.

**RECEPTION:** On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> during Bible Class there will be a reception of coffee and rolls thanking Pastor Reek for his service to St. Paul's this past year. April 29<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us.

# *Gifts of Time and Treasure*

<b>Attendance &amp; Contributions Last Week</b>		
4:30 PM Maundy Thursday	65	\$930.00
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday	63	\$866.00
4:30 PM Good Friday	52	\$366.00
7:00 PM Good Friday	69	\$468.00
Sunrise Divine Service	74	\$2,759.00
8:00 AM Service	138	\$3,037.00
10:30 AM Service	178	\$4,653.00
Monday Night Service	14	\$185.00

**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 \$2.72. During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, we gave \$75.33 to Lutheran Family Services.

## *The Lord's Week*

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

Monday     7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Tuesday    12:00 Ladies Quilting/Tying  
               7:00 Church Council

Wednesday 1:30 Eunice/Naomi Circle  
               2:30 Catechism Class (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

Thursday   12:00 Ladies Quilting  
               2:00 Lydia/Mary Circle

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

**Church office hours** are

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