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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER + April 7, 2024

HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LW 516

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

P: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with thanksgiving.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

All: **Heavenly Father, we humbly confess to You that, in our natural sinfulness, we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. Neither have we loved one another as Christ has loved us. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and by Your Word and Spirit, direct what you would have us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to him. May he keep you in his grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (+) **C: Amen.**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you! **C: And also with you!**

RESPONSIVE READING 1 Peter 2:2-3; Psalm 105:1-5, 8

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember wonders and miracles he has done and the judgments he pronounced.

He remembers his covenant forever; for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

All: **Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of your grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(8:15) **SCHOOL CHILDREN GRADES 3RD-8TH** “Alleluia”

(10:30) **PRAISE SONG** “Great is the Lord” WP 53

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Then when it was still evening that first day of the week and the doors were locked where the disciples were on account of fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and says to them, “Peace be with you all.”²⁰ And after He said this, He showed His hands and His side to them. Therefore the disciples rejoiced because they saw the Lord.²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you all. Just as the Father has sent Me, even I send you all.”²² And after He said this, He breathed and says to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ Whosoever sins you forgive, they are forgiven for them. Whosoever sins you hold against them, they are held against them.”²⁴ Now, Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called “Twin,” was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So, when the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” He said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the place of the nail wounds and put my finger in the place of the nails and put my hand in His side, I will never believe it.”²⁶ Then after eight days, again His disciples were inside, but Thomas was with them. Jesus comes, even though the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you all.”²⁷ Then He says to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see My hands and reach out your hand and touch My side. And do not go on doubting but rather go from here believing.”²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus says to Him, “Is it because you saw that you have believed Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.”³⁰ So on the one hand, Jesus did many other signs before His disciples, which are not written in this book,³¹ but on the other hand, these have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that by believing, you will have life in His name. P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Thomas’ Confirmation” text: John 20:19-31

*with Evelyln Boehnlein, Karsyn Hass, Haylee Hoffman, Ella Knuth, Ashton Lawson,
Addisyn Niemuth, Adelyn Schertz & Stella Tellock*

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN DURING THE OFFERING “O Savior, Precious Savior” LW 282 (vs. 1-3)

- 1 **O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
we worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
we praise you and confess you, our Holy Lord and King.**
- 2 **O Bringer of salvation, so marvelously wrought,
yourself the revelation of love beyond our thought:
we worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
we praise you and confess you, our Holy Lord and King.**
- 3 **In you all fullness dwelling, all grace and power divine;
your glory all excelling, God’s son, O Savior mine.
We worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
we praise you and confess you, our Holy Lord and King.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

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 good and right so to do.**

P: Let us pray: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of his body and his blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat his body and drink his blood as he bids us do in his own testament. Hear us as we pray in his name and as he has taught us.

LORD’S PRAYER

All: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

JUST AS I AM LW 359 (vs. 1, 5-6)

1 **Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LW 264

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living head!**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.**

**3 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**4 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**5 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!**

**7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LW 126

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: Let us pray to the Lord. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord go before you to prepare your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, below you to be your firm foundation, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you His peace. **C: Amen.**

HYMN "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LW 139 (vs. 1-2, 5)

**1 Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.**

**2 Jesus lives! To him the throne there above all things is given.
I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**5 Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence.**

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FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP. Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, a changing table, and bathroom.

BIBLE BAGS are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring back to church for future children to enjoy.

ACOLYTES Early: Wesley Klotzbuecher & Adelyn Schertz, Late: Joe Sitter & Ella Knuth

GREETER Early: Linda Friday, Late: Janice Miller

CAMERA Alexi Klotzbuecher

USHERS Early: Roger Suehs, Larry Jasman & Jean Seeger
Late: Bill Sitter & Taylor Vaughan, Monday: Rob Ferg

STUDENT USHERS Early: Addison Niemuth & Cassandra Arndt
Late: Emma Meidam & Eleanor Schneiderwent

ALTAR GUILD Early: Gladys Scheller & Barb Vaughan
Late: Gloria Zemple, Monday: Linda Much

FELLOWSHIP Kelly Ramstack

ATTENDANCE Last Week Maundy Thursday Early – 146 + Late – 41
Good Friday Early – 109 + Late – 72
Easter Sunday Sunrise – 122 + Early—336 + Late—145 = 971

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD April 1st deposit \$22,154.15. General—\$12,044.28; Loose Offering - \$1,000.00; Maundy Thursday - \$1,586.15; Good Friday - \$2,138.71; Missions - \$841.50; Screens - \$50.00; Easter Breakfast - \$467.00; Gym Use - \$45.00; Day Care Lease - \$700.00; Facilities - \$100.00; School - \$700.00; Hot Lunch - \$1,494.46; Day Care Lunch - \$987.05; EFT's General—\$963.00; Missions - \$32.00.

THANK YOU – The family of Vernadine Breier would like to thank the Choir and the students who sang special songs for her funeral. You all held a special place in our Mom's heart. It truly made it special.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES APRIL 7 - MAY 19 This class will meet in the parlor at the back of the church. It will meet from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. It is for all who are interested in formally joining St. Paul Church. Please RSVP to Pastor Reichle or the office.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY we'll be looking at what the Bible says about forgiveness and judgment. Why does God forgive us? What does it look like to forgive those who have hurt us? What does it mean to not judge others? Join us in the Youth Room Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Talk to Deaconess Christiana if you have questions: christianaewert@gmail.com or 414-218-9478. Not meeting April 7 but will meet again on April 14.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING APRIL 7 AT 9:30 AM. One item of new business: calling a teacher candidate to our school to begin the 2024-25 school year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Women's Bible Study will now meet Tuesdays at **8:30 a.m.** in the Parlor at the back of church. We are going through the book "Pew Sisters" by CPH author Katie Schuermann. Don't worry if you missed a week. You're welcome to join any time. Please bring your kids if needed! Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or christianaewert@gmail.com

FOR SALE – ALL OCCASION HOMEMADE CARDS in the hallway by the fellowship room. \$2 each or 3 for \$5, all money from the card sales will be donated to the church & school.

SCRIP PROGRAM has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours.

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - Youth Group will meet Wednesday, April 17th, 7:00-8:30pm for a sports night in the school gym. Feel free to invite friends! If you haven't already, please fill out this Google form so that we can get you info, updates, and reminders!
http://bit.ly/stpaul_youth Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or christianaewert@gmail.com with questions.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING Sunday, April 14 between worship services in the Dining Room to recap the Fish Fry.

LWML "The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has joined with the Ladies Society. The Ladies Aid Society functions will continue with no changes. LWML activities will be reported to the society and St Paul Congregation by Gloria Zemple. LWML mites will be collected put in the Ladies Aid checking and forwarded to LWML zone 18. Please consider joining Ladies Aid and LWML to support the valuable causes they support. The group meets 2 p.m. the 1st Thursday of the month. LWML has the upcoming Spring Rally on April 13 at Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton with Gloria Zemple providing the Bible study "Forgiving When Hurt" and Deaconess Christiana Ewert has been asked to be guest speaker.

SPRING ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP DAY Saturday April 13th. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. We will gather at 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot.

AGAPE SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET Thursday, April 25th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca. Tickets \$30.00 each - table of 6 \$180.00. Contact Agape to purchase tickets 715-942-8288. Join us for food, fellowship, speakers, and a great God. Social hour 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silent auction and raffles close at 8:00 p.m.

This Week's Opportunities (April 7th – April 14th)

- Sunday..... Worship w/Communion 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 -Sunday School 3 yrs.-8th grade 9:20-10:20 a.m.
 -New Membership Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 -Special Voter's Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Monday Monday Worship w/Communion 6:30 p.m.
 -Shut-In Visitor's Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Women's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
 -Quilting 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday Chapel 8:15 a.m.
 -Public School Catechism Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
 -Council 7:30 p.m.
 -Elders Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- Friday Early School Dismissal Noon
- Saturday Adopt A Highway Clean-Up Day 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday Worship w/Communion 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 -Sunday School 3 yrs.-8th grade 9:20-10:20 a.m.
 -New Membership Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 -Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:20 a.m.
 -Men's Club Meeting between worship (lunchroom)
 -Choir practice between worship

ST. PAUL ★ GOLF OUTING & ★ FUNDRAISER

MAY 19, 2024



12:30 SHOTGUN START
FOR 4-PERSON
9-HOLE SCRAMBLE
4:00 SOCIAL HOUR
5:00 BUFFET DINNER
6:00 RAFFLE DRAWINGS
AND GOLF AWARDS

\$60 PER GOLFER
\$35 NON-GOLFER

PROCEEDS FOR:
FLAG AND
PRAYER WALK AREA

BASKETS, 50/50, AND HOLE EVENTS

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