

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

April 7/8, 2018

## *The Second Sunday of Easter*



### **A Worship Series on Moses ~ Let My People Go**

**Today's Theme:**

Who's Preaching?

*(John 20:19–31)*



**Hymn**            **478**            *The Day of Resurrection*            **(1, 2, 4)**

**Baptism**            10:15am            *Bea Kathryn Rank*

### **Invocation**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **April Memory**

Let us read, mark, learn, and take to heart your Word, O Lord:

**“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.    1 Corinthians 15:55–57**

## Confession and Absolution

Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.  
I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

**For I have the desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out.** Romans 7:18

For what I do is not the good I want to do.

**No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.** Romans 7:19

I find this law at work—

**When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.** Romans 7:21

For in my inner being I delight in God's law. Romans 7:22

**But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.** Romans 7:23

At the root of my sinfulness is this truth:

**I am unwilling and unable to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

Wretched man that I am,

**Who will deliver me from this body of death?** Romans 7:24

**Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Hear the good news!

The LORD God who delivered Israel from the Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for your sin is now risen from the dead. His resurrection proves that God accepted His sacrifice, that He did indeed suffer and die, not for His sin, but for yours. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**724**

*If God Himself Be for Me*

**(8, 10)**

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, humble us by Your holy presence. Teach us to revere You on account of Your might, Your justice, and Your mercy. Just as the sinfulness of Your people prevented them from approaching You personally at Mount Sinai, so You also graciously provided an intermediary, Moses, to speak to them. We praise You this

day that we can approach you with confidence through our mediator, Jesus, Your holy Son and our Savior, now risen from the dead,

**Amen.**

## **Psalm 78:41–54**

They tested God again and again

**and provoked the Holy One of Israel.**

They did not remember his power

**or the day when he redeemed them from the foe,**

when he performed his signs in Egypt

**and his marvels in the fields of Zoan.**

He turned their rivers to blood,

**so that they could not drink of their streams.**

He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them,

**and frogs, which destroyed them.**

He gave their crops to the destroying locust

**and the fruit of their labor to the locust.**

He destroyed their vines with hail

**and their sycamores with frost.**

He gave over their cattle to the hail

**and their flocks to thunderbolts.**

He let loose on them his burning anger,

**wrath, indignation, and distress,**

**a company of destroying angels.**

He made a path for his anger;

**he did not spare them from death,**

**but gave their lives over to the plague.**

He struck down every firstborn in Egypt,

**the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.**

Then he led out his people like sheep

**and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.**

He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid,

**but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.**

And he brought them to his holy land,

**to the mountain which his right hand had won.**

## Old Testament Reading — Exodus 19:16–25

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup>And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. <sup>20</sup>The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup>Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.” <sup>23</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’” <sup>24</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.” <sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**      7:00pm      *I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still*

## Epistle Reading — 1 John 1:1–4; 2:1–2

<sup>1</sup>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— <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

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

**Glory to You, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**Hymn**

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

(470)

*All*

O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!

*All* That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia!

*Men* That night the \_apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia!

*Women* When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!

*Men* "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia!

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

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

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

**Sermon**      **Who's Preaching?**      *(John 20:19–31)*

**Hymn**      **466**      *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*      **(1, 4, 5)**

**Offering**      *Please complete the friendship register found on the end of each pew.*

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**      **477**      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

<b>Liturgy</b>	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
<b>Organists</b>	Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke	Sunday – Mrs. Louise Reisler	
<b>Music</b>	Saturday – Philip, Paul, Ronald, and Steven Schmidt		
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Reisner      Lila Pleshek	Ethan Schauder	

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Bill Buss, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Penny Meek, Maribeth Peterman, Brittany Slack, Pat Shultz, Deb Tinlin, Katie Titler, Todd Wegner, Larry Wilke, and Joan Zittlow.*



**Our Deepest Sympathy . . .** to the families and friends of *Gertie Hein*, who was called home to the Lord on Saturday, March 31, and given Christian burial at St. Paul on Friday, April 6.

**Birth . . .** *Greyden Lee Kunschke*, son of Dustin and Nicole Kunschke, born on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Grandparents are Dale and Tammy Belongia.

**Baptism . . .** *Nicki Giansanti* was baptized on Saturday, March 31.

**Baptism . . .** *Bea Kathryn Rank*, daughter of Jeffrey Rank and Molly Beschta, was born on January 13, 2018, and will be baptized during the 10:15am service this weekend. Her sponsors are Kurt and JoAnna Buhrandt.

## *Announcements*

**There will be a special voters' meeting . . .** on Monday, April 9, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. The purpose is for designating/calling a teacher to fill the vacancy that will exist after Mrs. Reinke's retirement.

<b><i>Attended/Communed – March 29, 30, and April 1, 2018</i></b>			
Thursday	3/29	10:00am	84/ 66
Thursday	3/29	7:00pm	120/115
Friday	3/30	1:30pm	233
Friday	3/30	7:00pm	106
Sunday	4/1	6:00am	135/108
Sunday	4/1	8:00am	496/345
Sunday	4/1	10:15am	<u>394/247</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,568/881</b>

**St. Paul Men's Club . . .** invites everyone to its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual steak fry **next** Sunday, April 15, in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available between services.

**Mission Circle's Annual Salad Buffet . . .** will be Thursday, April 19 at 6:00pm. Registration is at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased from Sue Ebert 715-524-5261, Karen Banaszynski 715-758-8103, Kathleen Kriehn 715-799-3857, Donna Beyer 920-246-6040, or the church/school office. Bring your favorite salad, and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship. Luca Zischka will speak on student European tours. Because of severe allergies, please do NO pineapple, mangoes, or grapefruit.

**Christian Book Fair . . .** will be held after services the weekends of April 14/15 and April 21/22.

Dear Children of God!

Christ is risen!

Last week, I spoke with Danielle, a teaching candidate to whom we extended a call to fill the vacancy Mrs. Reinke will create upon her retirement. I asked what she has noticed about St. Paul, given her 2-3 hour morning visit at our school. She said, "Everywhere I look, students are smiling!" I smiled at her, and she continued, "Pastor, you may not be surprised, but it is not like that at every school. Your kids are happy to be here!"

Further, our enrollment is strong. We have 181 Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and have not exceeded 180 in at least 20 years. We have a small 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Upon their graduation, assuming another sizable Kindergarten class begins, we may exceed 190. Our Pre-school continues to draw families. It's wonderful. Christian schools are closing. Ours is growing.

Our congregation is shifting in some ways, however. The number of people who consider coming to church the highest priority of the week is shrinking. Not everyone was brought up in a family where weekly worship was a given. For the first time in years, our Sunday offerings are down noticeably as is our weekend worship attendance. We are not pushing panic buttons, but want you to be aware. Worship attendance had been 550-560. The current fiscal year it is 500-510. In the five previous years, our offerings trended fairly evenly from \$870,000 – \$910,000. At the end of this fiscal year (June 30), we are expecting \$800,000 – \$810,000. Some special gifts are making up the difference, and our Hope in Him three-year offering is going beautifully. Of the two trends, worship attendance and offerings, we are much more concerned about the former. The main reason we come to church is because this is where Jesus promises to meet us with His Word, forgiveness, Baptism, and His Supper. One's faith will not live indefinitely without Him, and of course, without Him, no one will live eternally. Can we begin to work at this together? Can each of us find one person we know, member or none, who is not worshipping regularly, and kindly ask, "Is your faith still important to you? Is there something I can do to help you?" Maybe they are hurting. Maybe they need a nudge. They need us to remember them.

Coming up! Voters meeting for a new teacher on Monday, April 9, 6:00pm.

Confirmation Witness Exam on Wednesday, May 2, 6:30pm.

Confirmation Sunday for 27 confirmands on May 6, 9:30am.

I look forward to using this bulletin space frequently to bring you my thoughts and information. You can also see the bulletin on line at our webpage under *resources*.

Christ is risen, indeed!

*Pastor Shoup*

**The Story Bible . . .** will be given to all 3-year-old children during the 10:15am service on April 22.

**Sr. High Youth with Pastors . . .** gathering will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars!

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Peace to You"** (*Luke 24:36–49*) Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or at [.org](#).

**LWML Rally . . .** All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the LWML Spring Rally at Faith United Church/Gillett on Saturday, April 14. Ladies will car pool from St. Paul parking lot at 8:00am. Registration is \$5 and includes lunch. The Christian Life topic will be presented by the speaker on Sam's 25. Gifts of the Heart ingathering will go towards the needs of Sam's 25 in Shawano. A list of needs is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Contact Shirley Krull with questions 920–525–2863 or 715–851–2863.

**BLOOD DRIVE at St. Paul, Monday, April 30, Noon – 5:00pm**



**American  
Red Cross**

A sign up table is available in the narthex. Information is available at the sign up table or you may call the Red Cross for eligibility questions at 866–236–3276. Online registration is available for your convenience:  
**[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code **stpaulbonduel**.**

**WRLHS Rep Meeting . . .** will take place this Sunday April 8, at 1:30pm at WRLHS commons. We look forward to sharing the latest updates for WRLHS.

**WRLHS Now Enrolling . . .** Wolf River Lutheran High is enrolling now for Grades 9–12. An enrollment link may be found on the school's Facebook page or by calling the school office at 715–745–2400. We are now a choice school. This helps cover your child's tuition. Application deadline is April 20. Questions? Contact the school office.

**St. Jakobi Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner . . .** will be held on April 22 from 11:00am–2:00pm. Cost: adults \$8, children 5 and under \$2. Carryouts will be available.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 4/8** 8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)  
9:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship  
SCRIP collected
- Monday 4/9** 7:30am Strong Bones  
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
- Tuesday 4/10** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting  
6:30pm Church Council  
7:00pm Board of Evangelism
- Wednesday 4/11** 4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation  
6:00pm 5/6 Grades Confirmation  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
6:30pm SPYRT Storm  
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 4/12** 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
- Friday 4/13** 7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by noon
- Saturday 4/14** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion  
SCRIP collected
- Sunday 4/15** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #1)  
9:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion  
SCRIP collected

## **Acolyte Schedule Next Week**

**April 14** Abbi Heller  
**April 15** Alex Ard

Taylor Rank

## **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

**April 14** Sandy Staszak  
**April 15** Maureen Zernicke

Pam Schmidt



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