

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
April 19, 2020 (Livestreamed)

## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

### **Greeting**

The women brought grief and fear to the tomb. God the Father brought an angel and a large earth quake. The earth quake was God's stone-moving tool. The angel was His voice. "He is not here! He is risen! See the place where He lay!" While hurrying to tell the disciples, Jesus greeted them. They grabbed His feet and worshiped him. That night, Jesus appeared to the disciples. They believed, except for Thomas. He was not with them. A week later Jesus appeared to Thomas, who exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." And there we are. We do not see Jesus. But we surely are blessed, blessed with faith and eternal life, blessed to know and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. And while we may not see Jesus' face, we do see His *footprints* all around town. Today we thank God for Jesus death, His resurrection, and for leaving *footprints*. We know, trust, and follow Him, the Son of God.



### **Opening Hymn**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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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!

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!

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## Confession and Absolution

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

**Amen.**

Because the crucified Christ is risen from the dead, we approach Him, prepared to confess our sins, absolutely assured of His forgiveness.

**Most merciful God and Father, we confess that we are weak and sinful by our nature, and by our words and actions. Daily, we sin against You and against others. Forgive us Lord, when we trust the things You give to us instead of trusting You, the One who provides for all our needs. Increase our faith to fear, love, and trust in You above all things.**

The tomb is empty!

**Christ is risen!**

Jesus has taken into Himself the punishment of sin,  
**and He has defeated death and the devil.**

For His sake, we pray, dear Father,

**forgive us, renew us, and guide us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and He is indeed risen from the dead! For His sake God 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.

**Amen.**

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!

Adoring praises now we bring  
 and with the heavn'ly blessèd 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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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

*Amen.*

## The First Reading — Acts 5:29–42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.

<sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.

<sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed

and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 1:3–9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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### **Alleluia and Verse**



The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second line contains the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second line.

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

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**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
make 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  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

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

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

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

## Sermon

**"His Footprints Are Everywhere"**     (*John 20:29*)

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

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

“My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be.”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Offering

*Please mail your offerings to the church office, give online, or drop off your envelope  
(checks only) at the Bonduel State Bank drive-up window.*

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

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.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

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

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

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



# *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organist** Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Rev. Mark R. Palmer

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Mike Babino, Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Judy Manthei, Joan McKenna, Laurel Sauerbrei, Donna Seefeldt, and Wallace Zernicke.*



**Baptism . . .** *Jaxson John Naumann*, son of Justin and Terra Naumann, was born on February 20, 2020. He was baptized into the family of our Lord on Saturday, April 18. His sponsors are Jeremy Moede, Travis Naumann, and Alicia Wickman.

## *Announcements*

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Great Pursuit" (Exodus 15)**

Being pursued is a terrifying place to be. And, unfortunately, we all live there. But the good news is that we're not the only ones being pursued. You and I have a Lord Who pursues the pursuer. We have a Savior Who will not let the enemy of His people have the last word. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Ryan Tinetti on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [.lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org).



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