

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
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## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*



### Opening Hymn

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*


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Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory  
He who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.

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### Confession and Absolution

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

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

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

Because the crucified Christ is risen from the dead, and because He is the Good Shepherd who calls us by His voice, we approach Him, prepared to confess our sins and certain to hear His Word of forgiveness.

**Most merciful God and Father, we confess that we are weak and sinful by our nature, and by our words and deeds. 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! He is the Good Shepherd. 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.**

## **Hymn**

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

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This is a sight that gladdens—what peace it doth impart!

Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.

No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take

The hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;

My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

## **The Blessing of the Fields**

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**O Lord my God, You are very great;**

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;

**The earth is satisfied by the fruit of His work.**

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate,

**bringing forth food from the earth,**

Wine that gladdens the heart of man,

**oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**

The trees of the Lord are well watered,

**the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.**

Then man goes out to his work,

**to his labor until evening.**

How many are Your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Almighty God, only by God's grace for Jesus' sake do we enjoy the blessings of this earth. Thank You for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life. Bless the fields and those who work to bring them to harvest. Give us seasonable weather, and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in Your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## **The First Reading — Acts 17:16–31**

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And

some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 3:13–22**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s

patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn

### *Built on the Rock*

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Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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## Sermon

## Easter Medley

### *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

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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.

### *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

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Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

*Alleluia! Jesus is risen!*

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Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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## **Offering**

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## **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

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

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Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!

Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.

Thanks because Thou didst arise and hast opened paradise!

None can fully sing the glory of the resurrection story.

Thou hast died for my transgression, all my sins on Thee were laid;

Thou hast won for me salvation, on the cross my debt was paid.

From the grave I shall arise and shall meet Thee in the skies.

Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy Thine advent gave me, for Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, for Thy blest Communion board;

For Thy death, the bitter scorn, for Thy resurrection morn,

Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, and in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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**We Pray For . . .** all high school and college graduates.

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## Announcements

**Publications Available . . .** The Lutheran Witness, Quarterly, and Mission Tidings may be picked up in the school entrance.

### **The Lutheran Hour . . . "Life After Rescue" (*Exodus 20*)**

First, God saves. Then, He gives instruction. An incident from World War II helps us put God's Ten Commandments in perspective. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**Camp Luther's staff . . .** and Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to postpone the opening of their summer youth programs at Camp Luther until June 28. Visit [campluther.com/covid19](http://campluther.com/covid19) for more information and updates.

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