

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

April 4/7, 2024



## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

### **Welcome to the House of the Lord**

At the conclusion of today's Gospel reading is the familiar, "Jesus did many other signs that are not recorded in the book, but these things are written so that you may believe..." On the one hand, the Resurrection is not a sign. It is the culminating act or miracle securing our salvation to which all the other signs point. On the other hand, Thomas seeing the risen Jesus is the sign that stirs his own faith, just as John selected other miracles, or "signs" as John calls them, through which Jesus and the Spirit stir up faith in the recipients of His mercy. God actually helps people where they are. He did so for the people listed below. Seeing what He did for them allows us to know He can help us. He can and will help us, and more, gives us reason to believe and trust in Him. May our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless your worship today.

**Turning Water into Wine (John 2:1–11)**  
**Cleansing the Temple (John 2:12–17)**  
**Healing the Official's Son (John 4:46–54)**  
**Healing the Lame Man (John 5:1–15)**  
**Feeding the Multitude (John 6:1–15)**  
**Healing the Blind Man (John 9)**  
**Raising Lazarus (John 11)**



**Opening Hymn** 797 *Praise the Almighty* 1–4

**Easter Cry**

Alleluia

**Alleluia!**

Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

**Baptism** 10:15am *Connor Reed Kienast*

**Confession and Absolution** page 151

**Introit — Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Seek the LORD and his strength;

**seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

He remembers his covenant forever,

**the word that he commanded, 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.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

**if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

**Hymn**      **797**      *Praise the Almighty stanza 5*

Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
    Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
    With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
    Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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.*

## **First Reading — Acts 4:32–35**

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 John 1:1—2:2**

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>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<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.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **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.*

**Nicene Creed**      *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*

**Hymn**      734      *I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name*

**Sermon**

**Offering**      *(Please fill in the friendship register found on the end of each pew.)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Service of the Sacrament**      page 160

*For our guests desiring the Lord's Supper...*

Holy Communion is the eating and drinking of Christ's crucified and risen body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for strength for this life, and for the assurance of everlasting life with Him. It is a miraculous gift full of grace.

The Bible also teaches that anyone who receives the Lord's Supper who does not believe or has not been taught our Lord's teaching, or who is unrepentant, receives Christ's body and blood to his or her harm. Out of love for you, we kindly ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation.

**Distribution Hymns**      469      470      632

**Post-Communion Canticle ~ Thank the Lord**      page 164

**Closing Hymn**      474      *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*      1–3



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Liturgy**      Rev. Mark R. Palmer      **Sermon**      Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organist**      Mrs. Louise Reisler

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Jon Baker, Violet Beilfuss, Bruce Heling, Tom Kriehn, Mary Luepke, Sue Nohr, Johnathan Parr (infant), Jeff Parsons, Dana Rudzinski, Theresa Runge, Willa Rusch, Marlene Schmidt, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Marilyn Tessmann, Mark Welch, Todd and Troy Westphal, Julius Wnuk, and Jacob Worthington.*



**This weekend's bulletin . . .** is sponsored to the glory of God by *Ellie Drage and her family* in memory of *Ronald Drage*.

**Baptism . . .** *Connor Reed Kienast*, son of Kyle and Ashley Kienast, will be baptized during our 10:15am service this weekend. He was born February 1, 2024, and his sponsors are Blake Hanamann and Leah Bloomer.

**We pray for . . .** the family of *Richard Wegner*, who was called to his eternal rest on Monday, April 1, 2024, and who was given Christian burial at St. Paul on April 6, 2024.

**We pray for . . .** the family of *Don Reinke*, who was called to his eternal home on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, and who will be given Christian burial at St. Paul on Monday, April 8, 2024.

## *Announcements*

**Preparing for next week's worship . . .** Acts:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John :1-7; and Luke 24:36-49

**Voters' Meeting . . .** The quarterly voters' meeting will be held next Sunday, April 14, after the second service at approximately 11:30am in the fellowship hall. The agenda will include: the FY2025 budget review, pastoral call update, update on the long-range planning committee, and current projects/Hope in Him.

<i>Attended/Communed — March 20, 21, 24, 2024</i>			
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>3/28</b>	10:00am	93/ 82
		7:00pm	<u>148/126</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>241/208</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3/29</b>	1:30pm	231
		7:00pm	<u>90</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>3/31</b>	6:00am	135/104
		8:00am	471/361
		10:15am	<u>338/226</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>944/691</b>
<b>Livestream Views</b>	<b>3/28 – 118</b>	<b>3/29 – 108</b>	<b>3/31 – 168</b>

**Welcome to our Ukrainian Family. . .** Between Services today meet the Ukrainian family that we have sponsored. Also, many thanks for all the donations to help facilitate the set-up of their apartments and the transportation to get them there. They are very thankful for the gracious gifts. Monetary donations are welcome to be brought into the office or placed in the offering plate with a note. Donations will be used to offset the cost of rent, utilities, and food assistance, etc.

**Our adopted Ukrainian Family . . .** has had time to settle into their first apartment by now; their second apartment in the same building on Jefferson Street will become available in the middle of April and be a welcome relief from having six people (and soon a 7th) living in a two-bedroom place. Help will be greatly appreciated when that day comes - we will know better sometime next week. The move will consist mainly of moving furniture from our storage shed to the apartment, and the **family will be part of the crew!** Meet them, work alongside them, learn more about who they are by helping for a couple hours. The most current information about the move will be posted on the church website.



**Thank you . . .** to the following people and groups who provided music during our Lenten services, Holy Week, and Easter services: Dennis and Kimberly Brei, Karon Bouwma, Ayden Dunst, Dave Hull,

Debbie Welch, Louise Reisler, Willa Rusch, Gerald Schmidt, Philip Schmidt, Addison Prochaska, Erin Stoltenow, Wolf River Lutheran High School Choir, and the following groups of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School: the Handbells Choir, the Adult Choir, school children in grades Preschool through Grade 6, and our school faculty and staff. We appreciate that you have used your musical gifts to praise the Lord and build up His people during worship this past Lenten season. *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Psalm 98:4-6*

### **The Lutheran Hour . . . "Breathe In, Breathe Out" Acts 2:42-47**

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

#### **Job Openings at St. Paul**

- Part-time custodian – 2 nights a week
- Part-time Groundskeeper – April-October
- PK4 teacher – Needs a Bachelor Degree
- Grade 8 teacher – Need Bachelor Degree

For more information, or to apply, contact Principal Aaron Landgrave at the school office 715-758-8532 or at [a.landgrave@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:a.landgrave@stpaulbonduel.com).



**Transfer the Blessings . . .** A good gift plan can present solutions to challenging family dynamics. Years ago, a husband and wife were meeting with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Both had been married before, as their spouses had been called home to Jesus. Each of them brought children into the relationship. The assets they brought were not equal. Urged by the advice of various people, they began considering a way in which they could isolate their assets from each other, creating multiple trusts. Complicating matters, because they truly loved each other, they wanted to provide for each other when the first of them was called home. They felt uncomfortable about such absolute separation of their assets if they truly were going to share their lives as “one flesh”, in keeping with the model of marriage from Genesis 1. They laid out a complicated stream of thoughts before the LCMS Gift Planning Counselor. After a lengthy conversation, the gift planning counselor noticed an interesting phenomenon about their assets relative to family. Coming into this marriage, one spouse had twice as many financial assets as the other. That same spouse with the greater assets also had twice as many children as the other spouse. The ratio made sense. If they combined their assets and equally divided them among all their children, each child would receive the same amount as if they had put in place a complicated legal set of trusts to separate their assets. The Gift Planning Counselor conveyed a message to their attorney, and they emerged from that attorney with a simple plan that made them feel content. The plan they created together also allowed them to make some gifts to support ministry in the future. In addition, this plan did not foster an imposed separation between their children. Taking the time for extended conversation and prayer allowed this couple to discern the right thing to do, rather than pursuing plans that would be expensive, complicated, and less than satisfying. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is available to meet with you in the same way. For more information, contact Gary Vought at 715-891-1447.

**A High School Graduates’ Recognition . . .** is being planned for all high school graduates. If you have someone who is graduating from high school this year and did not go to St. Paul Lutheran School, please notify the church office at 715-758-8559.

**Booster Club Night Golf . . .** Save the Date: June 1 is the Booster Club's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Night Golf Outing. Join us to golf OR just come for dinner and drinks, then bid on the silent auction items. This outing is our Booster Club's largest fundraiser, and we would love to have a larger St. Paul showing that night to help us raise money. Funds raised will be used to support the needs of our athletic department. This year we are looking to update the graphics and paint in the gym and possibly purchase a second scoreboard. Please scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to register for dinner, golf, or even to sponsor a hole at the outing. We hope to see you there!

### **Associate Pastor Call Process Update**

We received the names of thirteen pastors, six submitted by members of our congregation and seven from President Lueck, along with personal and pastoral information about each. The next step is for our Call Committee (our Board of Elders) to conduct interviews, Lord willing, in April.

Rev. Joseph Beran, Bethlehem, Santa Clarita, CA

Rev. Ryan Fehrmann, Zion Lutheran Church, Aniwa, WI

Rev. Brian Gauthier, Concordia University (Theology Professor), Seward, NE

Rev. Michael Gudgel, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lemont, IL

Rev. Jacob Heine, Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS

Rev. Scott Johnson, Zion, Mondovi, WI

Rev. Christopher Beck, Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IN

Rev. Timothy Chase, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Truman, MN

Rev. Edward Hosch, Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia, KS

Rev. Dr. Andrew Johnson, Christ, Milford MI

Rev. Daniel Mackey, Grace, Muncie, IN

Rev. Timothy Martinal, St. Paul, Millington, MI

Rev. Kyle Winter, The Church at Creston-Lutheran, Kalispell, MT

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/7</b>	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Board of Elders) 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/8</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies 5:00pm Board of Christian Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<i>Amico's Pizza Fundraiser for SPYRT</i> 7:00am Bible Class 8:00am Quilting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/10</b>	8:10am Chapel 4:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm Board of Stewardship 5:00pm Board of Evangelism 5:30pm Public School Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council 7:05pm Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/11</b>	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/12</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies 5:00pm Elders' Dinner at Doell's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/13</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/14</b>	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2025) 10:15am Worship 11:30am Voters' Meeting

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

<b>April 11</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>April 14</b>	Barb Swiecichowski	Amy Schmidt



**All Things St. Paul**



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