



He is Risen

HE IS RISEN, INDEED.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Psalm 32:1) During the season of Lent, we are blessed to follow Jesus to the cross and see how he has forgiven our sins by his sufferings and death. We are so thankful to share in that blessedness with you at St. Paul's. Our mission is to Grow in Christ and to go with Christ.

Thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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WORSHIP DURING THESE TIMES

All pews are open for seating. Face coverings are optional - up to the individual. Please feel free to use the Bibles/Hymnals in the racks. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. There are bulletins available in the narthex or from an usher. Please keep or discard them at the end of worship. Offerings can be placed in the marked boxes in the narthex.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP INFORMATION

On our website you will find previous and current links for our worship services, bulletins, and announcements. We livestream the 8:00 a.m. service every Sunday. We can also make a copy of our worship on a DVD for you. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return the DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of it.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us after first service, at 9:15 a.m., for our Family Bible Hour. We have Sunday school for 4K-8th grade and Adult Bible Class. Childcare is offered during the Adult Bible Class. There are other Bible Study Opportunities during the week. Contact one of our Pastors for more information.

COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as well as those following Monday evenings. Because God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), we practice close communion, inviting up to the Lord's Table those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms. Near the entrance of the church, there are children's quiet bags with pictures, books, and a sketch tablet. If you use them, please put them back after the service. Based on Scriptural examples and developmental evidence, parents at St. Paul's worship with their young children. We encourage members to reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

People of God – Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will not die, but live,
And proclaim what the Lord has done!

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song of Praise

Behold the Lamb

Led by St. Paul's Adult Choir

Choir: *Refrain:* Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Choir: Crown him. Worthy is the Lamb. Praise him, heav'n and earth resound!
Refrain

Please stand to sing:

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavn'y anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

Choir: Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God!

Opening responses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray

that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 15:1–11

The LORD's greatness appeared as he drowned Pharaoh's army and delivered the Israelites from death at the Red Sea.

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. ²"The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷"In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' ¹⁰But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Sung by St. Paul's Adult Choir

How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice, to conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah! For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive, he stands, their Friend and King. Christ, Christ, he is risen!

Refrain: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah! Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed. But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah! Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace. And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting! *Refrain*

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save! He frees our hearts to live his grace. Go, tell of his goodness! *Refrain*

He is risen! He's alive! He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide! He's alive! He's alive! Now in heaven glorified!
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–4

Set your hearts and minds on things above with Christ; when he appears, we will appear with him in glory.

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel

John 20:1–18

After Peter and John raced to the empty tomb, Jesus revealed himself as risen to Mary Magdalene.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other

disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."
¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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Sermon

Exodus 15

Easter Means My Salvation

Worked by the LORD's Power – Marked by the Highest Praise

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

He is risen indeed!

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

Alleluia!

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

You are risen!

Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

You are risen indeed!

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Alleluia!

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

He is risen!

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

He is risen indeed!

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

read; 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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Nick Binsfeld, Chad Pennings.

10:30 a.m. Tim Henning, Jamie Hass, Logan Schroeder, Joe Grzonka.

6:30 p.m. Bill Reichardt.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



Announcements for this week were sent via email this past Thursday. The announcements can also be found on our website in the blog post. If you request a printed copy of the Church Newsletter, you will find a printed copy of announcements for this week in your mailbox. Thank you!

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH THIS MORNING ARE IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING LOVED ONES:

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**"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO
 BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE; AND
 WHOEVER LIVES BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE."**

JOHN 11:25-26