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VIGIL OF EASTER / EASTER DAWN
A CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION
AND OUR BAPTISM

April 21, 2019

AS WE GATHER *The Christ Candle was removed from the sanctuary on Good Friday to dramatically depict Christ's human death and the temporary darkness which fell over the earth. To begin this Easter Vigil/Easter Dawn, the Christ Candle is brought back into the sanctuary with a blessing of the "new flame" and the return of the Light. The Paschal Candle is then lit, symbolizing Christ's resurrected presence from that first Easter until he returned to heaven on Ascension Day. This service is also a celebration of the re-birth and new life which is given to each of us through Holy Baptism.*

BELLS CALLING US TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

M Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night / morn, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. In hearing the Word and lifting our voices in thanksgiving and praise, we share in Christ's victory over death.

C **Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega.**

M His are time and eternity; to him are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By his wounds we have healing both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND PROCESSION OF LIGHT

M The Paschal candle represents our risen Lord shining in the light and the splendor of his resurrection. He is the new "pillar of fire" leading redeemed Israel out of the bondage of sin into the promised land.

C **May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

M Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful Father, once we were darkness, but now we are light in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Bless abundantly all who joyfully celebrate this night/day in faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill them with your heavenly blessing in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Paschal candle is lit.

M The light of Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

M Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

PASCHAL HYMN

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light,
And list' ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav' ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
O God, you once delivered your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them in safety through the Red Sea, thereby giving us a picture of our baptism. Grant that we may ever be faithful to your baptismal promise, live in its grace, and show forth to all people your desire that all should be made the children of Abraham; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Surely God is my salvation. I will trust in him and not be afraid.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

M On this holiest of days, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you, therefore: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C **Yes, 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.**

M Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

M Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

M Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

HYMN 299

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

THE EASTER GOSPEL

John 20:1-18, Bible page 1087
The Empty Tomb

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN 143

He's Risen, He's Risen

He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

Oh, where is your sting, Death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:51-58, Bible page 1155

Pastor David Kuehl

Risen! Death, Where Is Your Sting?

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, *Brass Ensemble*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 152, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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!

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

M The Lord is risen!

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

M 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

Christ
is
Risen!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 22, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
WED	9:00 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	5:30 pm	McLain/Kuhn Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	2:00 pm	Amy McLain and Mike Kuhn Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Open Forum (Faith Room)
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:30 am	Following the Promise Bible Study (School Classroom 9)
	9:00 am	Open Forum (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:00 am	Open Forum (Grace Room)
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Open Forum (Faith Room)



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ONE JOURNEY CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

Jesus' friends thought Good Friday was the end of the road. It was actually just the beginning. Easter gave them hope, companionship, and purpose. In our services today, we join them on that journey to Jesus' empty tomb. Come back to join them and us as we continue our journey.

- A Journey Past the Stronghold of Doubt (John 20:19-31) — April 28
- A Journey toward a New Friendship — Confirmation — (John 21:1-14) — May 5
- A Journey Following a Familiar Voice — Mother's Day — (John 10:22-30) — May 12
- A Journey that Exposes You for What You Are (John 13:31-35) — May 19
- A Journey with a Faithful Guide — Memorial Day — (John 14:23-29) — May 26
- A Journey that Gives Meaning to Life (Luke 24:44-53) — June 2



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Bruce Marggraf, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc. Gary Ives at the VA Hospital, Nancy Rindfleisch at St. Luke's, and Audrey Wefel has transferred to The Virginia Health and Rehab Center in Waukesha.

ATTENDANCE

1303 attended Palm Sunday worship services.

A PLACE TO START

Are you looking for a place to start in studying the Bible? Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate at nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org.

WHAT DO I REALLY HEAR?

What actually goes into putting a sermon together? An upcoming two-week Bible study will help you appreciate the answer to that. It will also encourage you not just to "receive" a sermon but really consume it. Join Pastor Wayne Shevey, St. Paul's member and campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, for this unique topic, Sundays, April 28 and May 5, in the Grace Room at 9:15 am.

ATTEND AN OPEN FORUM

OPEN FORUMS: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Join us at one of the open forums scheduled below to hear our plans to serve our community in the new fiscal year which begins July 1. Using our seven core values, we want to share our vision for the future:

- How we hope to reach a younger audience.
- Plans to start a second worship site to reach more people for Christ.
- Plans for a Christian counseling center on our campus.
- The results of the Parental Choice programs on our ministry.
- God's blessings on the Legacy and Gift Trust Funds.
- The Cool Million results and plans.
- Our financial position and the financial ministry plan for the new year.



Some of this information will be in *The Messenger* that will be emailed out this coming week and handed out at next weekend's services. The open forums will provide more information and an opportunity for questions and discussion. Your feedback in these forums is important. Ministry Board members will be present to hear your questions. The board has scheduled a meeting the week after all the open forums to react to what was heard. All this is part of our preparation for the annual voters' meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm.

Open forum times and locations:

- Saturday, April 27, at 6:00 pm in the Faith Room
- Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 am in the Faith Room
- Sunday, April 28, at 10:00 am in the Grace Room
- Sunday, April 28, at noon in the Faith Room
- Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room

MISSION PARTNER OPPORTUNITY

BE A MISSION TRIP PARTNER

St. Paul's member, Kara Darling, has been asked to spend three weeks in Malawi, Africa as part of a WELS Kingdom Workers mission trip. "I will be using my knowledge in the area of speech and language pathology. I will provide local volunteers support and education as they work with children with speech and language impairments. I am very excited for this and looking forward to seeing how God will use me through this trip!" The cost of the trip is \$3000. If you would like to partner with Kara and receive real-time email updates on her trip, give a gift of any amount, clearly marked, "Kingdom Worker Mission Trip." Include your email address on the envelope. Thanks in advance for helping share the love of Christ to the people of Malawi!



WORLD CLASS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

YOUR INFLUENCE MATTERS

You have influence and the ability to positively impact your community and world. No matter your sphere of influence – in your family, school, work or church – when you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins! On August 8 and 9, join an expected 405,000+ people globally for two days of world-class leadership training.



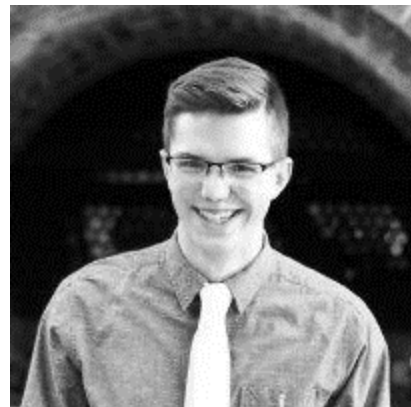
As a Summit 2019 Private View Site, St. Paul's members and friends can receive world-class leadership development at a special discount – up to \$90 off regular rates! Join your friends in our own Trinity Gym to participate in this life changing simulcast.

Register at StPaulMuskego.org/GLS and pay by credit card using priority code PV2019.

- Early Bird Private View Rate - \$89 (must be received by June 25)
- Regular Private View Rate - \$119

"I have attended The Global Leadership Summit for the past two years. Going to these conferences is shaping me into the type of leader I want to be. As a matter of fact, my college freshman year in speech class I did a persuasive speech to my class on why everyone should make the investment to attend this event. I pray that others will come and see the way it blesses you from all different aspects, regardless of your career or age, as it has most certainly been a blessing to me. I hope to see you there."

~ Adam Westendorf



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

EASTER FOR KIDS 2019 SUCCESS

We were blessed with 112 children, ages 3-12, at last Saturday's Easter for Kids event. Thirty-two volunteers, including 16 teens, helped children through stations of crafts, games, snacks, singing, a Holy Week video, and a live puppet show, "Easter Blessings." Thank you to all who joined in this Easter celebration event!

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

St. Paul's Lutheran School will be splitting kindergarten into two classrooms for 2019-2020 due to the large class size. This week St. Paul's Ministry Board extended a one-year call to Miss Emily Davis to serve as a co-teacher of kindergarten together with Mrs. Sue Kuehl. Miss Davis is a member of St. Paul's and is currently teaching 2nd grade at Grace Lutheran School in Menomonee Falls. Miss Davis grew up in Georgia, graduated from Georgia Southern University, taught for three years in Georgia (two years of kindergarten and one year of 1st grade), moved to Colorado Springs and taught there for two years (kindergarten and 1st grade), and then she moved here to Wisconsin in 2017 to live near one of her sisters. Please keep Miss Davis in your prayers as she considers serving the Lord here at St. Paul's.

SUMMER CARE AVAILABLE AT ST. PAUL'S

A summer of adventure, fun, and friendship in a loving Christian environment awaits your child when they enroll in our summer care program at St. Paul's. This program is for children entering 3K, who are potty trained, up through 4th grade. Flexible scheduling is an option. Information and registration forms are available at www.stpmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THE ST. PAUL'S NURSERY TEAM IS HIRING

We are currently hiring a part-time childcare provider to cover the 9:15 am Sunday service. Hours are 9:00 –10:30 am, two Sundays per month. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.

VICTORY OF THE LAMB – WELCOME THEIR NEW PASTOR!

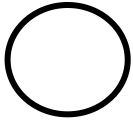
All are invited to the installation of Pastor Ben Sadler as the second pastor at Victory of the Lamb, 11120 West Loomis Road in Franklin, on Sunday, April 28, at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services. Celebrate after the 10:30 am service at the provided luncheon.

TWELVE OILS OF ANCIENT SCRIPTURE

There is a significant collection of essential oils used throughout the ages to give relief to those in pain. Enjoy light refreshments and learn more in a presentation on Sunday, April 28, noon to 1:30 pm in the Grace Room. Reserve your spot today with Karen at (262) 232-7901 or spirit.thing.schram@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: HEALTHY MARRIAGE AT GRACE DOWNTON

Save the date for a 2-day marriage retreat at the beautiful Grace Center in downtown Milwaukee on September 20 and 21. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center in the lobby or visit <https://wels.net/event/healthy-marriage-milwaukee-wisconsin> for more information. If you would like to attend, but need financial assistance, please contact Pastor Pete at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Share a highlight from your celebration of Jesus' resurrection this year.

2. "Go, see for yourself!" As you feel comfortable, share the time in your life when you thought, "I have to prove it to myself that Jesus really did rise from the dead." Was it as a child? A teen? A young adult? A time of challenge in your life?

3. The angel said to the women, "Remember how he told you" (Luke 24:6). What do the following passages have in common?
 - Mark 9:9-10

 - Mark 9:30-32

 - Mark 10:32-34

4. Read I Corinthians 15:1-8. List the eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection. What other eyewitnesses can you add to that list from the rest of the Bible?

5. Read I Corinthians 15:12-23. What are some of God's promises to you that are made certain by Jesus' resurrection?

6. Break up into groups of three or four for prayer: Share a fear or concern that you have for yourself or someone else. Then the person next to you is to pray for you to the Risen Savior to use the power he used to raise himself from the dead to help you.