

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (Apr 11) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sun. School**

Dale (Food Pantry Collection).....8:00 am  
Larsen ..... 10:00 am

### **TUES** (Apr 13)

Wolf River Pastors Circuit Meeting – New London ..... 10:00 am  
St. Paul council meeting .....6:30 pm

### **WED** (Apr 14)

St. Peter's council meeting .....7:30 pm

### **THURS** (April 15)

Bible Class-St. Paul ..... 10:00 am  
**WORSHIP**-St. Paul.....6:30 pm  
Teens/20's – St. Paul .....7:30 pm

### **NEXT SUN** (Apr 18) **WORSHIP & Sun. School**

Dale.....8:00 am  
Larsen ..... 10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Apr 4** – Cheryl Harrmann **Apr 5** – Kim Calmes **Apr 8** – Candy Kohler **Apr 13** – Tim Kohler **Apr 14** – Louise Rhode **Apr 16** – Heather Gubbels

**THANK YOU** - Special thanks to Rev. Roger Grosnick for serving today while Pastor Ibisch and Lisa are visiting with family. Pastor Ibisch will be available to serve with spiritual needs by calling 920-878-3001 as they are expected back tomorrow.

**BIBLE CLASS** - (St. Paul) Have you ever wondered who Jesus' favorite disciple was? We will have an opportunity to study the account of Jesus' life and ministry from the point of view of the disciple "whom Jesus loved." The only one who actually witnessed Jesus trials and crucifixion and the one entrusted with the care of Mary, Jesus' mother after Jesus' death. ***Our study of the Gospel of John begins this Thursday morning (4/15) at 10 a.m.***

**THURSDAY WORSHIP** - (St. Paul) The Thursday evening worship service in the lounge will resume this Thursday (4/15) at 6:30 p.m. Please reserve space for the service by calling the church office (920-779-6777) as we will continue practicing distancing for the service.

**TEENS AND TWENTIES** - (St. Paul) will again be meeting following the Thursday night service at 7:30 p.m.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

**TODAY'S WORSHIP** – Jesus' Easter greeting is much more than just the Hebrew, Shalom! He does not merely wish peace, he gives it. Jesus gives it to his disciples to give to the world. What an amazing thing! God uses flawed and imperfect vessels to share his peace with the world. All glory goes to Christ and the power he plants in the Word. He comes to us in Easter, with his peace. He's so anxious that we get it in the face of all that is in us which contradicts his peace: the warfare of our nature against his Word, the successes of the devil and the world in their assaults upon the soul. Peace with God and peace with Jesus himself was the last thing that the disciples might have expected to hear and receive from Jesus that day. But now, the very first thing the disciples hear from the mouth of the risen Savior is: Peace! That's his message to us who have not seen but by the power of the Word have nevertheless believed.

### **Welcome to our Guests—**

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

The liturgy and hymns will be shown on the large screen in the front of the church and the readings are printed in the bulletin.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS AND WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** *The Common Service with Holy Communion, pg 15 in the red hymnals.*

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** #156; 165; 152; 316

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 16 pg. 68

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*)



O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ GOD'S WORD +

### **THE FIRST LESSON: – Acts 3:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup>"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.

## THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN

**DIST. HYMN: #152** *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*  
(as many verses as are needed for the distribution of Holy Communion)

*Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices "Close Communion." The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.*

**THE SONG OF SIMEON, on screen**

**PRAYER AND BLESSING, on screen**

**CLOSING HYMN: #316** *"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

**OFFERINGS** – (St. Paul) The weekly offerings for March 21 & March 28 were \$4,160.00. The Vanco online offerings for week ending March 20 were \$420.00 and for week ending March 27 were \$670.00. TOTAL \$ 5,250.00

**COMMUNION** – Holy Communion will be offered in the pews with the pastor bringing the elements to each row. After use, the disposal cups should be placed in the zip lock bags and members can dispose of them in the garbage cans provided in the entry for that purpose. *Please take a moment to register for communion in the binder in the entryway.*

**ST. PAUL COUNCIL** meets Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

**ST. PETER'S COUNCIL** meets Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 pm.

<sup>19</sup>Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 16, pg. 68** (*Sing in Unison*)

**SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)



**GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31** (sermon text)



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples 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 the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



**NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #165 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"**

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** Based: John 20:19-31

**"Easter: A Message to Be Shared"**

After the Sermon sing "Create in Me" printed on page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

**OFFERINGS** - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

## God's Word for This Week

Our faith is based on the firmest possible ground: Jesus, our risen Lord. We cannot see him. We cannot touch him. We have not yet experienced the joy that will be ours forever. We come to know and trust in him as our Savior only through the precious gospel that is revealed to us in the words of Scripture.

### FIRST LESSON – Acts 3:12-20

Peter here is responding to the crowds after healing a crippled beggar in the temple. According to verse 16, why was the man healed?

*The man was healed “by faith in the name of Jesus.” Through faith in Peter’s words and Jesus’ promises, the crippled beggar received salvation and the added blessing of healing.*

What does Peter encourage the people to do in verse 19?

*Peter is speaking to the Jews who had only a short time before allowed and even asked for the crucifixion of Jesus. Peter tells them that forgiveness is found in Jesus Christ alone. He encourages them to repent of their sins and turn to Jesus their Savior.*

### SECOND LESSON – 1 John 5:1-6

According to verses 2 and 3, now that we believe in Jesus as our Savior, what does that faith lead us to do?

*Faith leads us to love God and obey his commandments.*

What does Paul mean in verse 6 when he says that Jesus came by water and blood?

*Water is a reference to Jesus’ baptism, and blood is a reference to his sacrificial death on the cross. John wrote this letter as a reaction to those who were teaching that Jesus was not true God,*

*but only true man. They were teaching that God somehow descended upon Jesus after his baptism and left him before he died. John tells us that Jesus is God’s eternal Son made man. As true God and true man, Jesus lived, suffered, and died for our sins.*

### GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

Why are Jesus’ words in verse 29 so important for us as Christians today?

*Jesus’ words are so important for us because, unlike those first disciples, we did not have the opportunity to see Jesus in the flesh and witness his saving work. Even though we have not seen him, we have God’s promise that we will receive the same blessing of eternal life through trusting in him.*

Why did John write the words of his gospel?

*John did not record every last detail of Jesus’ life in his gospel. He wrote what he wrote so that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world. Through faith in Jesus we, as those first disciples, will receive God’s eternal blessings in glory.*