

Welcome!

Christ Beatrice – 7:45AM
St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM

April 11, 2021

Easter 2



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. Although giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship, we will refrain from passing the offering plates during the service at this time.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship—A Lutheran Hymnal*, pp. 10-11.

Focus for Our Worship

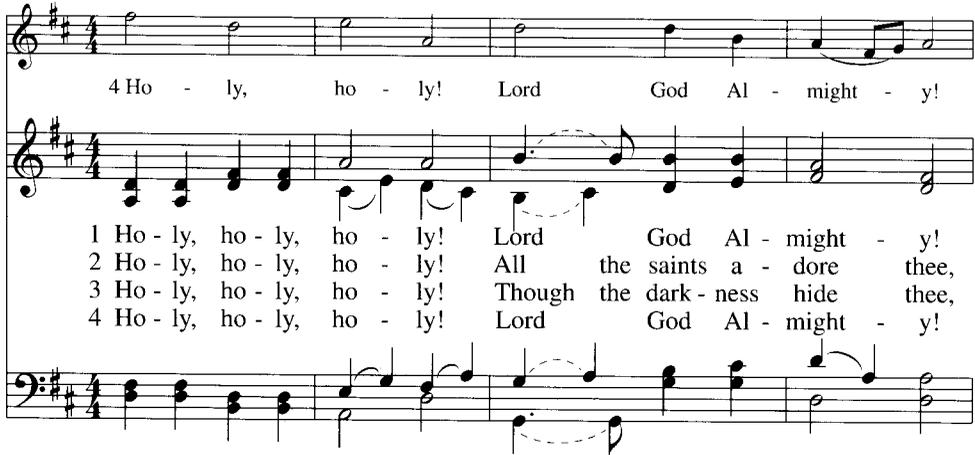
Fears...doubts...sorrows...anxieties. What plagued the disciples 2000 years ago still plagues us believers today. Today, we see that Christ is risen to bring us forgiveness and faith. Our loving and gracious God continues to come to us today in Word and Sacrament to tell us, "Peace be with you. Your sins are forgiven! Do not be afraid! Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for! Look at the nail holes in My hands. See My empty tomb. All for you, My dear children. Blessed are you who have not seen and yet have believed!"

Divine Service 1 with Communion

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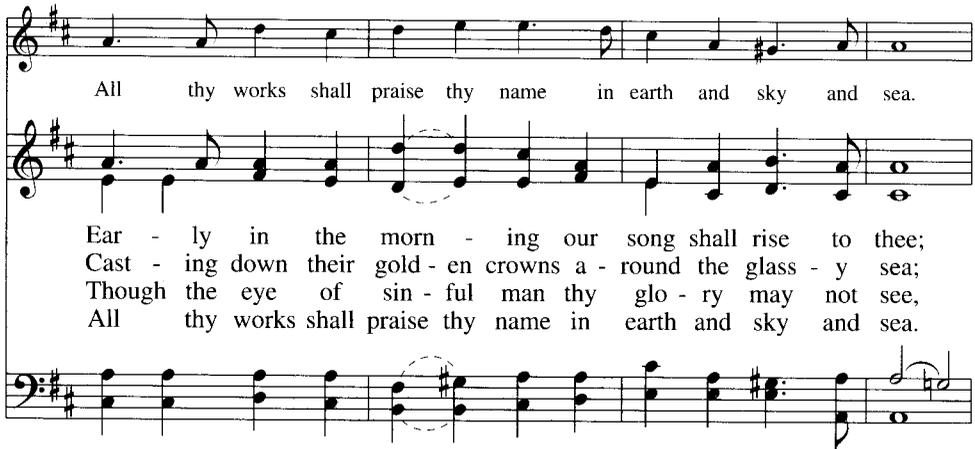
OPENING HYMN

195 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



4 Ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS, KYRIE, HOLY ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

A **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' The lyrics are placed below the notes.

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Glo - ry to God in the'. The second staff continues with 'high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.'. The third staff begins with 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and'. The fourth staff continues with 'Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we'. The fifth staff concludes with 'praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the'.



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



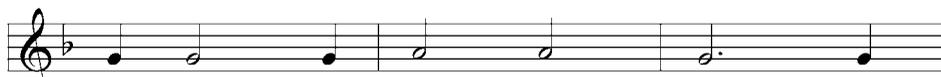
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



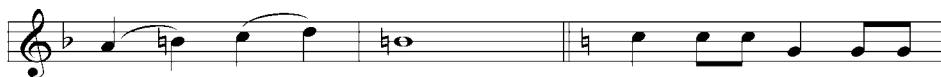
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O Almighty God, whose Son died to redeem us and rose to declare sinners “not guilty,” grant, we pray, that we who have passed through the Lenten journey and now the resurrection of our Lord, by Your grace ever hold on to these gifts promised and given us in Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON — Isaiah 6:1-8 (*Sermon Text*)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
 the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

SECOND LESSON — 1 John 5:1-10

The Apostle John urges us to join Thomas in the Gospel Lesson and believe that Jesus is indeed the Son of God. We receive this message in Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and the inspired Word of God!

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This 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. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹We accept man’s testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

VERSE OF THE DAY — 1 Peter 1:8

P Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

P Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to St. John, chapter 20, verses 19-31:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus continues to give evidence of His bodily physically resurrection appearing to the disciples and to “doubting Thomas.” As He continues to come to us today through Word and Sacrament, may we be counted among the blessed who join Thomas in exclaiming, “My Lord and my God!”

¹⁹ 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!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.”

²⁶ 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!” ²⁷ 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.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord!



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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I O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

4) That night th' apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6) "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

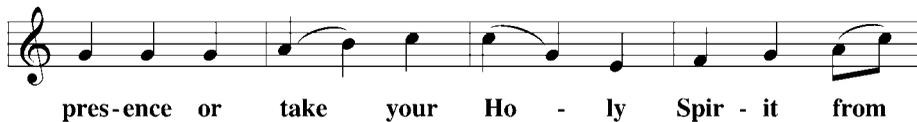
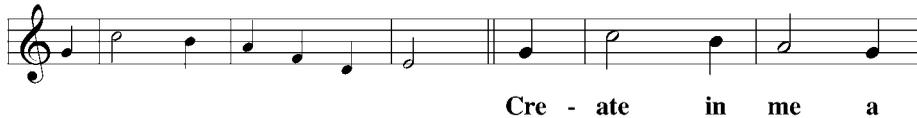
5) When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7) No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8) Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON — Isaiah 6:1-8

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

AN 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 bread; 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.

THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is good and right so to do.
- P** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Christ, Lamb of God". It consists of seven staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The music is simple and melodic, with a final double bar line at the end of the seventh staff.

CLOSE COMMUNION We ask that only those who have previously spoken to one of our pastors or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran in the future, please talk to Pastor Berger or Pastor Dauck after worship this morning. They would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not cast me out. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

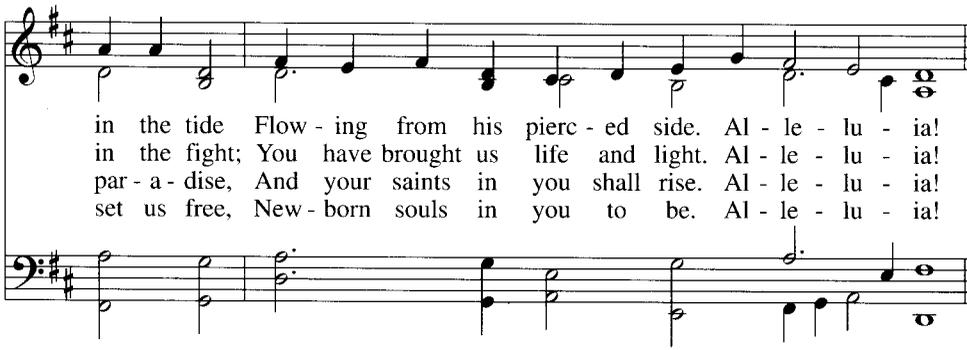
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us
 pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered
 more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened
 lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord,



in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the fight; You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
 par - a - dise, And your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 set us free, New - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

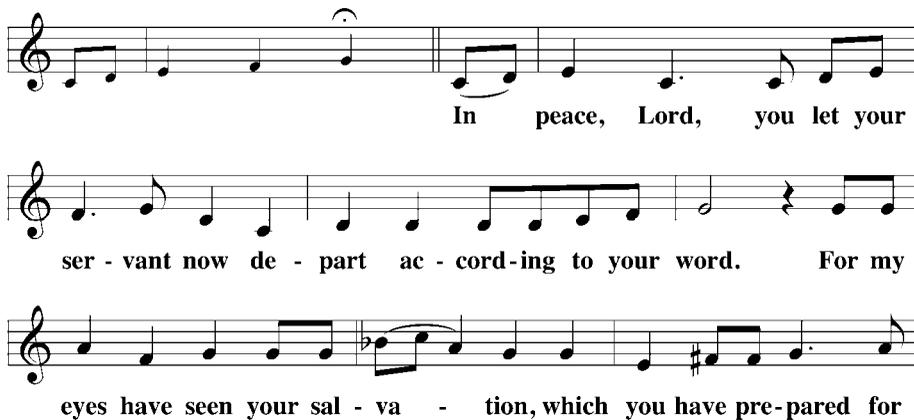
5 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days,
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with Your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in You as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen

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1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.



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Broadcast Sponsor: Our broadcast today is sponsored by the children of Lillian Freese out of thankfulness for all the blessings Lillian has enjoyed throughout her life as she celebrates her 90th birthday on Tuesday, April 13th.

St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday – Hannah Holtmeier, M/M Rick Gerlach

Tuesday – Lillian Freese, Hannah Herman, Emily Kenny

Wednesday – M/M Kevan Hueftle **Thursday** – Kailey Weichel

Friday – M/M Leonard Wasserman

Saturday – Elizabeth Meyer, M/M Dave Wollenburg

Sunday – Andrea Bice, Shirley Imes, Wendi Strein, M/M Josh Jantzen

Christ Lutheran's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday – Sandy Freese, Carl Siems

Friday – Karen Segar

Organist: Janice Pieper

This Week, By God's Grace (April 11th – April 18th)

Today	Worship with Communion at Beatrice Bible Class and Sunday School Worship with Communion at Plymouth	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion School Chapel	7:15am 8:30am
Tues.-Wed.	Missionaries' Conference in Denver	
Wednesday	NO Public School Instruction Class	6:00-6:50pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Ladies Aid	7:15am 8:30am 2:30pm
Thurs.-Fri.	District Mission Board Meeting in Milwaukee	
Saturday	LWMS Spring Rally at First Lutheran, Aurora (Registration – 9:00am) NELHS Knight Out at Vintage Venue in Beatrice	10:00am 5:00pm
Sunday	Worship at Beatrice Bible Class and Sunday School Worship at Plymouth (Hand Chimes Play) (Greeters: Doug & Dianne Weishahn) (Childcare: Steph Scheele, Deb Wells)	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am

In Our Prayers

- † **Deegan Swartz** – Deegan had a successful appendectomy on Friday.
- † **Leonard & Delores Wasserman** – Leonard and Delores will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary April 16th.
- † **The Family of Amanda Johnsen** – Amanda's sister, Brooke, was tragically called out of this world this past week. We ask that the Lord continues to put His loving arms around Brooke's family at this difficult time.

Mowing at Christ Lutheran—If anyone is interested in mowing at Christ Lutheran, please submit a bid to the chairman, Ted Rabenberg. His number is 402-814-0018.

Cemetery Plot Reservations—As the cemetery committee works to update the cemetery map, here is a reminder for anyone who is considering reserving a plot. For more information about our cemetery, please feel free to speak to anyone on our cemetery committee - Dennis Weichel, Daryl Bergmeier, Forrest Freese. *“To maintain good order in this cemetery, grave sites may be reserved prior to actual need in consultation with the cemetery committee. A monument must be erected within 90 dates of acquiring the site. Each family will be encouraged to reserve a maximum of one-half lot (two graves). Selection of a site —will be in the normal rotation (north to south) or in the east portion of the cemetery.”*

Meals For Moms Program—Our church has a volunteer program called Meals for Moms which is used when a family of our congregation has a new baby. If the family desires, we try to provide six meals to their house during the first few weeks after the baby is born. The meals can be homemade, picked up from a restaurant, or even a gift card for the family to use to purchase a ready-made meal from a local restaurant. Once a new baby is born, an email is sent out to the entire list of volunteers to begin signing up for meals. There is no requirement to help for a certain number of meals. You just help out as your schedule allows throughout the year. It usually works that each volunteer does a couple of meals each year. If you would like to be put on the list of volunteers to help, or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Dani Meyer - email: 3dmeyer@gmail.com or call/text: 402-806-9597.



Confirmation—On Sunday, May 2nd, six confirmands will be confirmed and received as communicant members at St. Paul’s. This year’s class includes Mikhaela Bergmeier, Pierce Damrow, Rebecca Hueske, Addison Paxton, Alex Paxton, and Ashley Sasse. We rejoice with them and their families as they look forward to this special day, and we pray that God would bless and keep them as they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

SON Ministry—Anyone interested in learning more about the SON Ministry is asked to sign the sheet on the table in the front entrance.

Graduations—If you have a son or daughter graduating from college this spring and would like to have his/her name included in the May 9th bulletin, please contact Deb (deb@stpaulsplymouth.org/402-656-3003) by May 5th. Along with the graduate’s name, please include the name of the school attended, the degree, and the field of study. Thanks!



Broadcast Dates—Available dates remaining to sponsor a broadcast in 2021 include the following:

Aug. 15 Oct. 31 Nov. 7 Dec. 5, 19, 26

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these broadcasts, please contact Deb at the church office or Craig Scheele. The cost is \$150 per broadcast.

"The Girl with the Golden Locks" Recording—The school play was recorded and is available on the St. Paul's website. Simply go to www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Click on the "St. Paul's Lutheran School" tab. Then click on the "Recent Events" tab and you will find the video. Here is a direct link to the recording as well: https://s3.amazonaws.com/monkdev.ysl.23577/h264-720/s/0e12017796_1617231891_school-play.mp4

Great job to all the teachers and students for a very well done performance!

MARCH 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 8th, 2021 - Council Meeting – 8:00PM

(Board of Ed. – 6:30PM; Beatrice Church Council – 6:30PM; St. Paul's Trustees – 7:30PM)

1. Devotion by Pastor Berger on Acts 13
2. Minutes were approved as presented.
3. Elders' Report
 - New Communicant Members: Amanda Freese, Eugene and Jody Kisling
 - o Motion was made made to accept new communicant members. Motion approved.
 - Transfers: No Transfers
 - Release from Membership: No Releases
 - Transferred from Church Militant to Church Triumphant: No deaths
 - Baptisms: Dawson Beffa (March 27th)
 - Future Baptisms: (Andrew and Jaime Danner – April; Andrew and Erica Weidel – April; Aaron and Chrissy Niederklein – July; Jake and Shay Jiskra – July)
 - Working on Possibilities for Mission Festival 2021
 - Memorial List Purchase – in memory of Gerry Newhouse – Listening Assist Devices
 - o Connected to microphones. 2 people are currently using them now
4. Board of Education Report
 - Principal's Report
 - o School play, Easter for kids were events that took place
 - o Kindergarten roundup and preschool. Double digit numbers in all.
 - o Grandparents Day (103) signed up for April 9th!
 - o Track meet at TC coming up. Volunteers needed to help out
 - o VBS week coming in June

- o Board of Ed is recommending another year term for service (Heather Malchow)
 - Motion was made reissue a one-year call for Principal Release 21-22
 - This is only a recommendation to the voters
 - Motion carried.

5. Trustees' Report

- Insurance Policies Reviewed
 - o Comes due April 1st
 - o May need more insurance for the building and contents of the building
 - o Look at getting quotes to increase insurance
 - o Trustees will look into replacement costs
- Bank Box was checked
- Rope for bells replaced
- Possible Memorial List Item to be purchased – Quote for sprinklers south side of school by sign
 - o \$2810 was the initial quote from Superior Water
 - o Waiting to hear back on additional quotes
- Building Fund Projects for 2021
 - o ~~New sidewalk south of school (\$1,500 if we do ourselves)~~
 - o Repair rotting wood on west steeple (\$4,500)
 - o New northeast door with keypad to match northwest door (\$1,900)
- Discussed setting up a planning committee

6. Stewardship Report

- Pastor Dauck is going to meet with the Stewardship Committee in the near future
- New Member welcome will be planned soon after worship on a Sunday

7. NELHS Report

- Call Accepted: Our newest teacher, Hannah Zabel, will be coming this summer and joining the NELHS Family. Ms. Zabel is a 2014 graduate of MLC where she double majored in Elementary Education and Secondary Social Studies. She grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where she attended St. Peter's for gradeschool and Winnebago Lutheran Academy for High School. After graduation, she served as an instructor and dorm supervisor at Great Plains Lutheran High School and Michigan Lutheran High School. Her most recent call was to Peace Lutheran School in Kissimmee, Florida.
- Call Extended: Rev. Andrew Frey is now holding a divine call to server NELHS as our campus pastor. PastorFrey currently serves in Appleton. Both he and his wife are NELHS alumni. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. We are asking Pastor Frey to teach four classes (Religion 9, Religion 10, Religion 11, and

Religion 12), serve as chapel coordinator, spiritual counselor, and dorm staff supervisor. Occasionally he would represent NELHS at churches (preaching, Bible class on Christian education, etc.).

- Call Deliberations: Mr. Steve Springborn. Mr. Springborn is being asked to teach music in middle and high school at Diving Savior in Doral, Florida. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- NELHS Investor Program: Check out www.nelhs.org/investor for information and a video overview. We are asking our NELHS family to offer a prayer a day for NELHS and offer \$1 a day for our current and future students. (signing up for automatic donations of \$30/month or more). We currently have 18 investors at \$821/month which equals \$9852 per year. We hope our students can count on you to join!
- Other support avenues: *This is Our School, Fill the Bins, Other properties donations (stocks, etc.), Meal Program, Amazon Smile, and SCRIP* - www.shopwithscrip.com and use the enrollment code 416153A257993
- Congregational Highlight: St. Paul's was recently highlighted in the latest news and notes from Nebraska Lutheran.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - April 10 - NELHS Prom
 - April 17 - *Knight Out Gala* in Beatrice
 - April 24 – NELHS Workday at 9AM
 - May 15- Graduation at 10:00am
 - May 29- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament- at NELHS- watch for more information
 - June - Grade school 5 day Basketball Camp
 - July 31- Golf Outing -at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Lincoln

8. Pastors' Report

- Bible Instruction Classes – continuing to work on finishing up those who were in group classes in 2020
- Following up on visitors
- Beatrice Health and Rehab resident opportunity
- SON Ministry!
 - Bible class took place on Palm Sunday with the information
 - Sign-up sheet is on the back table
- District Mission Board – Joplin, MO; Grace Hmong in Kansas City; Shepherd of Peace in Norfolk; Living Savior in Blair, NE; Wichita, KS Second Site; Reports submitted and BHM meeting on April 15-16
- Mentor – Pastor Berger's mentoring of Pastor Mount will come to an end this summer. He has been asked to serve again if need be in the future and is willing to consider if there is a new graduate in the area again.

- Marriage Maintenance 3-week study
 - 3 or 4 possible locations for the study
- One by One Bible Study in Beatrice – 6 week
 - Christ Lutheran or other location in Beatrice
- Future Weddings – July 10th Grant and Taylor Freese Reaffirmation of Vows
- Pastor Berger has been asked to preach for NELHS graduation on Saturday, May 16th
- Missionary Conference in Denver on April 13-14; Pastor Berger has been asked to preach
- Confirmation Sunday – May 2nd

9. Beatrice Report by Ted Rabenberg

- Thankful to the Lord that attendance is increasing at church
- Ted promoted the possible future blessings of SON Ministry.
- He reported that there is money in savings and expenses are being paid through the offerings without needing to utilize the savings account anymore.

10. Other Business

- Assistant Treasurer Options
 - 1st option is training the Financial Secretary
 - Outside Accountant option
 - Wayne Schultz (\$1000/year)
 - Brotherhood Mutual (\$1300/year)
 - Several other options were explored
 - It's not unusual for payroll to be outsourced
 - Discussed having the voters give the Council authority to make a decision
 - Motion was made to allow an outside source to handle the payroll
 - Motion carried
 - Discussion on a possible Treasurer's assistant. Investigating options.
- Reports for Quarterly Report are due Friday, April 9th. (Head Elder, Pastors, Chairman, Principal, Board of Education Chairman, NELHS Report, Broadcast Committee Report, Head Trustee, Endowment Committee Treasurer, Treasurer, Financial Secretary offering slips) Please email to Deb – deb@stpaulsplymouth.org
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting – Sunday, April 25th at 11:15PM
- Next Church Council Meeting – Thursday, June 3rd at 8:00PM

11. Motion to adjourn at 9:12pm

12. Closed with the singing of the doxology

CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHT

Congregation Highlight: Each month NELHS highlights one of their 48 association congregations. The highlight touches on the wonderful congregation and how it helps support the Christian ministry and education provided by Nebraska Lutheran.



THIS MONTH: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth, NE

*What are the number of Communicants in your congregation? 349

*What are the number of Souls in your congregation? 468

*Please list the name of all Pastors in your congregations.

Pastor Justin Dauck and Pastor Fred Berger

*Please list the number of Teachers if you have an LES.

Mr. Andrew Danner, Mrs. Heather Malchow, Mrs. Beckie Bekemeyer,
Mrs. Rachel Schroeder, Mrs. Becky Briney, Mrs. Tracie Hueske

*Please name of the church secretary or main contact person at the church. Mrs. Deb Wells.

*What is the uniqueness of your congregation? These days, many would say that St. Paul's is unique in the fact that our congregation has more members than our town's population. Some of our members walk across the street to get to church and others travel up to an hour to gather around the Means of Grace on a Sunday morning. Along with St. Paul's school, there are a number of other groups and many members who are active within the church building or helping at school every day. As long as our most seasoned members can recall, the congregation has always strongly supported the cause of Christian education both locally as well as in the planning and operation of our Lutheran High School. Even more than what might make St. Paul's unique, we rejoice in the blessing to consider what is the same about St. Paul's and all the congregations in the NELHS Association. We preach Christ crucified for the salvation of sinners. We all support a high school that teaches these truths to the young people of our District and beyond. Pastor Justin Dauck

*What has your Congregations connection to NELHS been over the years (any stories, people, or items you could share)? St. Paul's connection to NELHS goes back to 1975 and the establishment of a Lutheran High School Association and a Board of Directors, with Pastor Joel Frank from Plymouth serving as chairman. In addition to Pastor's Frank's service on the board, Richard Freese, a sainted member of St. Paul's, was elected to serve as a member on the Board of Directors. NELHS opened in the fall of 1979 (for grades nine and ten), and St. Paul's member Heidi (Schmidt) Orth was the first congregation member to begin attending NELHS in 1980. Since the first graduating class through the graduating class of 2020, 35 students from St. Paul's have received the benefits of a Christian education on the secondary level and have graduated from NELHS. Of those 35 students, three are either preparing for or presently serving in the public ministry. In addition, five of our adult members attended NELHS while belonging to a sister congregation. Delegates from St. Paul's continue to encourage support, through both prayer and finances, for NELHS and Christian education on the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. At the present time, St. Paul's has six students attending NELHS. Mrs. Deb Wells

*What are some ways your congregation is nurturing your members and reaching out to your communities? In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus summarizes the privilege we have as Christians and groups of Christians that gather together in local congregations. We get to GROW in the Word and GO with the Word. As a group of believers that gathers at St. Paul's in Plymouth, this is what we strive to do in every aspect of our ministry. In order to be able to focus on these important aspects, we try to keep the administration of our church running smoothly with orderly board meetings, council meetings, and quarterly voters' meetings. This allows us to spend our time and effort to GROW and GO: GROW – How can we never tire of encouraging one another to be in God's Word on a daily basis? Is that using the Meditations devotional, reading a paragraph straight from the Bible each day, listening to WELS daily devotions on your phone? How can we every day wake up and remember that we are facing the day as a baptized and dearly loved children of God? How can we continue to urge each other to make Sunday morning group Bible study and public worship (after worshipping privately the other 167 hours of the week) the priority and regularly receive the Lord's Supper? In addition, we look to GROW in Catechism Class, in our Lutheran Elementary School, in our Lutheran High School, Ladies' Aid, Men's Bible Breakfast, Sunday School, yearly youth trips, choirs, shut-in visitations, hospital visitations, elders' meetings, Easter for Kids, Christmas for Kids, Vacation Bible School, Cradle Roll, and many other opportunities that come up throughout the year. GO – Often, GROWing in the Word overlaps with GOing with the Word. One example of this is our Lutheran Elementary School. A family might start sending their child to our school, giving our church the opportunity to reach out to them so that they can start GROWing with our church family. In the past year, St. Paul's has also partnered with Christ Lutheran in Beatrice, serving them as a "Preaching Station Plus+." This has given GROWing opportunities for the souls of the Christ Lutheran flock and GOing opportunities to the community of Beatrice. St. Paul's also has an online and radio broadcast that allows us to GO with the Word, often to individuals we never have the opportunity to meet in person. Finally, whether it's a large group or one individual, we always want to have a "Growing in Hope" Bible Information Class taking place. We all regularly encourage each other to think of souls to invite to this class. And how exciting it is when we get to GO and a soul comes in contact with God's Word...because then we know that the Holy Spirit will work through these means and begin the GROWing in their heart as they are pointed to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Pastor Fred Berger

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Justin Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) after the service or anytime during the week! If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, either pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org). He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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