

<u>St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran</u>

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Worship This Week: Saturdays at 6:30pm & Sundays at 7:45am & 10:15am Online services and materials can be found at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com.

April 10 & 11, 2021	Easter 2			
Order of Service:	Service Folder			
Sermon:	John 20:19-31			
Peace Be with YOU!				
Jesus has accomplished your salvation!				
Jesus grants it all to us through faith!				

- A t-coil hearing loop system is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large print copies are available on the information center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- Your offering may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.

Ushers this weekend (Apr. 10/11) teams 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (J. Weigand), and 6 (R. Wilhelms) usher. Next weekend (Apr. 17/18) teams 7 (M. Hintz), 8 (M. Ewerdt), and 9 (J. Laudolff) will usher. Schedules for 2021 are available in the narthex.

God's Word this week: Easter 2

Uncertainty, doubt, unhappiness at work, unhappiness at home, violence in the world around us, a world which seems less and less accepting of the Gospel, it can leave us wondering feeling shattered and broken. Today, in our lessons, Easter shines forth once again. Jesus' resurrection gives us peace.

A Prayer Before Worship At the Lambs High Feast We Sing (#141:4) Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia! 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! Amen.

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April 10 – April 18, 2021				
4/10	Sat	6:30pm	Worship	
4/11	Sun	7:45am	Worship (Junior Choir Sings)	
4/11	Sun	9:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
4/11	Sun	10:15am	Worship	
4/11	Sun	11:15am	Bible Information Class	
4/12	Mon	8am-3pm	Pastors Conference	
4/12	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class	
4/14	Wed	8:45am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
4/14	Wed	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education	
4/17	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (with Lord's Supper)	
4/18	Sun	7:45am	Worship (with Lord's Supper)	
4/18	Sun	9:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
4/18	Sun	10:15am	Worship (with Lord's Supper) pre-K & 7-8 sing	
4/18	Sun	11:15am	Quarterly Voter's Meeting	

Other worship opportunities

Recorded services are available anytime or live-stream at 10:15am on Sunday. Links are available at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com. WELS Sunday radio: AM1450 (FDL) and AM1280 (Appleton) at 8:00am. WELS Sunday TV: *Time of Grace* on Green Bay NBC-26 at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 at 10:30am.

Forward in Christ subscription

A signup sheet is in the Narthex if you would like to receive our Synod's magazine. It is full of wonderful articles to strengthen and encourage faith. Sign up by May 14th. The year's subscription fee of \$11.40 should be dropped off at the office.

Various opportunities to pitch in and help out

- •*Mowing* Sign-up sheets are available in the entryway for St. Paul's and Zion Cemetery. Equipment is provided. Contact the Church office if you need a key for the garage. Zion cemetery has also made their sign-up available online this year so the three churches can better coordinate and avoid duplicate sign-ups for each week. www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a49aea62da4f49-mowing
- •*Cleaning* There is always room for a few more helpers. The signup sheet is available on the information centers in the entryway. It's amazing what a good vacuuming and a little attention does for the place!
- •*Outside pickup* Spring means all kinds of wonderful stuff that was once covered by the snow is now visible as you pass by. Should you wish to pick up trash, rack away any leftover leaves, or take care of any other unsightly items outside, we're relatively sure no one will stop you.

Second Impressions

The store is in need some extra help! Some of the tasks include: cashiering; receiving, pricing, sorting, cleaning, displaying merchandise, and more! Join our team and enjoy Christian fellowship and comradery while making a difference in our community. Just give us a call at (920) 907-9900 or stop at the store for further details.

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Confirmation 2021

Confirmation Sunday this year is April 25 at our 10:15am service. Examination will be the Thursday before April 22 at 6:00pm. We have 14 students confirming this year. We are not signing-up or imposing limits on our confirmation families and those they are inviting at this service. As a result, we are expecting a fuller church on that day. We would encourage the rest of our congregation, if at all possible, to worship at our Saturday and early Sunday services that weekend to allow more room for those who may be in attendance. If our Sunday 10:15am service is the only one you can make that week, we would love to have you join the celebration.

Easter Flower Donations

The flowers are certainly beautiful in the church this Easter season. We would like to thank all who donated once again for this beautiful and fragrant edition to our services. However, they will not last forever. Should you wish to enjoy your flowers, please feel free to take them home at any time. In the next several weeks, they will begin to wilt, and we will have to start removing them from the sanctuary anyway.

Stewardship Corner comments on 2 Corinthians 9:7

With freedom comes responsibility. ... If the Corinthians were free to choose for themselves what to give that implied two things. For one thing, they could not ignore the responsibility which that freedom gave them. They were responsible for planning their giving. Secondly, they need to be aware that this planning process would be aided by the new man living in them, but it would also be obstructed by the old man. The Corinthians had the responsibility of making sure that they knew who was talking and of listening to the right voice.

(People's Bible Commentary: 2 Corinthians by David Valleskey p162)

Offerings

We offer a variety of options for sharing Christ's good news with your offerings:

- Drop it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship.
- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Grab one of the sheets to fill out from the information center, the table in front of the office or at our website and contact the office to set it up.
- Use the "Giving Plus" app which can be found in your smart phone's app store. There are many different St. Paul's make sure you choose North Fond du Lac, WI. Also note that there are different accounts for the Church and School. The Church account is for offerings. The School account for school payments.

Last week's gifts

Current Fund - \$9,408.66; Missions - \$354; Improvement Fund - \$65; Mortgage Fund - \$1,953; Lenten Envelopes - \$400; Maundy Thursday -\$1,397.00; Good Friday - \$3,877; Easter \$9,035; Preschool Tuition -\$645; Extended Care - \$235; Hymnal Fund -\$100; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund – \$50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3,930.66; all offerings totaled \$26,706.66)

Some Covid Protocol Updates

Recently the CDC announced that there is an extremely low chance (perhaps lower than 1/10,000) that Covid is spread via contact with surfaces. This statement allows us to relax a few of our practices in worship over the last year.

- We will no longer spray our pews. While we are confident that this did not harm them, there is always the slight chance that water and the chemical on wood could produce a negative effect.
- Hymnals are back in the pews. We will also continue to produce worship folders for a while, so you do not have to use the hymnals if you're uncomfortable at this time.
- Communion: Those distributing the Lord's Supper will now visibly sanitize their hands before distribution but will not put on gloves. Again, having sanitized, the gloves add little protection thereafter and made it difficult to pick up and distribute the wafer. We will also switch to trays with every other space empty, so that you may grab the communion cups yourselves without contacting the cups around them.

Spacing remains in effect for now but we may need to reduce the space from 6 feet to 3 feet (again an accepted adaptation from the CDC) if attendance begins to pick up.

Masking

The Mask Mandate in Wisconsin was recently struck down by the State Supreme Court. Fond du Lac county health has us currently in phase three of our restart plan and they have indicated that as vaccines become readily available to any who want them, the restart plan will have reached its conclusion. Understandably, people have begun asking questions.

Masks are still currently recommended by federal, state, and local medical communities to help curb any further spread of Covid-19 or

its variants where 6 feet of separation is not attainable. However, where there is no law, we are very hesitant to establish them, unless scripture clearly dictates otherwise.

As we begin to contemplate and work through this change, perhaps the 8th commandment can be stressed as we take the words and actions of others in the kindest possible way. Even during the mandate, the government seemed to give such advice in their Frequently Asked Questions document, "What do I do if I see someone not wearing a face covering? Nothing. Some people have conditions or circumstances that would make wearing a face covering difficult or dangerous. Just wear your face covering and stay six feet away." Please remember, this was considered a "safe practice" and can continue to be so. It will take a while for everyone to be comfortable with this change. Please be aware of your brothers and sisters in Christ, as we all adjust.

We will continue to mark off every other pew to allow for social distancing front to back in the worship space and ask that individuals continue to socially distance as necessary while we adjust to this. Saturday (6:30pm) and Sunday early (7:45am) are usually less popular than Sunday late (10:15am). If you are uncomfortable with larger numbers, please plan accordingly. There are also seats available in the narthex should you wish to remain outside the sanctuary or at an increased distance from others in attendance. As always, if you don't feel well, stay home.

Brothers and sisters, these are strange times. We are trying to do our best to navigate them together. We try to remain in the middle of the pack when it comes to the actions taken by the churches around us and as we consider the needs of all our members as we go forward. This is not an easy task. Thank you as always for your patience, your understanding, and your input.

I Walk in Danger All the Way (#431)

I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending; In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending. Oft in adversity I know not where to flee When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me. He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me, And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread. In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav 'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow. All worldly pomp, begone! To heav 'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav 'nward all the way.