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That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children every where, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2019  
**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's  
Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.  
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.  
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.  
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,

bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

Here, death is washed away forever.  
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,  
with leaves for the healing of the world.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,  
into this community, and throughout all creation.  
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.  
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn                      “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia”

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**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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**Office Hours: Wednesdays, 9:00 – Noon.**

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning and as you prepare to retire eac evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn, Gracie & Kaden Brandau, Katie Pagel, Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Brie, Ava, Katie, &

Benjamin Gruen; Mikayla & Brady Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell;

A reminder St. Paul's is happy to contribute 50% toward camping fees at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Brochures are located in the narthex.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Holy Week services and at the Easter Sunrise breakfast. We collected \$154.00 at the breakfast and will be sending the donation to ELCA World Hunger.

Winter is over, at last, and now we can focus on spring housecleaning. Surely we will all find items of clothing not worn during the past year, or household

WOW!! Thanks everyone for the wonderful reception St. Paul's provided for my retirement of 55 years on Palm Sunday. We as the Dougherty family appreciate all your efforts, gifts and cards and especially your kindness over the years. Wishing you all God's blessings!!

Florence Dougherty

items we won't find it too difficult to part with. Place any rummage sale items on the stage in the basement. The Wilton Village Wide rummage sale will be held on May 10 & 11. The W-ELCA ladies are most appreciative of your support to this fundraising effort.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, [via text](#), 608-865-1074, or Dan Buchholz 608-435-6126 or 608-487-6525.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311) or Carol Osteboe (608-435-6158).

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*Canticle of Praise**

**"This is the Feast"**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.****

**WORD**

**A reading from Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
 The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”  
<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
 and declare the works of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
 but did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
 I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**  
<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
 here the righteous may enter.”  
<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
 and you have become my salvation.**  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
 it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!  
 We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**  
<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
 we bless you from the house of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.  
 Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**  
<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
 God’s mercy endures forever.**

A reading from Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,  
 you have greeted us in our brokenness  
 and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.  
 Risen to new life with you,  
 send us now to bear your healing love  
 into the wounded world,  
 in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.

## SENDING

Benediction		
Sending Hymn	“Thine Is the Glory”	<b>ELW #376</b>
Dismissal:		

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Lorayne Denter, Ed Bauer, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Linda Bauer, Linda Finnigan, Bob Sullivan, Lois Schultz, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Gavin Nelson, Steve Zirk, Judy Bever, Al Strazdin, Barb Brown, Drew Thurston, Tracy Dechant

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Ministers:* All God’s People *Pastor:* Cathleen Morris *Organist:* Nalani Bever  
*Greeters:* John and Barb Ornes *Reader:* Joel Arndt *Altar Committee:* Bev Graunke and Lila Speicher *Communion Server:* Leonard Arndt  
*Ushers:* Tim Deichler, Bud Osteboe, Bart Arndt, George Dougherty

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord’s Prayer

Come to the table.

Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.*

“Lamb of God”

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**CALENDAR FOR APRIL 29—MAY 5**

Wed., May 1	Confirmation	6:30-7:30 PM
Sun., May 5	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:15 AM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

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***The gospel according to John 20:19-21***

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were 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 his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them 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 mark of the nails in his hands,

and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Blessing of the gifts for Lutheran World Relief      Response: **We thank you, O God.**

\*Hymn      “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”      **ELW #384**

**\*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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ’s peace.

**OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn      “Create in Me”      **ELW #186**

\*Offertory Prayer

**Risen One,  
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,  
meet us now in this meal.  
Nourish us to follow you,  
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,  
and all for your love’s sake.  
Amen.**