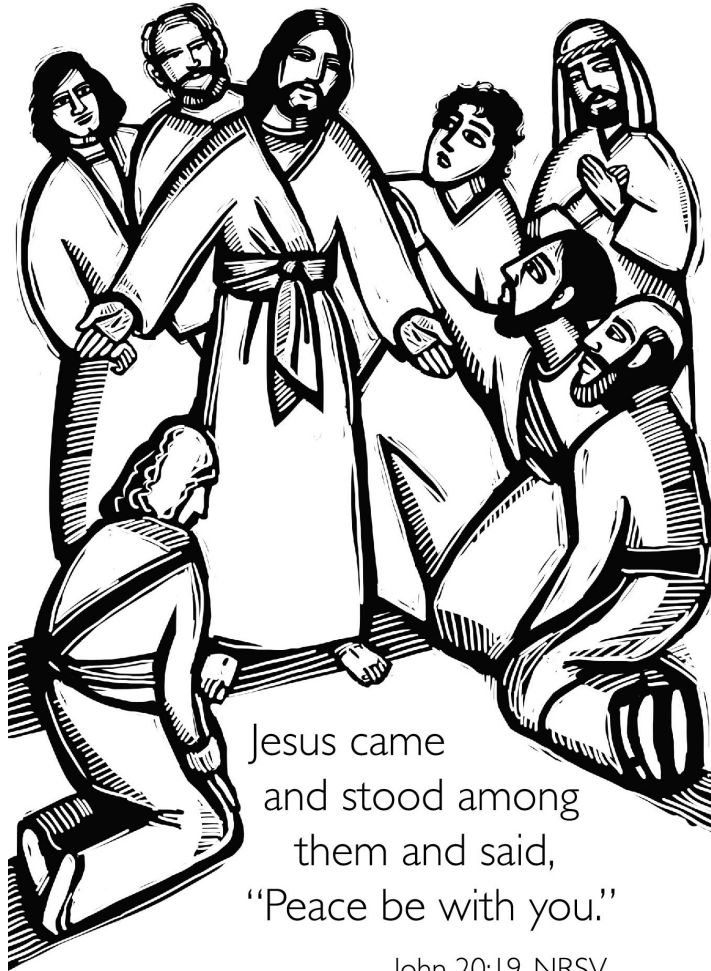


# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Jesus came  
and stood among  
them and said,  
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN OUR PLANS FALL  
THROUGH?  
- WHEN WE'RE LOCKED IN A ROOM -

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 2020*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We would love to see just what kind of impact our worship services are making. Please fill out our online Connect Card to let us know where you're worshipping from and how we might continue to serve you. You can find a link at [www.stpaulswr.org/watch](http://www.stpaulswr.org/watch). You can also contact us via email or phone ([churchoffice@stpaulswr.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulswr.org) or 715-421-3634) with any questions or prayer requests.

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

In the face of doubt, Christ gives us proof and peace. To the doubting disciples, he gave certain proof that led to certain peace. Through his Word and sacraments, Jesus gives the same proof to all people at all times. "Peace be with you," said our Lord. Then he sent his people forth with this message of peace based on the proof of his resurrection.

The liturgical color\* for this Sunday is white, signifying the victory and perfection that comes to believers through faith in Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

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\* The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

# THE COMMON SERVICE

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*The common service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

*Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb | CW 159*

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

Minister (M): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

**C: 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.**

M: 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.**

## RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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**C:** ♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. ♪

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.  
O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## *The Word*

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### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

*We are all witnesses of the risen Christ.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Parents, congregational responses are a great way to include children in worship services. Point out upcoming responses and help them speak with the congregation.*

*Refrain:* ♪ I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living. ♪

♪ Keep me 'safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take 'refuge.  
I said to the LORD, "You 'are my Lord;\*"  
apart from you I have 'no good thing."  
I have set the Lord always be'fore me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be 'shaken.

Refrain

♪ My heart is glad and my tongue re'joices;\*  
My body also will 'rest secure,  
Because you will not abandon me 'to the grave,\*  
Nor will you let your Holy One 'see decay.  
You have made known to me the 'path of life;\*  
You will fill me with joy in your 'presence.

♪ Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
And to the Holy 'Spirit,  
As it was in the be'ginning,\*  
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Jesus' resurrection makes our salvation certain.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

*This joyful exchange is said through the Easter season of the church year to continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.*

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*John 20:19-31*

*Jesus appears to bring us peace.*

*After the Gospel, the announcement is made:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

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

**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.**

**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.**

*Be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Sons and Daughters of the King | CW 165*

## SERMON - MY LORD AND MY GOD

*Please stand.*

## RESPONSE

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♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.** ♪

*Be seated.*

*Based on the words of Psalm 51:10-12, with this song we pray that God would cause his Word to take deep root in our hearts and that his Spirit would use his powerful Word to transform our hearts..*

## OFFERING

*St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*How Can It Be*

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- C: Christ is risen!**
- M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- C: He is risen indeed!**
- M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.
- C: Alleluia!**
- M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.
- C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

- M: Lord Jesus, God of Grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**
- M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.
- C: You are risen!**
- M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.
- C: You are risen indeed!**
- M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the hope of our salvation.
- C: Alleluia!**
- M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the Gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.
- C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**
- M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- C: He is risen!**
- M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.
- C: He is risen indeed!**
- Special Prayers and Intercessions*
- M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.
- C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

## 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.**

## HYMN

*I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again | CW 158*

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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M: Let us pray together.

**C: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

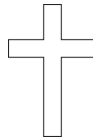
**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪**

*This hymn reminds us of the resurrection's impact on our lives as Christians. It also summarizes our worship and how it centers around Christ.*

*Be seated.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*This Is the Threefold Truth | CW 406*



## TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

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1. Compare John 20:19-23 with Luke 24:36-48. What's the same? What's different? How might you explain the differences between these two accounts?
2. Jesus gave the disciples "extra" assurances of his resurrection (appearing to them, showing his hands and feet, etc.). What "extra" assurances do we have?
3. 1 Peter was first written to Christians in the Roman empire. Peter wanted them to be aware of suffering and persecutions that would come and to faithfully bear up under them. How is that message different from what you may hear from popular American evangelical churches today?
4. What are some ways you, as an individual and as a family, can continue to celebrate and remember Easter in your day-to-day lives?

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CONNECTING WELS MEMBERS

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offers many ways to connect members through social media. Join the WELS online community at [facebook.com/welslutherans](https://facebook.com/welslutherans), [twitter.com/welstweets](https://twitter.com/welstweets), [instagram.com/welslutherans](https://instagram.com/welslutherans), and [vimeo.com/wels](https://vimeo.com/wels).

## TOGETHER AT THE EMPTY TOMB

More than 20,000 people tuned in on Easter Sunday for the synod-wide virtual Easter service, *Together at the Empty Tomb*. If you missed it - or if you loved it and want to see it again - you can watch the archived service online at <http://livestream.com/wslive/togetherattheemptytomb> or look for a link on the WELS website ([wels.net](http://wels.net)).

## FREE DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES FROM NPH

Even though staying home means worshiping differently, it doesn't mean you have to leave everything familiar behind. Northwestern Publishing House has the resources and materials you need to help your family stay connected to Christ. You can find free resources at [online.nph.net/free-resources](http://online.nph.net/free-resources).

## 2020 TASTE OF MISSIONS

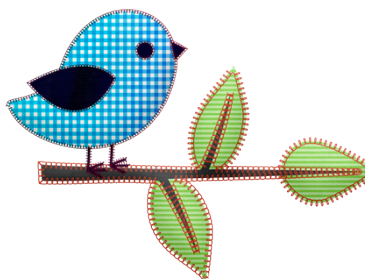
*July 11 | 11:00-5:00PM*

Registration is open for the second annual Taste of Missions, held on Saturday, July 11, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Join WELS Missions for an afternoon of family fun, ethnic cuisine, fellowship with home and world missionaries, and MORE! Learn more at [wels.net/tasteofmissions2020](http://wels.net/tasteofmissions2020).

## OFFERING REPORT

From July 1, 2019 to April 10, 2020

Actual ministry income:	\$840,093
Actual cost of ministry:	\$874,913
Mortgage balance:	\$1,397,493





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