

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

2nd Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 33 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

C: Praise the LORD with the harp;

Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

P: Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

C: For the word of the LORD is right,

And all His work is done in truth.

P: He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

P: He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;

He lays up the deep in storehouses.

C: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

P: For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

C: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

P: The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

The plans of His heart to all generations.

C: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

P: The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

C: From the place of His dwelling He looks

On all the inhabitants of the earth;

P: He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

C: No king is saved by the multitude of an army;

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

P: A horse is a vain hope for safety;

Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

C: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy,

P: To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

C: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

Because we have trusted in His holy name.

C: Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Old Testament Lesson-Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.' " "

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.' " "

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophecy and say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

Epistle Lesson-

1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that

Jesus is the Son of God?

1John 5:6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 1John 5:7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 1John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

1John 5:9 ¶ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. 1John 5:10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

Gospel Lesson-John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Sermon

Text: John 20:19-31

Theme: As the Father has sent Me, I send you!

I. The Lord does not take any time for small talk, but gets right down to business

II. Peace with God was rooted in the sacrificial system, animals, blood etc, but these things have now changed, and so the mission

III. These things are written so that you might believe

Prayers

Benediction

Church and Sunday school/bible classes will not meet the following days, nor throughout the week, Sunday April 19th and 26th

Wednesday Bible Class will be on the internet beginning on Wednesday, April 22nd at 10 AM. If you would like to attend please give the pastor a call so that he can include you and give credentials to join. All are welcome! We are studying 1 Samuel. This week we will continue the study on 1 Samuel 16-17.

The elders will be meeting to discuss when services will begin again when Governor Pritzker announces plans for gatherings, eg size etc. We will be discussing providing another day or two of communion opportunities, with gatherings of less than 10, maybe next weekend. Pastor will post further details here and on the Church Facebook page.

We are planning to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday we are able to gather. Watch the website or the church facebook page for further information.

Pastor will still be posting sermons every day on the website and facebook page. We thank Faith Kemme for providing us with hymns on the facebook and Youtube pages. Youtube is a new feature for our congregation and will be further developed.

Ladies Aid has placed flower order on hold it will be held until we can again gather for service, which will be a celebration of Easter.

Prayers-Sick, shut in, medical personnel, military and civil servants, our President and staff.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:	Luke 22-24
Monday: Adult Instruction 9:30 AM	John 1
Tuesday: Circuit Visitors meeting 10 AM internet	John 2-3
Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM Internet	John 4-5
Thursday: Circuit Meeting 9 AM Internet	John 6
Friday:	John 7-8
Saturday:	John 9-10

Those participating-

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