

April 14, 2024

Mauston, WI



To our friends who have been with us before, we welcome you back. To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our most sincere greeting. To those who are seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a Living Savior, membership in His Church and Citizenship in His Eternal Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind:

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of all.

If you have questions or need assistance today please speak to a pastor or usher! Restrooms are located near the entrance of the building. The order of service and the hymns for worship today can be found in this bulletin.

If you are seeking a church home or interested in what we teach please talk with a pastor today. Free classes are offered regularly on the basics of the Bible and Christianity. These classes are for those who are seeking membership or looking for more information about God and the Bible.

If you have children with you today, we're glad you brought them with you! If your child becomes restless, a moment or two alone with them might be all that's necessary. You are welcome to step into our family room next to the sanctuary to calm your child as needed. Young or old—all are welcome here. May the Lord bless your worship today!

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister Pastor Chip Wilke Organist Mary Lynn Jirousek

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Third Sunday of Easter

The risen Savior gives us a message of repentance.

Time after time the Bible associates God's saving acts and his people's response of telling others what he has done. In the Old Testament that telling is directed mostly at fellow members of the Jewish people (Psalm 66:16) and the next generation (Psalm 78:4) but also includes the nations in general (Psalm 105:1). The Savior's birth sent the shepherds through Bethlehem spreading the word. His miracles of healing and deliverance inspired many to spread the news around Galilee. It is no surprise, then that God's greatest saving act, the death and resurrection of his Son, also comes with the Great Commission to tell the world about this salvation.

That telling includes the historical events that took place on Golgotha and at his temporary tomb, to be sure, but it also involves communicating the significance of these events. Jesus carried out sins to the cross and won our forgiveness there. He rose to confirm this redemption is complete. In light of these facts, he sends us to call the people of the world to repentance and announce their forgiveness. This saving act of God encompasses all people.

The disciples connected this good news of repentance and forgiveness in the death and resurrection of Jesus to every public act and opportunity to speak. When Peter and John heal a beggar in Acts 3 and the miracles draws a crowd, they don't stop at attributing the miracle to the power of Jesus. They use this opportunity to call the people to repent for handing Jesus over to be killed, and they extend the promise of forgiveness through Jesus' blood and sacrifice.

The Lord used the apostle John to spread the good news about sins forgiven through the letters he wrote. In his first epistle, he makes clear that the message he is declaring is the one he has heard from God himself. It is not merely a list of moral encouragements. It assumes that we have sinned. It urges us to confess the same. Then it promises us forgiveness through Jesus' blood and sacrifice.

Jesus impressed these same things on his disciples that night of his resurrection. After demonstrating is bodily return to life, he explains the significance in the message and ministry he five to the disciples: "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46,47)

Hymn 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia 1 Christ has ris al le ia. а en, -lu _ For 2 three long days the grave did its worst 3 The an gel said to them, "Do not fear! 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave; 5 Christ has а ris en to set us free. 0 d. Re - joice and praise him, al le lu ia. un - til was dis its strength by God persed. You look for Je sus who is not here. he has а ris en this world to save. Al - le him lu ia, to prais - es be. . 0. For deem burst from our Re the tomb. er He who gives life did death un der go, See for your selves the tomb is all bare, Ie sus' re deem ing la bors are done. -Je sus is liv ing! Let us all sing; 0 from death, dis pel - ling gloom. е ven its did show. and in its con quest his might clothes ly there." on - ly the grave are ing tle with won." E - ven the bat sin is he reigns tri heav - en um phant, ly King. -Refrain 0. with Let sing him end - less us praise to joy; 0. fear - ful death's sting he has come to de stroy. Our sin for al - le - lu giv ing, ia! 0 Je - sus is liv ing, al - le - lu ia! -

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Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

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.

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.

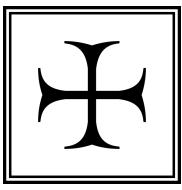
Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

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.

Amen.



Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

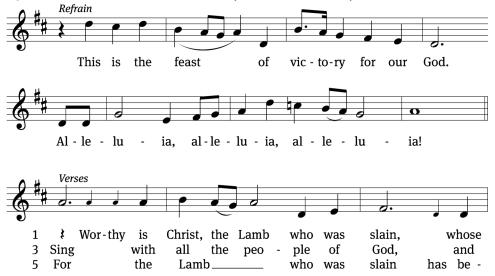
For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

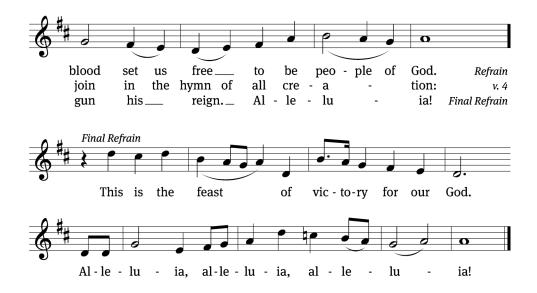
For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you. **Amen.**



Hymn 938 This Is the Feast sts. Ref-1, 3, 5, Final Refrain



The Word



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated



First Reading: Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹² When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵ You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ "Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸ But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰ so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

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



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;

praise him in his mighty / heavens.

Praise him for his acts of / power;

praise him for his surpassing / greatness. Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet, praise him with the / harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and / dancing, praise him with the / strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of / cymbals, praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD. Praise / the LORD. 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 Reading: 1 John 1:5–2:2

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

2 My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

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

Stand

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:46,47

Alleluia. The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

 36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb.^{[a] 43} He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated



Hymn of the Day 713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon Pastor Philip Waldschmidt Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2

The Light That Nothing Can Eclipse

Stand

Apostles' Creed Credo

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 holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

St. Paul's members give as a response to God's love and in order to carry out ministry here and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering. <u>While the</u> <u>offering is being taken, please take a moment to sign our friendship register</u>

Prayer of the Church

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

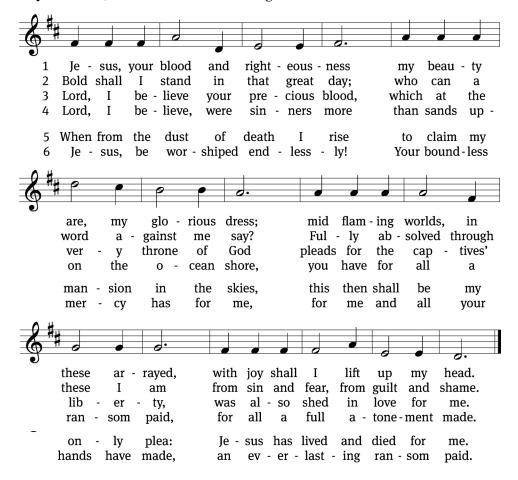
Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

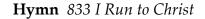
Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**



1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref-ug	e
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gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.	
Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm. pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.	

			MAUSTON	ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP		
Sun Mon	4/14	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 1:15 pm 1:00pm	Sunday School Worship		9:15 am 10:30 am 1:15 pm	Adult Bible Study Sunday School Worship Council Meeting
		3:45 pm				
Tue	4/16	10:00 am 6:00 pm				
Wed	4/17	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	<i>Introducing Jesus</i> Lil' Lambs Chapel			
Thu	4/18	11:15 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	5		10:00 am	Bible Class Introducing Jesus
Fri	4/19		Pastor's Circuit Meeting held here			
Sat	4/20	10:00 am	Fairview Service			
Sun	4/21	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School Worship			Adult Bible Study Sunday School Worship
Mauston attendance last week				Adams-Friendship attendance last week		
Sunday 7:45 a.m. 87 Communed 73				Sunday	y 10:30 a.m.	65 Communed 59
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 90 Communed 76						
Monday 6:00 p.m. 17 Communed 15						

Needed to meet yearly budget: \$11,420/week	,420/week Weekly Year to Date				
Income last week	9,372.00	137,176.68			
Expenses last week	3,617.47 141,420.22				
Deficit/Surplus	+5,754.53	-4,243.54			
Wish List - Mauston Church Parking Lot					
Total Cost	\$ 251,955				
Start up funds	201,000				
Total cash donations	45,545				
Received past week	255.00				
Total Funds available	\$ 246,545				
Still need	Still need \$5,410				

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 28 QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING TO BE HELD AT ADAMS-FR: Since our 3rd Call Meeting is being held at the Adams-Friendship Church Campus at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 28, 2024, our St. Paul's Congregation's April 28. 2024 Quarterly Voter's Meeting which was originally going to be held at the Mauston Church Campus, will instead now also be held at 1:30pm at the Adams-Friendship Church Campus fellowship hall.

All members from Mauston and Adams-Friendship Church Campuses are encouraged to attend, as <u>we are all one congregation, with two locations</u>. We value and appreciate our Member Involvement in Church decisions, as well as we encourage everyone's selfless service to Christ's Church and willingness in helping to spread God's Gospel to our family, friends, and community. <u>It is very important that we all</u> <u>keep ourselves informed of the business of our Church and contribute to decisions that</u> <u>are made.</u>

<u>Starting on Sunday, April 21st</u>, you are encouraged to pick up the Voter's <u>Meeting Agenda Packet</u>, which can be found in the Narthex as you enter the Church. <u>Listed in this Agenda Packet</u> will be the last meeting's minutes and committee reports to be approved and Old and New Business Agenda Items to be discussed and/or approved as well as current written Committee reports for this Quarter. Little Lambs Day Care and Church Quarterly financial reports as well as other information explaining some business agenda items are also included to study in advance. Picking up an Agenda Packet prior to the meeting will give everyone the opportunity to review it ahead of the meeting to save time reading and reviewing it during the Voter's

Meeting.

Everyone in the Congregation is invited and encouraged to attend a Voter's meeting, <u>but this is a reminder that our Constitution and Bylaws state that eligible voting members are</u> those male communicant members who have declared their agreement with the Constitution, who have been received by the voter's assembly of the congregation, who are at least 18 years of age, <u>and who have attended at least one (1) voter's meeting in the previous calendar year</u>, which means one (1) year previous to this present meeting.

Even if you are not eligible to vote at this current meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend as many Annual, Quarterly, or Special Meetings as possible, so that you are knowledgeable about Church Business and also are eligible to vote at all Voter's meetings. Thank you, Ron Pfaff, President St. Paul's

SPECIAL VOTER'S 3RD CALL MEETING TO BE HELD AT ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP

CHURCH: On Sunday Afternoon, April 28, 2024 at 1:00pm, at the St. Paul's Adams-Friendship Campus Church Fellowship Hall, all of our St. Paul's Congregation members from both Mauston and Adams-Friendship campuses are all invited to attend a <u>Special Voter's 3rd Call Meeting</u> to attempt to fill the Vacancy Pastor position created when Pastor Sellnow accepted a Call to Glendale, Arizona and Rev. Jonathan J. Kolander returned our 2nd Call.

We value and appreciate all of our Congregation Member involvement in Church decisions even if you are not an eligible Voter. We encourage selfless service to Christ's Church and your willingness to keep informed about the business of our Church.

At this Special Voter's 3rd Call Meeting, our Asst. Circuit Pastor Dave Karow will represent our Circuit President and will present us with a slate of Pastors that he recommends could fit our needs. We will be given a small history of each Pastor on the slate and then we will discuss and vote by secret written ballot on which one we should call.

Note: If you are an Eligible voter and have not attended a Voter's meeting in the past calendar year, but you did attend the Special Pre-Call Meeting on Jan. 14, 2024, or the 1st Call Meeting on Jan. 28, 2024, the January 28, 2024 Annual Church Voter's Meeting, or the 2nd Call meeting held on Sunday, March 10, 2024, then you did make yourself eligible to vote at this 3rd Call meeting because these meetings were all considered Voter's Meetings. Attendance at this 3rd Call meeting will make you eligible

to vote at future Voter's meetings over the next calendar year.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR TASTE OF MISSIONS, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Join us in person OR online to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world.

The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new home and world missionaries. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries alike. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during a panel discussion.

Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Learn more and register at tasteofmission.com

ST. PAUL'S LIL' LAMBS REQUESTING HELP IN THE AFTERNOONS. This position can either be full or part time; depending on your interest and availability. If you a interested; please send your resume along with a cover letter to <u>stpaulslillambs@gmail.com</u> or contact Shar Weibel at 608-847-2515.

ON APRIL 27, 2024 10:00 the Women are sponsoring a craft day. Sandy Monte will be helping teach basic skills of card making. You may bring your own supplies or use what will be available. Kids are welcome. We are hoping that this is just a start of craft days. Please join us for good fellowship and discipleship.



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ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP

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Worship Sunday 7:45 & 10:30 a.m. Monday 6:00 p.m.

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