



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples



CHRIST THE **LORD**
IS RISEN TODAY!

**Church, School and
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.splco.org
262-567-5001

Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5pm traditional
Sunday: 8am traditional
Sunday: 10:30am contemporary

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

A member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

April 1st, 2018

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jill George, Principal
Volume 24

Adam Tanney, Youth Director
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 13

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests.
Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to align ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see the true meaning of God's Word. Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- **Members and guests:** please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

Please note: Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.

EASTER SUNRISE

Come to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Out of Egypt*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

Reformation Bible Study

567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Salvation

567-8195 Tues. - 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

490-2879 Sat. (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Mary Kummrow in praise to God for blessings received. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Kurt & Abby Baneck in praise to God for blessings received.

REACHING DISCIPLES

LWML

LWML meets Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAISE TEAM MUSICIANS NEEDED.....

Our St. Paul's Praise Teams, who assist in leading the music for the contemporary worship services, are looking for musicians to join them. **Look2Him** Praise Team is in IMMEDIATE need of a lead guitarist. They practice every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in church.

In His Light Praise Team is looking for a drummer, a keyboardist and a violinist to fill out their team. They practice on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the church.

Whether you play one of the above instruments or any other instrument, or if you are a singer and you would love to help lead the congregation with contemporary style praises to our Lord, please don't be shy about sharing your talents! It would be great to have enough people come forward to fill out the needs listed above and to also put together an "alternates list". Alternates would be musicians and singers that the teams could call on for occasional participation when a need arises.

Other opportunities to help: a few more people to learn to run the sound system and the power point for the 10:30 contemporary services. Training would be provided.

If interested in using your God given talents here at St. Paul's for our contemporary services, please contact Linda Leidel (Look2Him) via phone 262-569-2933 or email laleidel@gmail.com or contact Michelle Oddsen (In His Light) via phone 262-434-0439 or email michelle.oddsen@gmail.com. "Rise up and praise Him!"

SERVING DISCIPLES

WINE PULL



The popular wine pull will be available at the Hero Crusade. Our goal is to raise \$600. To do that we will offer 30 bottles of wine at \$20 a "pull." Please help us make our goal a reality and consider donating a bottle of wine valued near the \$15 range. Donations can be left in the school office until Friday, April 13th.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Ladies Aid, for your donation to marketing/advertising. Because of your generosity, we are now listed in the Oconomowoc Enterprise's Church Services Directory. Your donation also provided a two-week run for our Holy Week and Easter worship services ad, also in the Enterprise. Blessings to you, ladies!

GROWING DISCIPLES

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring paper plates as a donation for church groups. Thank you!

St. Paul's Ballot for Nominations

This ballot is used to recommend individual(s) within the congregation for a leadership position.

The process consists of:

1. Fill out the ballot with the name of the individual you are recommending and for what position within the St. Paul's organization. Individuals being recommended are expected to currently be involved in Worship, the Lord's Supper, and Bible Study.
2. Turn the ballot in by way of the offering plate or return the ballot to the church office **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH**.
3. The ballots are turned into the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the recommendations for the best ministry opportunity based on skills sets of the individual and the needs of the respective committee. Upon approval from the committee for a position, nominee will be contacted by a committee member to inform them they have been chosen to be a candidate for a given office.
4. Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider the position. If they request additional information the Nominating Committee will supply the duties of that position, board or committee.

GOVERNANCE MODEL

2018 Leadership Positions

POSITION		CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President		George Menden	2018		2020
Vice President #1		Al Mueller	2018		2020
Vice President #2		Dave Meyer	2019		
Treasurer		Jon Schmeling	2018		2020
Education Committee, Director		Darren Ratzow	2019		
Operations Committee, Director		Scott Kalien	2019		
Board of Elders	1	Rick Zastrow	2019		
	2	Wilbur Pieper	2019		
	3	Erik Benes	2019		
	4	Todd Leonhardt	2019		
	5	Tom Truebenbach	2018		2020
	6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018		2020
	7	Mark Thurow	2018		2020
	8	Josh Oddsen	2019		
	9	Chad Eberhardt	2019		

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Easter Sunrise: Out of Egypt

April 1–8, 2018

Out of Egypt (Pastor O'Donnell)

Isaiah is just one of the prophets to foresee the day of resurrection and the Kingdom of Heaven (Isa 25.6-9). Yet, even those well-schooled in the resurrection promises nevertheless find the news of Christ's resurrection bewildering at first, like the women at the tomb (Mk 16.1-8). Others, like a young Pharisee from Tarsus named Saul, find the claims blasphemous, yet when confronted by the fact, everything changes, including his name, and his message, for the resurrection is true, and "of first importance." (1 Cor 15.1-11)

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: Christ is the way out of sin and death and into light and Life.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8 "Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Psalm: Psalm 16 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Daily Psalms	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136, 117

The Catechism: Creed—Second Article

<p><i>The Second Article</i> And [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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe the Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p>who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p>that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

Easter Sunrise: Out of Egypt

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Easter Sunrise—Mark 16:1-8	Ex. 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23-8:13
Mon.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Ex. 15:1-18	Heb. 9:1-28
Tue.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Ex. 15:19-16:12	Heb. 10:1-18
Wed.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Ex. 16:13-35	Heb. 10:19-39
Thur.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Ex. 17:1-16	Heb. 11:1-29
Fri.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Ex. 18:5-27	Heb. 12:1-24

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – August Fortmann; Rob Bratz Jr—throat cancer; John Tesch—recovering from knee surgery; Barbara Wildes; Brent Nicholson—kidney dialysis; Wayne Gartzke—stroke; Jim Hertneky—recovering from back injury; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Daina Boppre—bone cancer; Sandy - kidney cancer; Jimi Duer—pancreatic cancer; Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom)—liver cancer; Vern Adams; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin) - breast cancer; Beth—Lymphoma; Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—cancer returned; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)—colon cancer; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—bone cancer; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Karey—healing from stomach issues; Jean Schiellack (Shirley Dibble's sister-in-law); Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Carol (Mark Prange's mom); Rev. William Meyer; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Vicki Kuhl—afib; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members)—stage 3 colon cancer; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—

in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Fred (Lynda Rades’s brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke’s nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Justin Michener; PFC Nicholas Lang; Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling—Spain; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

Those serving God as missionaries: Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; for family health and harmony of a member; the Froemming family; Matt, Brian—for mental clarity and to gain employment; friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

Thanksgiving: Maggie Urban for successful knee surgery and recovery

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

Looking forward to the 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7/8, 2018

Hymns: 467, 471 (603, 472, 849) 487

The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution (Pastor Kelling)

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “*came and stood among them,*” and with His Word and the wounds in “*his hands and his side,*” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “*is the Christ, the Son of God,*” so that by such faith we “*may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). The apostles “*have seen and heard*” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “*too may have fellowship*” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “*with one another*” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “*their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,*” and all who believe this Word are “*of one heart and soul,*” because in Him they truly have “*everything in common*” (Acts 4:32–33).



John 20:1 “Now on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him - anew heart, a new life, new desired, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

What is it like to be a Middle School student at St. Paul's? This age is such an important time to explore interests and to try different things. In addition to a comprehensive core curriculum which is integrated with our Christian faith, students also have classes in Spanish, Art, Physical Education, Computer Applications, Fit For Life (Health/Wellness), Language Arts Enrichment, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).



Middle School students at St. Paul's are also very blessed to participate in various music electives. Current offerings include Handbells, Concert Choir, Middle School Choir, Praise Team (beginning and advanced), Band (grades 4-8), and Guitar (grades 4-8, beginning and advanced classes).

Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest: Recently, some of our 7th and 8th graders were awarded for their creativity and talent. Students who placed in the 2-Dimensional division were Madeline Crowley (1st Place), and Megan Frosch & Daniel Grady (Honorable Mention). Students who placed in the 3-Dimensional division were Ethan Jacobosky (2nd Place) and Failenn O'Donnell (3rd Place.) First through third place winners will have their pieces entered in the regional contest. If they place at that level, the piece will move onto the state competition. CONGRATULATIONS!

A poster with the text: "ART HAS THE ROLE IN EDUCATION OF HELPING CHILDREN BECOME LIKE THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF MORE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE". The words are in various colors and fonts, with "ART" in large orange letters at the top.

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+ + + **ENROLLING NOW FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR** + + +
Contact the school office to begin the registration process!



CHAPEL OFFERING UPDATE: Thank you to all who donated to our Third Quarter chapel offerings to benefit Military Biblesticks. We raised over \$2500 dollars which means an entire platoon will be blessed by the Word of God. To God be the glory!

Mission Statement: *Helping God's children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to St. Paul's online giving webpage.



For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at splco.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: April 2nd—8th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY April 2 nd	NO SCHOOL Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Fellowship Hall Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY April 3 rd	NO SCHOOL LWML Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY April 5 th	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:30 pm
FRIDAY April 6 th	Youth Game Night (5 th -6 th) Youth Lock-In (7 th -8 th)	Gym Gym	5:00 pm 5:00 pm
SUNDAY April 7 th	Women of Joy Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY April 8 th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Time to Grow (Sunday School Public School Confirmation Class Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Room 219 Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

March 24/25

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—94

8:00 am—152

10:30 am—206

452 Total; 35 visitors; 417 members

ST. PAUL'S APRIL EPISTLE IS
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT
SPLCO.ORG.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

THIS SUNDAY

6:00 AM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Special Music	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	Failenn O'Donnell & Eddie Farrell	Luke Boldt & Megan Frosch	TBD
Altar Guild	Dorothy Duchow	Shirley Dibble & Marena Pine	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bruce Bain	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
Radio	Steve Hansen	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Gary Flanagan	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Acts 4:32–35	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 20:19–31
Acolytes	Colton Koepke	Sadie Wilke & Lydia DeWitz	Sami Abel & Madeline Crowley
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Todd Leonhardt	Josh Oddsen
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Erik Benes	Jim Steinberg	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Todd Leonhardt	Truman Seifert

EASTER SUNRISE

Exodus 15:1–11 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 72

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1213

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

St. John 20:1–18 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1153

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

April 1, 2018