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Weekly Announcements

April 5, 2026



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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Guild volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with Altar Guild. The primary role is preparing the services for Holy Communion and cleaning up after worship. Training is provided. Please reach out to Wendy Tesch at 920-713-4988 or wendyltesch@gmail.com. Thank you!

Hello women of St. Paul's! Sisters in Service has an important announcement!

Our April meeting will be held a week later than normal because of Holy Week. We will meet on Thursday, April 9th, at our regular time of 5:30pm. You will hear about our biblical woman of the month, Eve, and her story involving Adam, a beautiful garden, a cunning serpent, an apple and the creator of all, God. So please join us on April 9th, to celebrate Christ's triumphant resurrection and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. Don't forget to invite a friend or two to come along with you. The more the merrier!

Oh, and don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet on Tuesday, May 12th. Be on the lookout for more details.

LWML

LWML meets on **Tuesday, April 7th**, at **6pm** in **Room 219**. Everyone is welcome!

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 – 30) to be together in community together and build one another up.

Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- 04/19 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 05/05 | Monthly Study | 6:30pm @ SPLCO



Join Our
Contact List!

St. Paul's Youth Group

April

- April 5 EASTER BREAKFAST (NO YOUTH GROUP)
- April 12 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- April 19 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- April 26 ALL YOUTH ACTIVITY (TBD)

Middle School Drama-The Good Kind!

One of my passions has always been theatre! Getting to direct shows at Saint Paul's from the time before I taught here to now has always been a great blessing. This year, I have a small but mighty cast performing a comedy about super heroes and villains! There is so much stress and drama in middle school, being able to participate in theatre helps students to channel their creative energy and showcase the talents that God has given them in a different way.

Lights, sets, costumes-all of these things fit together to showcase the work these students are doing to God's glory. In the play for this year, Will You be my Nemesis?, a hero and a villain are both fighting to find their perfect match, the person who can be their opposite and give them purpose. Being a hero is such a BURDEN, you know? But, with fun and comedy, it can be quirky and wonderful to find the people in life that you connect with best.

We have all been given a purpose by God. In my daily teaching, I remind myself and the students of our purpose in the classroom. In class, our purpose is to work hard and learn. Maybe our "nemesis" in class is the lack of sleep or wanting to talk to your friends. In theater, our purpose is to show our talents to God's glory. Maybe our "nemesis" on the stage is glorifying ourselves instead of giving all glory to God.

No matter who or what your enemy is, we can look to God because He defeated the ultimate nemesis, the devil. It is because of Jesus' death on the cross that we can learn and work through the distractions; we can act and work through our pride; we can face any enemy, whether they are a villain of bad puns or the villain of homework, because we have Jesus in our corner.

To God be the glory!
Sarah Havey

6th Grade Homeroom/Language Arts/Theatre





The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday May 14, 2026

Dinner 5:30pm Worship 7:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

W407 Highway 18

Sullivan, WI. 53178

Collected offering will be split between
Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission and
Journeys Lutheran School Flood Relief.

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Easter Sunday: *The Catatonic and the Comforted*

April 5 – 12, 2026

The Catatonic and the Comforted

At the Resurrection of Our Lord we “rise and go up to Zion, to the LORD our God” (Jer 31.6); indeed, in our Baptisms we already have, for the Baptized have been “raised with Christ.” (Col 3.1) That radically alters our present and our future. Indeed, our future is sure: “When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:4, ESV) We have eternal hope in Christ. True, we may not fully understand what is going on, but through faith in Christ, like the women at the resurrection, we receive the comfort and joy that also changes every moment of our present.

Order 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: Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead, and His forgiveness, moves us from deathly afraid to the comfort and joy of God’s wide-open embrace.

Verse: Colossians 3:1-3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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

Catechism: *Creed – Third Article*

<p><i>The Third Article</i> 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</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.</p>	<p>1st Grade +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

Easter Sunday: *The Catatonic and the Comforted*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Transfiguration: Mark 8-9	Psalm 84, 42, 32	Mt 28.1-10
Mon.	Jesus Heals a Blind Man: John 9	Psalm 119:73-80, 121, 6	Mk 9:1-50
Tue.	The Beatitudes: Matthew 4-5	Psalm 34, 25, 91	Mk 10:1-52
Wed.	The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-6	Psalm 5, 27, 51	Mk 11:1-33
Thur.	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People: John 6	Psalm 38, 126, 102	Mk 12:1-13:37
Fri.	Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two: Luke 10	Psalm 22, 107, 130	Mk 14:1-72
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31	Psalm 93, 136, 117	Mk 15:1-47

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 – Dale Jaeger; Tim Krause; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – **Those with cancer:** Ralph (Judy Braatz's brother)–bladder cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis–breast cancer; Layla Pelnar–thyroid cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

Other: Donna–health issues; Linda (Jamie Stache's cousin)–broken leg; Kelly–health issues; Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt's parents)–health issues; Gary Barborich; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Joe Rohde (Sue Beles' brother)–healing; Mark–heart attack; Beth Dowhen; Dorothy–Alzheimer's; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad's mom); Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Doug–CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)–MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Greu; Madelynn Matthews–Air Force; Trevor Thiel–Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

Those serving God as missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Anniversary: Pastor Lance & Carrie O’Donnell–30th–March 16th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

Looking forward to the Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Peace Be With You (Pastor O’Donnell)

All creation rejoices, for The LORD kept his promise to “raise up a horn of salvation for his people” (Ps 148.14) in Jesus Christ. Indeed, “. . . he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3, ESV) Yes, when Jesus says, “Peace be with you,” it is not a wish, but a declaration of forgiveness that restores godly identity and purpose.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Sponsored by Sisters In Service

Tuesday, May 12

5:30pm - Fellowship and Cocktails

6:30pm - Dinner

Program—Evening of Song

Presented by:

Oconomowoc Community Choir

Oconomowoc Golf Club

W360 N5261 BrownStreet, Oconomowoc

Adults - \$40 (includes gratuity) Children (3 to 12) - \$15 (includes gratuity)

Please make checks payable to: "Ladies Aid"

Menu:

French Pork Chop with peppercorn sauce

Au Gratin Potatoes

California Blend Vegetables

Salad

Rolls

Ice Cream Dessert

Menu:

Chicken Tenders

French Fries

Fruit

Ice Cream Dessert

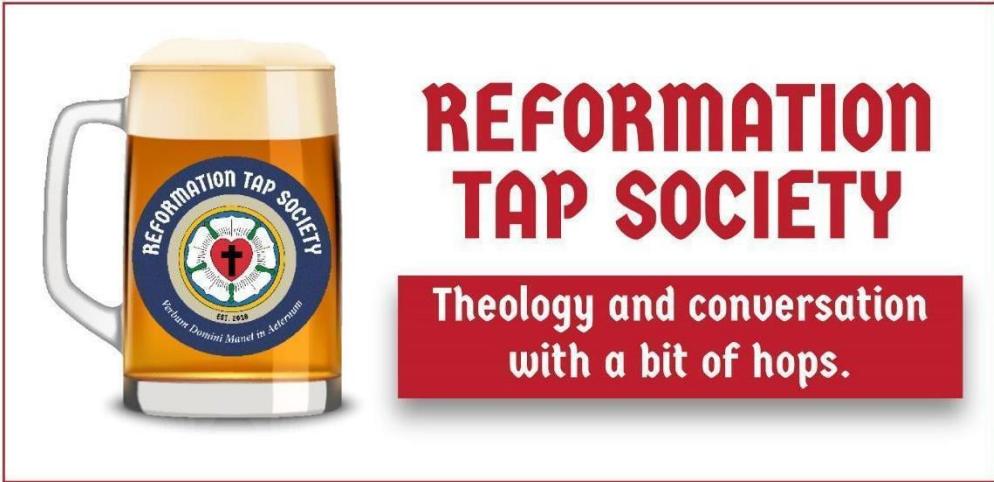

TRICIA'S TROOPS
CANCER CONNECTION

BringHard Candy
Flavors: Root Beer,
Peppermint, Lemon



Purchase Tickets:

Church Office (262-567-5001)
Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-308-8184)
Terrie Seifert (262-490-0649)
Vicky Tuder (414-699-8045)
Judy Braatz (262-266-4841)
Sue Lindemann (262-567-8985)



Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. *Under the theme, "Lead Me to Christ, the Rock," the 2025-2026 Reformation Tap Society season explores the various ways in which Christ is the foundation of a holy and purposeful life.* Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won't be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards younger adults. Parents of children under high school age should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5pm, have a "beer talk" from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you're welcome even if you're not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.)

April 19, 2026

Prayer: Entering the Triune Conversation

Presenter: Silas Hasselbrook

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

N58W38900 Industrial Rd. Suite D

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

www.brewfinitybrewing.com

**First time guests
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beer or soda on us!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY April 6 th	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED Lord's Cupboard Giveaway	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY April 7 th	LWML	Room 219	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY April 8 th	W.O.W.: Lutheran Basics	Room 219	6:30 pm
THURSDAY April 9 th	Sisters in Service Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
SATURDAY April 11 th	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY April 12 th	Divine Worship Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship High School Youth Group	Church Meet in F.H. Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall Church Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30am 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym
April 5, 2026
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Happy Easter!

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Psalm 148	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Pam Kroupa	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Jim Juneau	Rick Zastrow	Tom Showen
Greeters	Dan Maynard	Dutch & Lynda Holland Matt Wawrzyn	Josh & Valerie Peters
Live-Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Maynard	Rick Zastrow	Tom Showen

APRIL 12, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Title: *Peace Be With You*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1-6

"At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people."

Thus says the Lord:

"The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.'"

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

- † Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. † *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 71 **Total: 430**
8:00 am – 177
10:30 am – 182

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	6am	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	Noah Lietzau	Caleb Meyer	TBD
Anthem/Solo	Church Choir Ps. O'Donnell	Church Choir	N/A
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Wendy Tesch	Cindy Fredrickson
Elders	Chuck Laabs	Arno Kirchenwitz	Tom Showen
Greeters	Char Binney	Duane & Sharon Peterson Bruce & Mary Bojko	John & Marcie Nelson
Live Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	Chuck Laabs	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Joel Tesch	Tom Showen

Altar Flowers: Sponsored by Pastor Lance & Carrie O'Donnell in praise to God for their 30th wedding anniversary on March 16th

Radio Broadcasts: St. Paul's Ladies Aid in praise to God for blessings received

ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- † **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**
- † **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)**
- † **Web: Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube**

DIVINE SERVICE

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Church Choir Gospel Processional:
Hallelujah Chorus

Music by George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become
The Kingdom of our Lord of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,
And He shall reign forever and ever.

Sermon Outline:

The Catatonic and the Comforted

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
5 April, A.D. 2026
Jer 31.1-6; Col 3.1-4; Mt 28.1-10

Introduction

What happens when we get our identity from the various forms of the attention economy?

What is the “. . . still more excellent way”
(1 Cor 12:31b, ESV)?

A New Identity in Christ

A. Mary Magdalene, et al.

What do we know about Mary Magdalene?
(See Lk 8.2-3)

Who are some other examples from our church stained glass windows that Jesus rescued from various kinds of trouble?

B. Christ the Savior

How was Jesus not just a man? (See Jn 1.1-4;
Col 1.19-20; Apostles' Creed)

From what did Christ rescue you? How did He do this? (Col 1.21-22)

C. You

Why did Mary Magdalene not tremble in the way the Roman soldier did? (Mt 28.1-10)

Conclusion

CCT: Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His forgiveness, moves us from deathly fear to the _____ and joy of God's wide-open embrace.

How does this promise get applied to you?
(Rom 6.3-5)

What does faith "do" with such a promise?

How does "the more excellent way" of Jesus impact your identity and your life?

Church Choir Offering Anthem:
He's Risen, He's Risen

C.F.W. Walther
Setting by Jacob B. Weber

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heav'n, in jubilant song,
And earth, sea and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death! We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions, His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
With Father and Spirit, He ever shall reign.