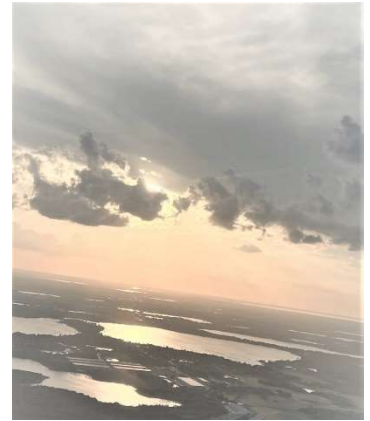


May 29, 2022
Easter 7



*“God made the dome and
separated the waters...”
Genesis 1:7a*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER DIALOG

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
A This is the day that they Lord has made!
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

V In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

A We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

V You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

A In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

V Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE “Baptized in Water” ELW 456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:

one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

GREETING

V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

V O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command
and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy
is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C **Amen.**

READING

Genesis 1:1-19

R ¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and
darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God
said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the
light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening
and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the
waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that
were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was
morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land
appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called
Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought
forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.
And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be
for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light
upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the
lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the
earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw
that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879 v. 1, 2 5

I For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

PSALM 65 (*We will read responsively*)

R ¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

²O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ELW 588

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;

there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

READING

Acts 1:6-11

R ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God Beyond All Praising" ELW 880

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **Receive our Prayer**

PEACE

V The peace of our risen Lord Jesus be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

LORD'S PRAYER

V Gathered into one by God's spirit, let us pray the prayer that
the Lord Jesus taught us. God you are our parent, our mother,
C **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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The image shows musical notation for the offertory. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

A Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

V May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May God fill you with hope and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" ELW 881

I Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
 to God the creator triumphantly raise,
 who fashioned and made us,
 protected and stayed us,
 who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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WELCOME
St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Announcements for May 29, 2022

We welcome all of you to our Worship Service this morning!

****Planting at Our Safe Place** – On Wednesday, June 1st we will be planting a vegetable garden at Our Safe Place. If you'd like to help with this task, please meet us at 10am at St. Paul's and we will drive the plants and dirt over there and plant! If you are interested in helping out, please see Vicar Charlotte, Nancy Day, Suzi Moylan or Jane Prahlow. Thank you, The Outreach Team

Kim's Table - Please throw in the towel...or rather...bring one to church! The Outreach Team is collecting new towels for distribution at our July Kim's Table. If you are able to contribute, please bring a new towel set (washcloth, hand towel, and bath towel) to church any time during the month of June. Thank you!

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly was held the weekend of May 20 and 21 in the Italian Community Center. Congratulations to Bishop Paul Erickson who was re-elected.

Next Task Force Meetings – will be held on Sunday June 12th following the worship service in the Memorial Suite.

Summer Reading – This year, we will get together for eight weeks of exploring Biblical interpretation and Milwaukee's beer gardens! Pick up a copy of *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans and join us on Wednesdays at 6pm beginning June 8th at Estabrook Beer Garden, 4600 Estabrook Drive, Milwaukee.

Contributors to this morning's Worship...Thank YOU!

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Pastoral Intern: Vicar Charlotte Linberry

Assisting Minister: Jeri Jende

Minister of Music: Nick Scaffidi

Communion Assistant: Judy Gilbertson

Greeter: Karen Bromberek

Reader: Sarah Micheel

Usher Team: 2

Counter: 4

Altar Guild: Nancy Day and Mark Van Engen

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*** denotes newly added item*

Members with Special Concerns

Larry Schulz

Others with Special Concerns

Donna Kitzman, mother of Tim Kitzman

Katie Ruen, Pastor Ed's wife/friend of St. Paul's

Kathy Hilmo, friend of MaryEllen & Howie Voelz

Brian Coulter, longtime friend of Mark Voelz

Bill Mueller, friend & former member of St. Paul's

LaVerne Mueller, friend & former member of St. Paul's

Dennis & Barb Benjamin, former members of St. Paul's

Laurie Klug, friend of the Polinske/Ringwolski families

Darlene Reid, sister of Wayne Ringwolski

Darrin Ringwolski, son/brother of Ringwolski/Polinske families

Charles Schulz, father of Larry Schulz

Jerry Zimmerman, former member

Avis Jeffers, cousins of Mary Ellen Voelz

Other Prayers:

~ We pray for the people of Ukraine and others seeking refuge from war.

~ We pray for Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Peterson who received a call through ELCA Justice and Service and is currently in Indonesia.

~ We pray for solutions to the issues of violence facing our city, that all people might live in peace.

~ We pray for all ministries and nonprofits in the near west side.

~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)

~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.

~ For all military and other government personnel serving throughout the world.

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We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers."

