

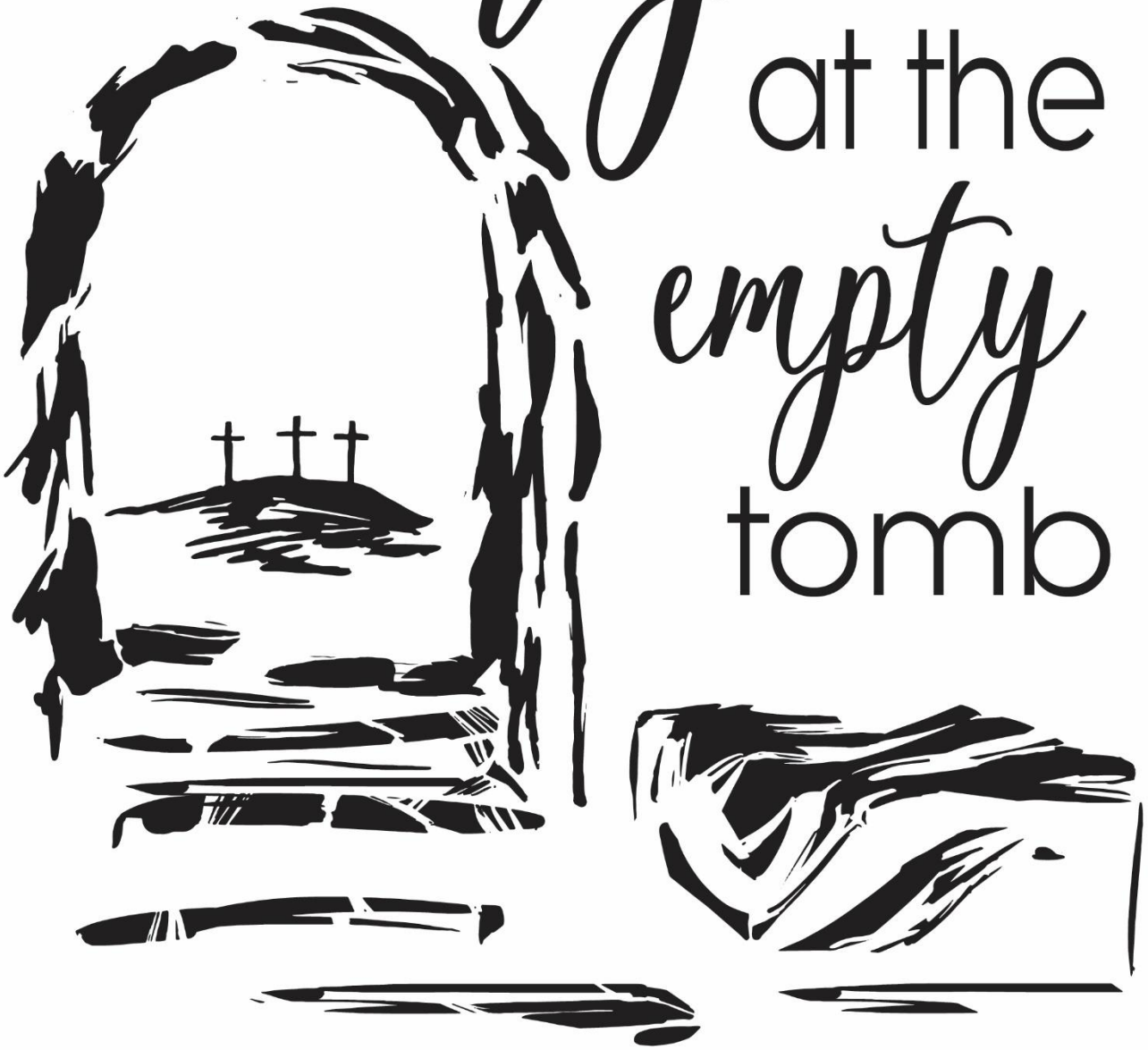
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Welcome to St. Paul's!

Thank you for celebrating Easter with us.

St. Paul's is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who love each other and our community. Stop by the Welcome Center in the church entry for information about any of our ministries. An attendant will be there to answer your questions.

For Little Children: There is a "wobble room," where parents can go to quiet their children during the worship service. You can hear the service there. This room is to your right as you leave the center doors of the sanctuary.

Restrooms: Restrooms are to the left as you leave the sanctuary. There are also handicapped/family restrooms in the west wing of the church (to the right as you leave the sanctuary).

Special Needs: Large-print worship folders and hearing assistance are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Christian Education

St. Paul's Child Care Center

We offer a wonderful Christian child care ministry for children six-weeks old through 3 years old. We will have openings in our infant room, beginning September of 2021. Pregnant? Tell your spouse. Tell your parents. Then call our Child Care Center Administrator Tammy Dockter at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

School Registration for 2021-2022

Our 3K – 8th grade Lutheran School is accepting registrations for the next school year. Call our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons (414-422-0320, ext. 118) for a school tour or indicate interest on the Connection Card. We participate in both the Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Parental Choice programs and we offer generous financial aid. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in their faith, academics, and Christian character. We're worth a visit!

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Kids Club is our vibrant ministry for youth on Sundays for 3K through grade 6. All age levels meet in our school classrooms from 9:15 until 10:15 am. Kids Club resumes on Sunday, April 11. New participants are always welcome. Register any Sunday morning in the Trinity Café, directly across the parking lot from the church.

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Easter Festival Worship

April 3 and 4, 2021

MASKS AND SEATING

We continue to encourage the wearing of masks throughout the service if you are able. As attendance increases, it may be difficult to maintain our customary social distancing at all services. If you are comfortable with less social distancing, please sit on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar). If you desire more social distancing, we recommend sitting on the left side of the sanctuary. There is also additional seating in the balcony and the Grace Room.

BELLS

INVOCATION

M Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M Thank you, heavenly Father, for the grace you have poured out on us and for the salvation you have accomplished for us through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We lift our voices in praise to you as we celebrate your victory over our enemies.

OPENING HYMN 160, vv. 1, 2, 3

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide

Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill

Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

3 My flesh in hope shall rest

And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

M Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed.**

M This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).

C **What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**

M Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life (Romans 6:1-4).

C **Since we have been raised with Christ, we set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**

M Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

C **When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).**

M We will be before the throne of God

C **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

M Never again will we hunger;

C **Never again will we thirst.**

M For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

C **And God will wipe every tear from our eyes (Revelation 7:15-17).**

SONG OF PRAISE (Sung by Joyful Noise)

Just As He Said!

INTRODUCTION: FIND HOPE AT THE EMPTY TOMB

FIRST LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

PART 1 – FIND HOPE AT THE EMPTY TOMB: INTERVIEW THE WOMEN

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 157

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Mark 16:9-20

PART 2 – FIND HOPE AT THE EMPTY TOMB: INTERVIEW THE WRITER

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

PART 3 – FIND HOPE AT THE EMPTY TOMB: INTERVIEW THE UNBELIEVER

THIRD LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (*From 1 Corinthians 15*)

- M For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.
- C **Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**
- M We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
- C **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.**
- M When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:
- C **"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

HYMN 152, vv. 1, 2, 5, 7

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head! | 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high. |
| 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there. |

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Almighty and merciful God, we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the good news of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.
- C **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**
- M In moments of grief call believers through the voice of the Good Shepherd.
- C **Wipe away our tears, and give us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**
- M Be merciful to those who doubt, and bring about a change of heart in the skeptics.
- C **Use our compassion and care for those in need to be a witness to them of the power of the gospel in our lives, that they might ask us for the reason for the hope that we have.**

- M Heavenly Father, keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed because of their failures, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.
- C **Thank you for the power of Baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us. We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING PRAISE 147, vv. 1, 2

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

**1 Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending
So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.**

**2 Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.**

BENEDICTION

- M Assured of the victory Jesus has won for us, by the power of his resurrection, we leave the presence of our God in joy and peace.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + grant you peace.
- C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 5, 2021

MON - FRI		No Lutheran Elementary School (Easter Break)
MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
TUE	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Walking Club (Main Church) Public School Confirmation Classes
WED	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
THURS	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Main Church) Revelation Bible Class (Online)
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Kids Club The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Stop By the Welcome Center

- If you are first-time guest, stop by to receive a thank you gift for worshipping with us.
- Pick up the latest news from our Mission Partners.
- Find an update on our Community Counseling and Care Center.
- Take a copy of the message to share with family and friends.
- Learn more about Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Funeral

The Lord, in his infinite love and wisdom, called home to heaven the soul of Loretta "Lorre" A. Morbeck, born April 5, 1938, on March 20, 2021. Her funeral arrangements have been scheduled for April 10 with visitation from 9:00 – 11:00 am and funeral at 11:00 am. May God give peace and comfort to Lorre's family and loved ones.

Death

Phil Nickerson, born September 12, 1935, entered eternal peace with his Savior on March 31, 2021. Funeral arrangements are pending. May the God of all hope and comfort be with Phil's loved ones.

Hospitalized

Paul Gionfriddo (Clifden Court in Greendale), Paul Hermann (Linden Grove Mukwonago), Linda Pfister (Congregational Home in Brookfield), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), Marjorie Backhaus (West Allis Memorial), Ted Nommensen (Froedtert) and Lois Bestel (Wisconsin Rehab Hospital). Yvonne Hahn, Roman Rynders, and Pam O'Laughlin have been discharged from the hospital.

Next Following the Promise Class

Plan now to join Pastor Nate in the next *Following the Promise* on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm. This class will be a "hybrid offering" with the online option but also in-person, masked and socially-distanced. Email him for more information at nstrobels@stpmsuskego.org.

Part Time Event Staff Position Available

Want to serve St. Paul's and connect to our community? Join our Event Staff Team. The main duties are opening / supervising / closing the building for facility rentals. Many of the shifts are early evening, weekends, and weekdays in the summer. This is a paid position. For more information, email Jessica Vanderhyde at facilityrentals@stpaulmuskego.org.

Offerings

You can place any offerings in the boxes on the entryway tables. If you are giving online, log in at www.StPaulMuskego.org/Give to make a one-time or recurring gift. We also offer a 'Text to Give' option. Send a text message "stpmsuskego" to: **77977**. If you prefer to use an offering envelope and would like to begin receiving them in the mail, contact Becky at 414-422-0320 ext 112.

Men of His Word Virtual Conference 2021

This year's conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, with Keynote Speaker Pastor Mike Novotny of Time of Grace. Details and registration are available at: MenofHisWord.org.

St. Paul's Hosting Global Leadership Summit Simulcast

On Thursday, August 5 and Friday, August 6, you are invited to gather with thousands of leaders across North America for the Global Leadership Summit. Hear internationally known speakers and leaders like Craig Groeschel, Patrick Lencioni, Juliet Funt, General Stanley McCrystal and many more. St. Paul's will be hosting the simulcast in our sanctuary. Register by July 19 for best price. Go to StPaulMuskego.org and search Global Leadership Summit.

Lutherans for Life Fundraiser Volleyball Event

St. Paul's will be hosting the WELS Lutherans for Life Fundraiser Volleyball Event on Sunday, April 18. There will be a limit of eight teams, and it is a COED event, so invite your friends! If you're not interested in playing, please consider an online team or personal donation for this fundraiser. For more information and to sign up, please visit: <https://www.alife2.com/volleyball-tourney-41821.html>.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

I Know You...

"I know you!" Is that good news or bad news?

It can be frightening to think that Jesus knows everything about you. He knows the doubts and fears, the nagging discontent, the unholy desires. The psalmist confesses, "You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar... Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely" (Psalm 139:2,4).

There are no secrets we can keep from Jesus. "I know you!" Frightening!

There are also no surprises for Jesus. "I know you!" That is good news!

Jesus knew everything about you before he laid down his life for you. "Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6). There is no sin that surprises him. There is no failure on your part that he had not foreseen. Still, he loved you and died for you.

"I know you!" That is the good news of the Good Shepherd Psalm. Not only does he know our sins and weaknesses in advance, he knows our needs and our fears and our hopes.

Join us over the next three weeks as we study the words of King David in Psalm 23. The Good Shepherd who laid down his life for you and then took it up again on Easter wants to assure you, "I know you."

April 11 - Psalm 23:1-3 – "I Know Your Discontent"

April 18 – Psalm 23:4 – "I Know Your Fears"

April 25 – Psalm 23:5-6 – "I Know Your Desires"



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship

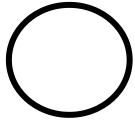
- Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Sunday at 7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm (resuming April 14)
- Livestreamed at 9:15 am on YouTube Channel St. Paul's Muskego

Contemporary Worship

- The Bridge on Sundays at 10:15 am
- Livestreamed at 10:15 am on YouTube Channel The Bridge Church Muskego

Kids Club

- Our Sunday morning children's ministry from 9:15 to 10:15 am
- For children 3K to 6th grade
- No pre-registration necessary
- Resumes on Sunday, April 11



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. What is your favorite Easter hymn or Scripture reading?

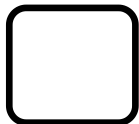
2. Pastor Pete challenged us to “Interview the Women.” Compare the lessons below. What is similar? What is different? Are there apparent contradictions that make you wonder, “How are both of these events true?” What are some possible solutions?
 - a. Matthew 28:1-10
 - b. Mark 16:1-8
 - c. Luke 24:1-12
 - d. John 20:1-18

3. Read Mark 16:9-20. What do you recall from the sermon about the NIV comment, “The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.” What questions would you like Pastor Pete to answer about this? Assign someone in the group the task of emailing him (ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) with your question(s).

4. Mark records at least five times when Jesus told his disciples he would rise:
 - a. Mark 8:31
 - b. Mark 9:9
 - c. Mark 9:30-31
 - d. Mark 10:33-34
 - e. Mark 14:28

With all these prophecies that Jesus made, why do you think the disciples still didn't believe that Jesus rose when the women and the two men of Emmaus told them they had seen Jesus?

5. How might you use the unbelief of the disciples to encourage a skeptic today to read the Bible?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Find Hope at the Empty Tomb Mark 16 and I Peter 1:3-9

*“He has given us new birth into a living hope
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

1. Interview the Women (Mark 16:1-8)

- a. Different d _____ = 4 unique witnesses
- b. Agreement: The appearance of a _____ and appearance of J _____ to Mary Magdalene

2. Interview the Writer (Mark 16:9-20)

- a. The “line” dilemma
 - i. Witnesses against Mark: Vaticanus and Sinaiticus (350 AD)
 - ii. The witnesses for Mark: Irenaeus (130-202), Justin Martyr (100-165), Tatian (120-180)
+ 5,800 Greek manuscripts and 19,000 manuscripts in other languages
- b. The “style” dilemma: In Mark’s Gospel Peter admits his defeats and minimizes his victories.
 - i. The disciples did not b _____ Mary.
 - ii. The disciples did not b _____ the two men from the country.
 - iii. Jesus rebuked the disciples because they did not b _____.
 - iv. Whoever b _____ and is baptized will be saved.
 - v. “Repent and b _____ the good news” (Mark 1:15).

3. Interview the Unbeliever (I Peter 1:3-9)

- a. Looking forward to an i _____ kept in heaven
- b. Trusting God’s p _____ to shield him
- c. Filled with an inexpressible j _____ even in suffering

My Next Steps

- **Interview the Women:** Compare Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18. What did they all see? What did they all hear?
- **Interview the Writer:** Read Mark’s Gospel (just 28 pages). Notice how the book starts with events of which Peter, a disciple of John, was an eyewitness. Imagine Peter telling Mark these accounts. What evidence do you see that Peter was an eyewitness to these events?
- **Interview the Unbeliever:** Read I Peter, just five chapters, and see how Jesus’ resurrection changed Peter’s view on life—his hope, his joy in suffering, his humble submission to others, his willingness to serve.