

EASTER ~ MARCH 31, 2024



*Easter
Sunday*

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Easter Dialog

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Easter Call to Worship

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

The tomb is dark, but empty.

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

The stone has been rolled away.

The one you are looking for has overcome death.

The burial clothes are put aside.

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Amen! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

#365

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 10:34 - 43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“A Canon of Praise”

Women’s Choir

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

Gospel

Mark 16:1 - 8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body].
²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“Thine Is the Glory”

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our

salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" #362 vs. 1 & 2

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"	page 146
"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"	#367
"Now the Green Blade Rises"	#379
"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	#389

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”
(see next page)

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!



“CHRIST IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA!”



Welcome: Happy Easter! What a joy to celebrate and affirm that goodness is stronger than evil, that love triumphs over fear, and that life, not death, is the final word.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Eugene Oelrichs, Kathy Hallauer, Scott Cash, Parker Fowler, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Jon Beckman, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Gene Beckman, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Josephine Heimsoth, Peggy Bay, Sharon Shull, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Dorothy Brown (mother of Bob Brown), Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).

REMEMBER
OUR SHUT-INS



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Sally Viebrock: E. W. Thompson Center

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.





Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will be back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 1st** at 9:00am in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **April 2nd** and Wednesday, **April 3rd** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

WELCA: St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will be holding their Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday, **April 3rd** in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Heather Mellen director of I AM Abuse Therapy. The Bible Study Program is addressing the issue of domestic abuse in Benton County. Items on the agenda include selecting recipients for our Annual Ice Cream Social and making plans for Osage Conference Cluster meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 1 at St. Paul's.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **March 28th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Holy Humor: As we continue the Easter celebration, join us for worship on Saturday and Sunday, **April 6th** and **7th** as we lift our voices in Holy Humor. You won't want to miss this!



Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, **April 9th** at 7:00pm.

Engaged Neighbor: On Wednesday evening, **April 10**, you are invited to take part in an Engaged Neighbor workshop here at St. Paul's. Hosted by an Engagement Specialist from MU Extension, this one-hour workshop will remind us of the importance of knowing our local neighbors and offer non-threatening tips on how to engage with them. Whether you know your immediate neighbors or not, this conversation is an important one to have. A light dinner of sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space for any attendees, followed by the program at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. An RSVP to the church office would be appreciated, but not required, in order to plan for dinner and materials.



Education Scholarship: Annually, the Central States Women of the ELCA awards scholarships to female members of an ELCA congregation who are seeking post high school education. It is a one-year non renewable scholarship. Applications for the scholarship may be found at the ushers' stands. For any questions, see Janice. The date for submitting your application has been extended to Monday, **April 15, 2024**.

Graduates: We have students graduating from pre-school all the way through college. We are very proud of you and would like to share your achievements. If you are going to graduate soon, please call or email the church office.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



50th: You are cordially invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Fred and Karen Oelrichs with friends and family during an Open House at the American Legion in Cole Camp on Saturday, **April 6th** from 2pm-4pm. No gifts expected; your 'presence' is all they want!

Italian Dinner: The Cole Camp Community Betterment Association is hosting an Italian Dinner on Sunday, **April 21st**, at The German Table. There will be two seatings: noon and 5:30 p.m. The menu will include choice of chicken parmesan or salmon with dill sauce, also appetizer, salad, dessert, beverage and choice of wine or special cocktail. This will help raise funds to defray the matching cost for the Rock Island Trailhead and 1.7 miles of trail. There are limited number of tickets for each seating. \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Sam Cole at The German Table, Susan Kyle at Citizens Farmers Bank or Marge Lumpe at 660-221-1226.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 31:	7:00am	Sunrise Service
	AW	Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, April 1:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, April 2:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, April 3:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	WELCA
Thursday, April 4:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 6:	3:00pm	Carter & Jordyn's Wedding
	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, April 7:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
		Holy Humor



~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

- April 3WELCA Quarterly Meeting
- April 6Carter Wienberg & Jordyn Harms Wedding
- April 6 & 7Holy Humor
- April 10.....Engaged Neighbor Workshop
- April 25.....Ask the Pastor

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk



Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Ruth Ann Kreisel & Sharel Wienberg
Reader Adrienn Dieckman
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Hudson Kullman & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers Easter Lilies
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 7, 2024

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Jim Gumbel
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Logan Jackson & Mason Randall
Flowers Easter Lilies
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe, Ryan Schlesselman