

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 20, 2025



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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

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

We gather in the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set

your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

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.....**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how 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. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not 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. ⁴² He 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. ⁴³ All 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1 - 2, 14 - 24

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

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The 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!"**

¹⁶ The 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.**

¹⁸ The 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.**

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

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

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19 - 26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Resurrection Day”

Choir

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

#174

Gospel

Luke 24:1 - 12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

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Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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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

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Offertory

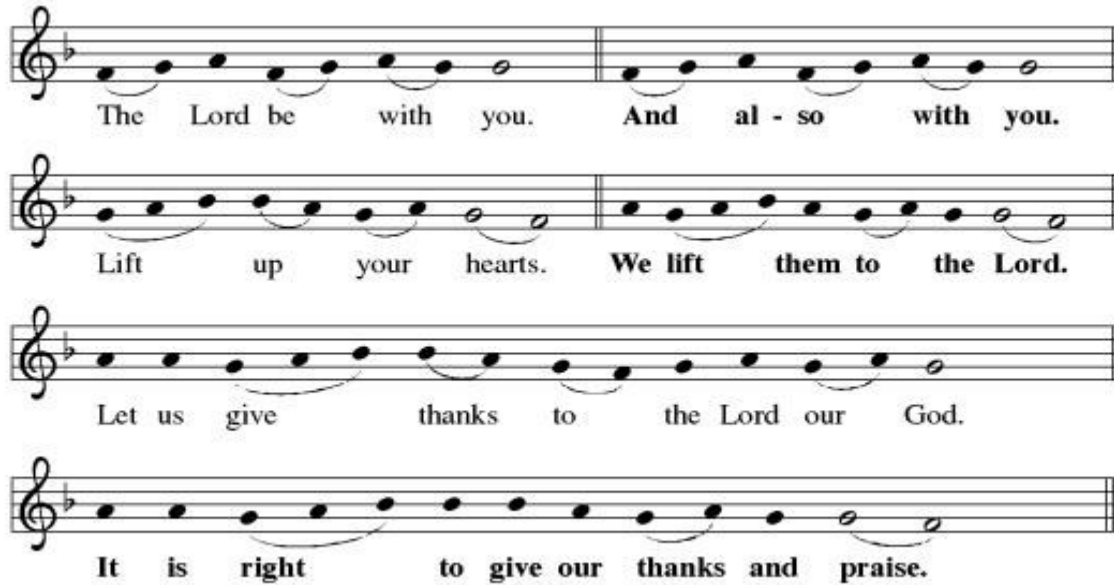
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

#384 vs. 1-2

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



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:



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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"

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

#619 vs. 1 - 5, 8

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

#389

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

#379

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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... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” #385

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



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 and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Kathy Bruner, Jim Wisktrom, Ashley Campbell, Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, Janelle Howard (daughter of Penny Merriott), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major 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 is back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 21st** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 21st** at 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 23rd** at 3:00pm.



Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 23rd** at 3:30pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 24th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **April 26th**.

Attention ladies of St. Paul's! On Saturday, **April 26th**, the ladies from nine congregations in the Mid-Missouri area will meet for their Spring Gathering. The ladies of St. Paul's will be hosting the gathering beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration (\$5.00) and light breakfast.



Agenda items for the morning include devotions, hymn sing, and an **excellent** Bible study given by Pastor Stephen based on Galatians 5: 6b - "... faith expressing itself through love." Our synod president, Gloria Sharp will provide updates of events in our synod. All followed by our guest speaker (also, excellent) - Connie McCray.

Connie McCray is the director of Hope5One, a faith-based ministry dedicated to bring hope and assistance for victims of human trafficking. Yes, human trafficking is occurring in Central Missouri and in the Lake of Ozarks area.

All women are invited to gain insight, to worship, and pray together as a body of Lutheran women.

Holy Humor: Soon we will be celebrating the joy of the resurrection through our Easter worship. That joy is nearly tangible as we all live in the hope of new life! Tradition holds that the days following Easter were reserved for partying, feasting, and even playing some practical jokes. Some would say that this is because God played the biggest joke on the devil by beating death forever. We continue in this joyous tradition through the use of Holy Humor in worship the weekend after Easter, **April 27th**. There will be no Saturday service this weekend.

Congregational Meeting: The Church Council of St. Paul's is calling a special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **April 27th**, immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a recommendation of the Council for the purchase of property that has been offered to us. For this type of business we must have 50% of voting members in attendance to constitute a quorum . If you have any questions, please speak with a member of Council.



Little Blessings: Little Blessings Preschool is reaching out to church and community members regarding enrollment for the upcoming school year (25-26). Our preschool is designed for three and four-year-olds and is held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings throughout the school year. Those wishing more information or wishing to enroll their child/children, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman (660-668-3823) or Janice Gerken (660-281-7380).

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.



~ * ~ EVENTS COMING UP ~ * ~



Calling All Fishermen! We're in need of fish for our upcoming Fish Fry on Sunday, **June 1st!** If you're a fisherman or know someone who can help, we'd love to have your catch to make this event successful. Your support will help us serve delicious meals and raise funds for the mission. Please contact Krista Poe or Debbie Eckhoff if you're able to contribute. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help! Thank you and God bless!

Ladies of St. Paul's: The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding their **Bi-Annual Synodical Convention in Independence, MO at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 20-22, 2025.**



The theme of the convention is Vessels of Grace. The convention will open with an evening meal at 5:00 on Friday, June 20 and conclude with closing worship on Sunday, June 22.

The board has been hard at work to make this an inspiring convention with keynote speaker, worship led by Bishop Candea, informative breakout sessions, Sing-a-longs, Bingo and our Saturday night musical highlight with the "Potter's Wheel". Our own praise band will be part of our worship on Friday evening.

Registration forms can be found at each usher's stand. See Janice for questions. **ALL women are invited to relax, shop, be inspired/informed, and worship with other Lutheran women from Kansas and Missouri!**



Summer Events: Attention youth and families, please mark your calendar for our summer events! Vacation Bible School: **July 7-11** & Mid-MO Bible Camp: **July 20 - 24.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 20:	7:00am	Sunrise Service
	AW	Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, April 21:	9:00am	Sewing
	7:00pm	Esther Circle
Wednesday, April 23:	3:00pm	Sunbeam
	3:30pm	Worship & Music
Thursday, April 24:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 26:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, April 27:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Congregational Meeting



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

April 27	Congregational Meeting
May 11	Mother's Day
May 26	Memorial Day
June 1	World Hunger Fish Fry
June 8	Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHoltten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
Ushers Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Easter Sunday ~ April 20, 2025

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Hudson Kullman & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers Easter Lilies



Second Sunday Of Easter ~ April 27, 2025

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Virgil & Diann Holsten
Reader Adrienn Dieckman
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Logan Jackson & Charlotte Zeller
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