

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 27, 2025

**“Peace
BE WITH YOU!”**

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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.



For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. The early theologians called it "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh."

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Easter Dialog

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We believe in God, in whose image we are made.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like God.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – the Spirit is truly our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.**

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.**

A Holy Exchange

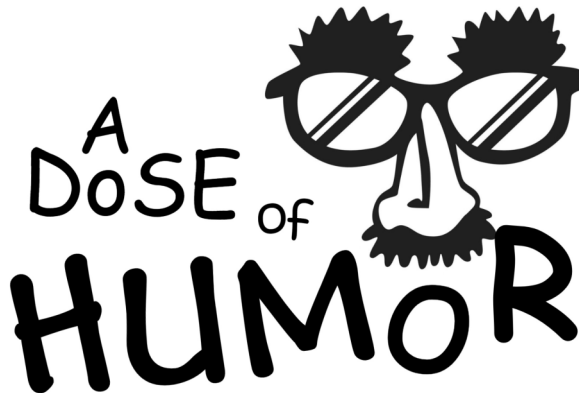
People of God, did you hear the one about the chicken who went to church?

No, we didn't! Did the chicken have to cross the road to get there?

Oh no, nothing like that. It simply wanted to go to church.

Why would a chicken want to go to church?

Because... she wanted to be a bird of pray!!



Hymn of Praise

I've Got the Joy Joy Joy

George William Cooke (1848-1923)

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart down in my heart down in my heart I've got the
Refrain
joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart down in my heart to stay. And I'm so hap-py, so ver-y
hap-py, I've got the love of Je-sus in my heart, And I'm so
hap-py, so ver-y hap-py, I've got the love of Je-sus in my heart.

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v2. I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart...Refrain

v3. And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack...Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 5:27 - 32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

² **Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³ Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵ Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4 - 8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Words and Music by
Les Garrett

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
2. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord was raised, that the Lord was raised;

We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord has — made; We will re-joyce and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord was — raised; We will re-joyce and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord was raised.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

(see following pages)

Because He Lives (Amen)

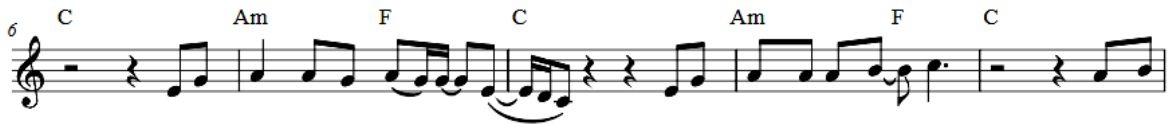
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Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither,
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and Chris Tomlin

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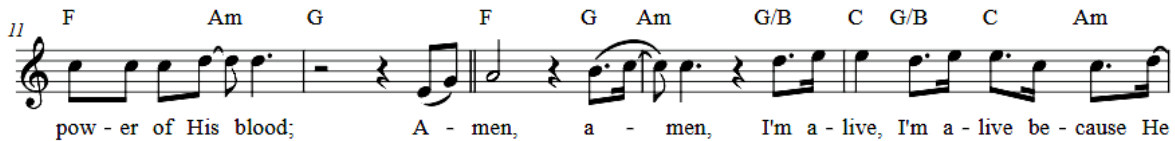
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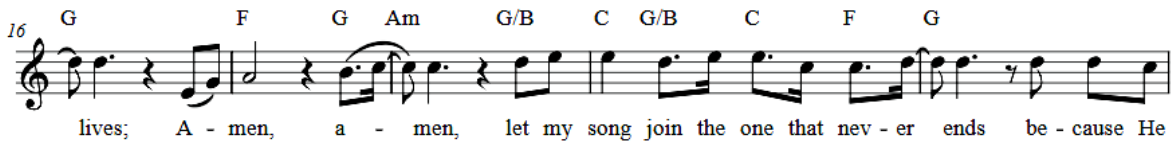


I be - lieve in the Ris - en One; I be - lieve I o - ver - come by the

CHORUS 1a



pow - er of His blood; A - men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He



lives; A - men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er ends be - cause He

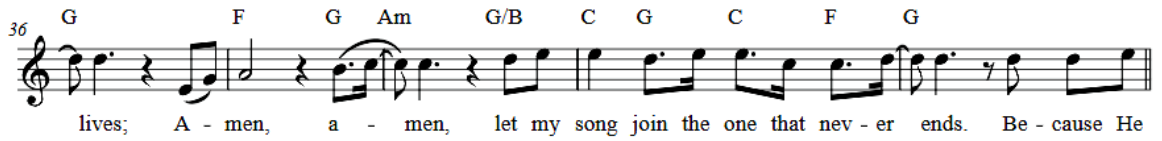
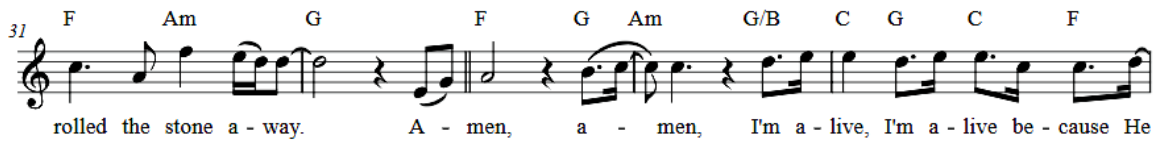
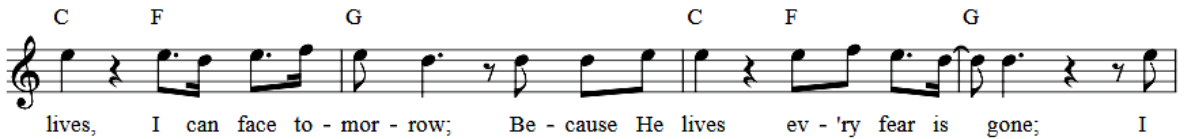
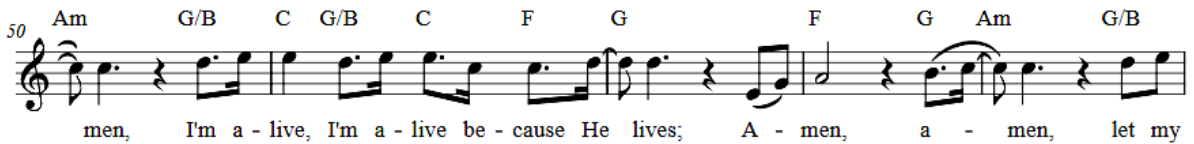
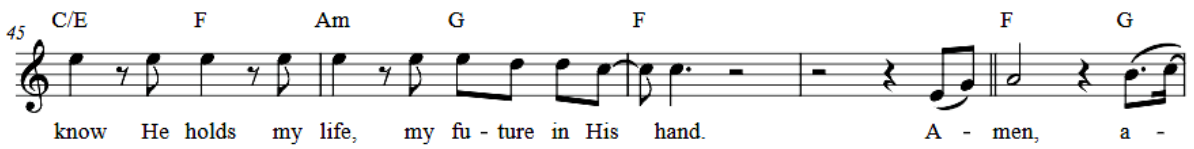
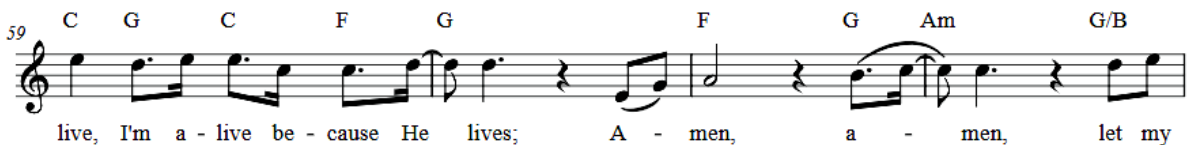
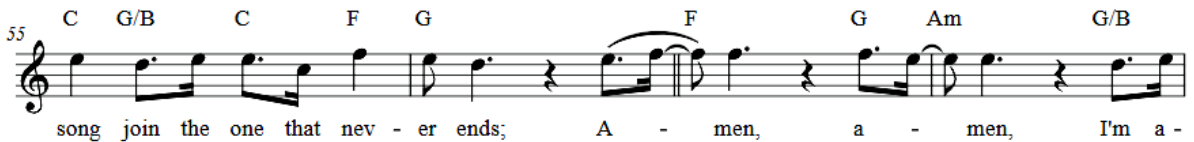
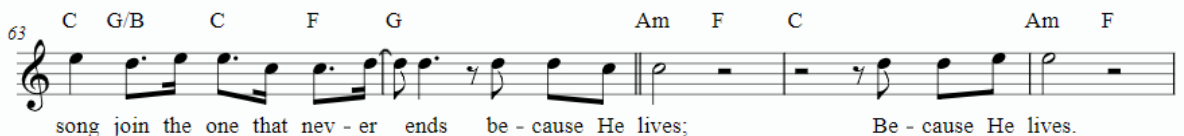
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lives. 2. I was dead in the grave; I was



cov - ered in sin and shame; I heard mer - cy call my name; He

CHORUS 1b**BRIDGE****CHORUS 1c****CHORUS 1d****ENDING**

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.**

Ha - La - La - La

Words and Music by
David Graham

CHORUS

Cmaj7Em7FCSUSCDm7Cmaj7/E

Ha - la - la - la - la - la - le - lu - ia. Ha - la - la - la - la - le -

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Fine

le - lu - ia.

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Offering

please stand in body or spirit
Offertory

“Rise and Shine”

(see next page)



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

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

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

"I Come with Joy"

#482

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

#523

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... 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

May the God of Isaac, that is "laughter," the Christ, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, and the Spirit of Joy be with you both now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Hymn I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

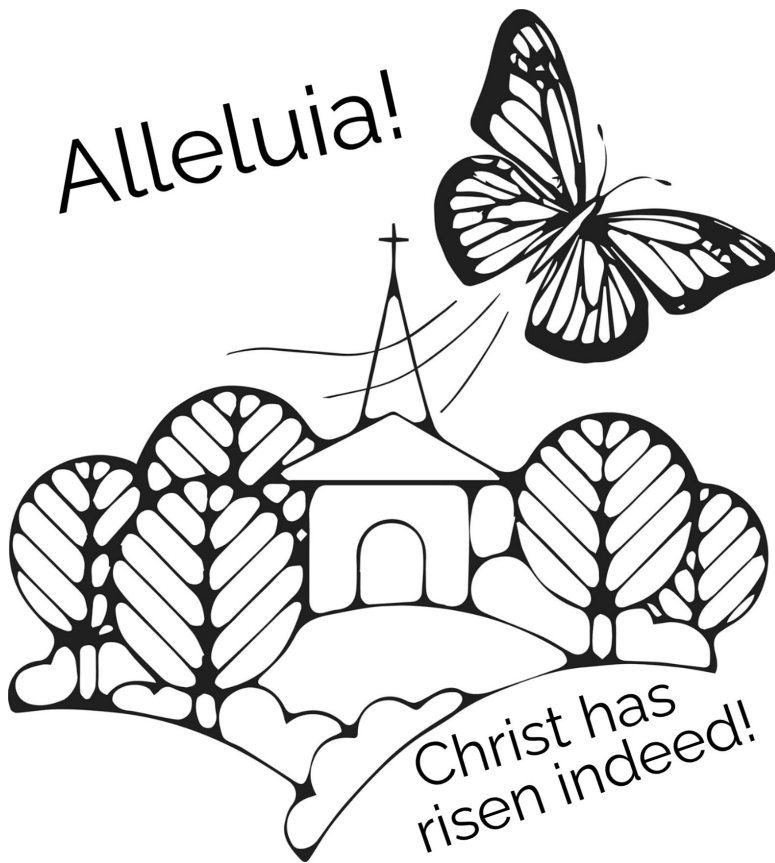
Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Alleluia. Go out with peace, joy, and laughter to share the good news that Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

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.



Ashley Campbell, David Woolery (friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke), 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: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, 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) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of James Vajen.



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

Thank You!!: We rejoice that our Lenten journey to the cross has been completed with Easter joy at the resurrection of our Lord. **Thank you** to the many who prepared the soups, sandwich spreads, and volunteered in the kitchen to serve and clean-up for our Lenten Soup Suppers and the groups who served cookies and hot chocolate after Lenten services. Also, **thank you** to those who served as worship volunteers throughout the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. A special **thanks** to Lois, Jeannette, Altar Guild members and our ushers; all who spent extra time in preparing and assisting in our services. **Thank you** to Shirley for all the extra typing and preparing our bulletins. Of course, **thank you** to Pastor Stephen for his creativity and time spent in preparing our uplifting and inspiring worship services. **Thanks be to God for all!!**



Heavenly Humor **Holy Humor:** We are 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 **today**.

Congregational Meeting: The Church Council of St. Paul's is calling a special Congregational Meeting **today**, 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.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **April 28th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **May 1st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

~ * ~ **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**.

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

Concert: State Fair Community College is hosting its annual President's Reception and Concert on Tuesday, **April 29**, in Stauffacher Theater on the SFCC-Sedalia campus. A refreshments reception begins in the dining hall (outside the theater) at 6:15 pm where the jazz band will be playing. The concert featuring the Contemporary and Chamber Choirs and the Concert band will begin at 7:00 pm. The event is free. Come early to get your seat.



Choir: Spring Easter Cantata presented by the Cole Camp Community Choir is scheduled for Sunday **May 11th**, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. "Praise the God of Resurrection" is an Easter Cantata featuring the music of Mark Hayes, Lloyd Larson, Joseph M. Martin, and Ruth Elaine Schram. You are cordially invited to join us at Trinity to enjoy this uplifting celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 27:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Congregational Meeting
Monday, April 28:	9:00am	Sewing
Thursday, May 1:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, May 3:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, May 5:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



~ * ~ 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 VonHolten
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



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
Flowers	.....Easter Lilies



Third Sunday Of Easter ~ May 1, 2025

Assisting Minister	.....Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	.....At the Altar
Reader	.....Sara & Lauren Jackson
Children's Sermon	.....Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes	.....Tristan Fox & Jace Tinney
Flowers	.....Teresa Viebrock

