

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 4, 2025



The Miraculous Catch of Fish

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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

Welcome/Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Thanksgiving For Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today ”

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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.....**Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1 - 20

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus

named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵ God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ **While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸ **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11 - 14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

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Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Gospel

John 21:1 - 19

The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon

Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#666

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.**

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Offering

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Offertory "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #384 vs. 1 & 4

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... 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

At the Altar

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.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

#380

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

#474

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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 ✠ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Blessing and Honor”

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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: We see the risen Christ when we look into one another's eyes. We touch his wounds when we share one another's burdens. Together, let us worship our Lord!

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

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



Hazel Karstons, 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 Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), 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).





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 meet on Monday, **May 5th** 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 8th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **May 14th** at 7:00pm.



Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **May 17th**.

Sunday School: Sunday School for children and youth will end on Sunday, **May 18th**, for the summer break. We hope that you'll join us for these last few weeks of learning and growing. The adult class will meet for a few more weeks after that.



Graduates: Hallelujah! Let us rejoice with our members who are graduating. We are very proud of all of you and pray that God will continue to guide your way. We will be honoring our graduates during worship on Sunday, **May 18th**. "One Stitch At A Time" will have quilts displayed to be given to our high school graduates. Our graduates for this year are.....Jenna Nash and Braden Poe.

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **May 19th** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



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!



Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is **June 5th - 7th.** Please remember our delegates Greg Bredehoeft, Janice Gerken and Pastor Stephen Zeller in your prayers during those days.

Confirmands: On Sunday, **June 8th** we will share in the joy of the Rite of Confirmation for three of our members. They are Grady Elliott, Ben Goosen and Grant Kullman.



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!**

Ice Cream Social: The Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, **June 22nd** beginning at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00pm.



VBS: Mark your calendars for this year's VBS, **July 7th - 11th!** We'll gather around the "campfire" and explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. See you there!



Mid-MO Bible Camp: Dates have just been announced for this year's camp: **Sunday, July 20th - Thursday, July 24th.** Same place - Lake of the Ozarks State Park. As always, it's for youth who this summer have completed 4th - 9th grade. Friends are invited! They haven't announced the cost yet, but only said that they hope they don't need to raise the price (last year was \$100) and will try to announce it soon. Adult volunteers during the week are welcomed and needed! Whether it's a couple of hours or a couple days, your help would be appreciated. Plus you get to hang out at camp! More info will come later.

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

Choir: Correction! The Spring Easter Cantata presented by the Cole Camp Community Choir is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon, **May 11th**, beginning at 4:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. "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!



Mother's Day
May 11th



Memorial Day
May 26th

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 4:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Monday, May 5:	9:00am	Sewing
Thursday, May 8:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, May 10:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, May 11:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Mother's Day



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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

MinistersThe Whole Congregation
Presiding MinisterPastor Stephen Zeller
Organist..... Lois Viebrock
Pianist..... Jeannette VonHoltzen
AV Technicians..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers..... Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
.....Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman and Steve Triplett.



Third Sunday Of Easter ~ May 4, 2025

Assisting Minister..... Darin Oelrichs
Communion AssistantsAt the Altar
Reader..... Sara & Lauren Jackson
Children's SermonJennifer Rehmer
Acolytes.....Tristan Fox & Jace Tinney
Flowers Teresa Viebrock



Fourth Sunday Of Easter ~ May 11, 2025

Assisting Minister.....Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants Tara Anderson & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader.....Children
Children's SermonPastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes.....Fred Goosen & Grant Kullman
FlowersLuther League for Mother's Day

