

FORUTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 11, 2025



**“My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me.”**

- John 10:27

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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; Alleluia!”

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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.....**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 9:36 - 43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9 - 17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Gospel

John 10:22 - 30

The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

#778



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.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

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

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

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

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

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come ✠ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”
(also on next page)

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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!

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

"NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



Welcome: Welcome to our church on this day as we celebrate Christ and honor the mothers and mother figures who are among us. We thank God for the gift of family and especially for those who helped us to know at an early age the meaning of love and acceptance. We hope that you will feel that same kind of love from us as you worship with us today.

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 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).

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 12th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.

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



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **May 15th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

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.



LBPS: Congratulations to this year's graduates from our Little Blessings Preschool as they move on to kindergarten this coming year. We will celebrate their accomplishments on Thursday, **May 22nd** at a Moving Up Ceremony at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

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 Candeia, 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 **today**, 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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 11:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Mother's Day
Monday, May 12:	9:00am	Sewing
Wednesday, May 14:	7:00pm	Council
Thursday, May 15:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, May 17:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, May 18:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Graduate Recognition



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

May 18	Graduate Recognition
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 Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman and Steve Triplett.



Fourth Sunday Of Easter ~ May 11, 2025

Assisting Minister Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants Tara Anderson & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader Kaylan Poe
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Fred Goosen & Grant Kullman
Flowers Luther League for Mother's Day



Fifth Sunday Of Easter ~ May 18, 2025

Assisting Minister Sandy Schlesselman
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Lynn Schear
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Mason Randall & Lena Smith
Flowers Norma Schlesselman

GOD'S MASTERPIECE IS MOTHER

God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply – Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

