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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
+ EASTER DAY +
April 5, 2026**

INTRODUCTION

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Joyful, Joyful, Christ is Risen"* arr. Wagner
Handbell Choir

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***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, ...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***THE ASPERGES**

P People of God, by water, you were cleansed and brought to newness of life in the Spirit. May God grant that, as this water of remembrance touches you this day, you may feel and know the grace and favor which God has given you through your Baptism.

C **Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***THE EASTER GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

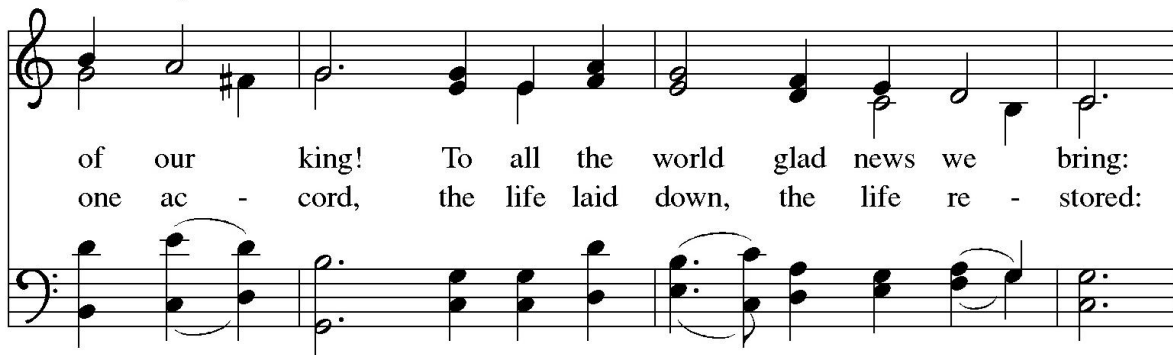
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

L The First Reading according to 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."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

read responsively

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

C 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.

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

L The Second Reading according to Colossians 3:1-4.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Be Not Afraid”

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 28th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON & SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

***NICENE CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C **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 THE PEOPLE**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Easter Song (with Christ The Lord Is Risen Today)" arr Martin
Adult Choir

"Easter Song (with Christ The Lord Is Risen Today)" arr. Joseph Martin

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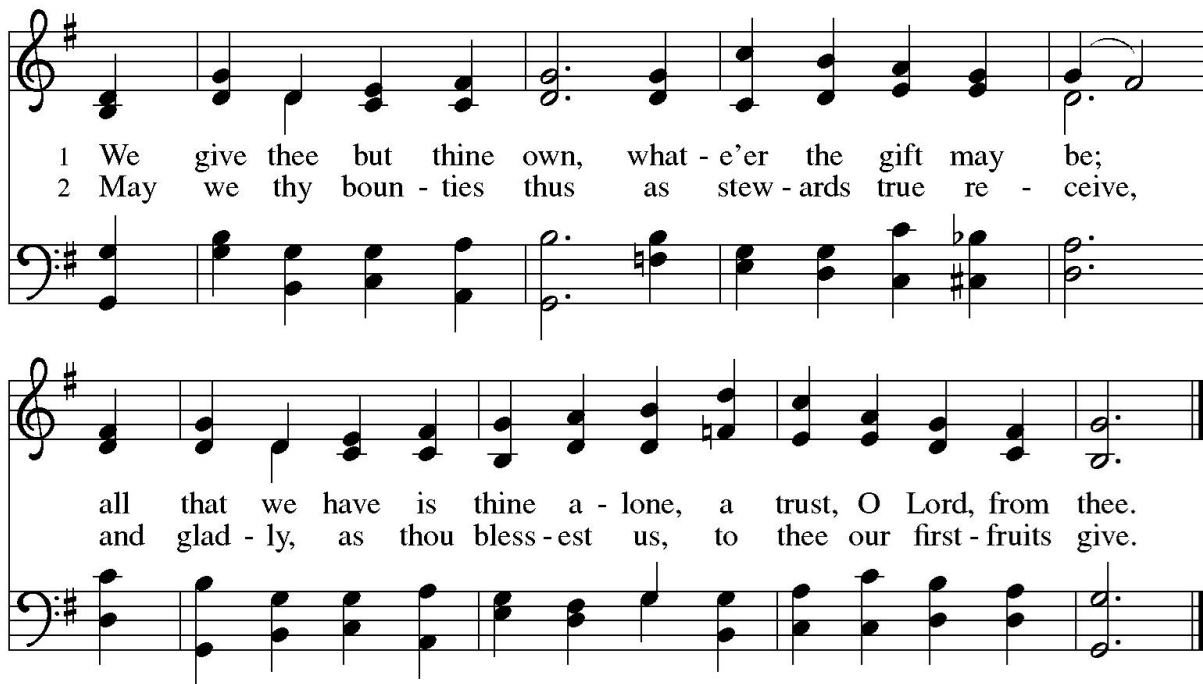
(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.



If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system contains two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines of lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **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 him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

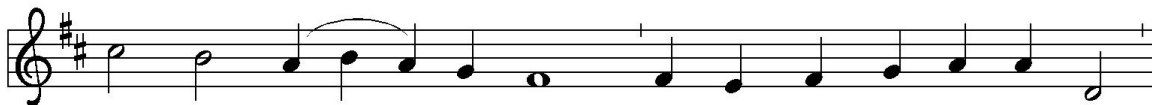
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

LAMB OF GOD



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune.

Please move at the direction of the ushers into the center aisle.

Take an empty glass from the tray before receiving the bread. If you wish to receive wine, proceed to the server next in line. If you wish to receive grape juice go to the server facing the altar.

Empty cups are placed in the baskets on either side as you return to your seats.

*Gluten-free wafers are available;
please make your need known to the Pastor or the Assisting Minister.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion,
please let the Pastor or the Assisting Minister know.*

*Those who wish to have Communion brought
to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Glorious Morn”
Handbell Choir

Austin

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

“One Bread, One Body”
Handbell Choir

arr. Honore

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a
 he a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a -
o'er his foes,

rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
He a-rose! He a-rose!

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

*BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Thine Is The Glory”

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The music is written in a style suitable for a church choir or organ.

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

***DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*** Stand as you are comfortable**

	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>
Saturday Night Worship	<u>NO SATURDAY SERVICE</u>	Russ Kaltreider (4/11)
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Donna Lehman
Acolyte	Jocelyn Fissel	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh
Communion Distributors	Suzanne Butler Lucille Farrington	Janet Haack Suzanne Butler
Ushers	Mike Kelly Sharon Kelly	Bob Colehouse Dan Fuhrman
Altar Committee	Ginny Murray Donna Lehman	Linda Knapp Sally Lovelace

THE TWO LARGE LILIES BY THE ALTAR are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Robert and Rosalind Adams by Karen McDermitt.

THE RADIO BROADCAST and THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Justin Hick's birthday on April 1st by Gary and Nancy Martin.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Gretna Little, from John Snyder family.

NO FAITH FORMATION, COFFEE HOUR OR DAILY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS TODAY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason's office. A new member class will be offered during Sunday school following worship on April 19.

DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE ends today. Place all items purchased on the table found in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. We appreciate your generosity in helping others in need.

PASTOR JASON CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

MAKE EASTER OFFERINGS ONLINE! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. An easy way to get started is to simply scan this QR code, which takes you directly to our giving page.



APRIL'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to St. Paul's Family Crisis Fund. See the April Evangel for more information.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—April 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers—April 19 (1 vase at \$20); April 26, May 17, 24 & 31 (2 vases at \$20 each)
Communion Bread and Wine- April 19, 26, May 31 (\$12 each date)
Worship Bulletins-April 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20 each date)
Eternal Flame-April 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? We continue to look for more adults to serve in the following ways:

+lead Faith Formation for youth grades K-6 and also 7-12. All resources provided (one week commitment only...unless you want to do more!) Background checks are required but we can assist you with that, if needed.

+serve on the Christian Education committee; we meet once a month during All-Committee Night and plan and implement all education opportunities for the congregation.

GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP! St. Paul's will pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by our February's designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund; Check out the summer schedules here:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org> and <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>

For more information see Laura Silver, our CampPerson.

We remember the whispers of Advent as we anticipated the birth of Jesus. Now, as we journey through Holy Week, we anticipate the joyful noise of alleluias on Easter Sunday. But before we reach the Easter celebration, we make our way through Lent, through an in-between time where we don't know what tomorrow will bring. We often describe ourselves as an Easter church, but in this holy, solemn time that begins with Ash Wednesday and moves on to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we are also a Lenten church. Living in uncertainty, waiting and hoping for renewal. Longing for the moments when God's presence feels closer and more sure.

During Lent, we learn what it means to live on unsettled ground.

In Matthew's retelling of the resurrection, he describes a "violent earthquake" as the angel came down from heaven and rolled the stone away from the entrance to the tomb where Jesus lay.

I imagine the earthquake, the rumble deep below the earth, as the ground shifted far under the surface. Perhaps those who were nearby felt the tremble. Maybe the women who were on their way to the tomb with prepared spices felt the earth shift. They were unsettled, but they knew something powerful was happening.

We can understand that human experience of feeling out of control, of not being able to make sense of what's happening around us. Many of us can relate to this as we witness the current unrest in our world and in our communities. Like the women at the tomb, we feel isolated, disconnected. We're unsettled, unsure, living the Lenten reality of waiting and hoping.

And then, in the midst of that shaking, comes the promise.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen."

God's promise offers reassurance and hope. The resurrection does not deny disruption — it meets us within disorder and disturbance. The stone is rolled away. Death does not have the final word.

Yes, we are Easter people. Even when the ground below us is shaking, we will not grow weary. We know that Jesus is our foundation. Christ is risen, and that truth strengthens us. It gives us courage to live, to hope and to proclaim joy.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Rev. Yehiel Curry,
Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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Kitty Angel by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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our grandchildren, Brooklyn, Braxton, Hudson and Hadley by Brian and Cindy Selby.

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our parents, Ruth and Gene Stough and Gladys and John Riley by Doug and Kim Riley.

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our children and grandson, Alex, Erica, Ryan and Miles by Kim and Doug Riley.

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Ron Witman by Joan Witman and family.

my husband, Gene Hejmanowski by Sandra Hejmanowski and family.

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Kortni, Chris, Dilynn and Kolten Long by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

Toby, Jr., Kacie and Saylor Lovelace by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

Kitty Angel by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SUN., APRIL 5	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service –EASTER SUNDAY
MON., APRIL 6	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups - 2 nd floor
WED., APRIL 8	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Property Committee meeting – Conf. Room-2 nd floor All Committee Night - sanctuary
THUR., APRIL 9	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary Cub Scouts Pack Meeting – Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
FRI., APRIL 10	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., APRIL 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102 Saturday Evening Service – Russ Kaltreider Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., APRIL 12	8:30 am 9:30 am Immediately following Worship	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service –2 nd Sunday of Easter Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor Adult Choir II rehearsal Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

*We wish everyone
a very blessed Easter!*