



EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com. We'd love to have you worship with us again in person or on Facebook Live on the St Paul's Lutheran Church Facebook page.

Serving Today:

Altar Guild: Donna Jantz & Shelly Nutter
Lay Reader: Debi Musick
Children's Message: Jessica Purdum
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Behrens, Joyce Martin, Jill Botkin, Rick & Patricia Ayling and Robert & Alana Adair
Sound & Video: Carolyn & Mike Lewis
Ushers: Ron Jantz, Mark Mitchell, Allen Baker, Bob Pirog & Will Koski
Acolyte & Crucifer: DJ Delzer & Luke Purdum

PRELUDE:

Easter Song

Ron Wallace & Lori Orlowski

EASTER LITANY: --Please stand.

Alleluia! He is Risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord is my strength and my song. **The Lord has become my salvation.**

There is a song of joy and victory in the tents of the righteous. **The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

Because of the Lord's victory I will not die. **Instead I will live and proclaim what God has done.**

Open to me the gates of the Temple. **I will go in and give thanks to the Lord.**

I will give thanks to the Lord, for he has answered me. **He has become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all. **The Lord has done this. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day of the Lord's victory. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

He is risen! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN:

#365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

All w/The Canticle Ringers,

Scott Woodbury -timpani & Ron Wallace-organ

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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.**

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 25:6-9**

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations.

⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, ***whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.***

²O LORD, you have made known your victory, ***you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.***

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; ***all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; ***lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.***

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, ***with the harp and the voice of song.***

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn ***shout with joy before the king, the LORD.***

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, ***the world and those who dwell therein.***

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, ***who comes to judge the earth.***

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness ***and the peoples with equity.***

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹⁵Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!* #377

(Please Stand.)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! O what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 16:1-8**

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jessica Purdum

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Christ Is Risen!* Ron Wallace, SPLC Adult Choir & Children's Choir

MESSAGE: Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

**HYMN: #376 *Thine is Glory* All w/*The Canticle Ringers,*
*Scott Woodbury -timpani & Ron Wallace-organ***

Thine is the glory, risen con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen con-qu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYERS

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the power of love breaks open the earth and frees life from death. As the angel rolled away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, whose life brings surprises beyond our wildest expectations, be honor and glory, now and forever. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection overturns our expectations of life and even your closest friends could not see truth before them. As the angel helped them to grasp your triumph and overcome their fear, so help us to see your hand at work through the events that overtake us. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, whose ways astonish beyond our imagining, be honor and glory, now and forever. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection is a revelation to the whole world. As you revealed yourself powerfully to so many, reveal yourself now as the hope for our world. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, going beyond the limits of our understanding, be honor and glory, now and forever. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always an everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in peace! Share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL OUTREACH MISSION PROJECT

We will be collecting items for personal care kits to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. Please bring your items to the shopping cart in the narthex during the month of April. Our Quilters will assemble the kits and send them to LWR with their quilts! Items needed: 1 light-weight bath-size towel, dark color, between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"; two or three 8-9oz bars of soap; 1 adult toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb; 1 metal nail clippers.

FLYFISHERS OF MEN XIX

Get Your Fly Rods Ready! The weather is warming up and it's time to start planning for FLYFISHERS OF MEN XIX. Mark your calendars now for May 13-17 when we'll be holding our annual fishing trip to the beautiful Roaring River in the heart of the Ozarks. A sign-up sheet will be displayed in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Friedemann. We hope you can join us for some great Christian fellowship and hopefully good fishing.

FINAL BLACKWELDER APPEARANCE

Blackwelder's final appearance for this season is next Sunday (4/7)! Please come enjoy the music and wish them well until the next school year!

APRIL ACTIVITIES

4/1- 9am Canticle Ringers
4/2- 6:30 Twilight Tones
4/3- 5:30 Children's handbells
5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education - Choir Practice
4/7- Worship – Blackwelder Brass
Education – MS Mission Trip Parent meeting
4/8- 9am Canticle Ringers
4/9- 6:30 Twilight Tones
Executive Board Meeting
4/10- 5:30 Children's handbells
5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education - Choir Practice
4/14- Worship – Education
Special Guest Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin
4/15- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/16- 6:30 Twilight Tones
4/17- 5:30 Children's handbells
5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education - Choir Practice
4/18- 1:00 XYZ
4/21- Worship – Education
Congregational meeting
4/22- 9am Canticle Ringers
4/23- 6:30 Twilight Tones
4/24- 5:30 Children's handbells
5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education - Choir Practice
4/27- 9 am Spring Planting
4/28- Worship – Education
11:30 Prayer partner Banquet
4/29- 9am Canticle Ringers
4/30- 6:30 Twilight Tones

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Our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
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