



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
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SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Debi Musick
Prayer Leader: Paula Schopflin
Ushers: Brandon Carey, Bill Bandi, Blake Behrens, Diane Dewing & Ron Maxfield
Children's Message: Jessica Purdum
Altar Guild: Jessica Purdum
Communion Assistants: Debi & Roger Musick, Carolyn Behrens, Abby & Maelee Moeller, Linda Allison & Paula Schopflin
Video assistant: Rick Ayling
Acolyte & Crucifer: Viktor & Pippa Teske

PRELUDE: Psalm 19—The Heavens Declare Marcello, Arr by Kile Smith **Blackwelder Brass**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN:

361 ***The Day of Resurrection!*** vs 1-3 w/Ron Wallace
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

MEN: Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright

WOMEN: the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,

ALL: and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Kyrie 1 & 2

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue 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, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Jessica Purdum
In Christ Alone
Jason Rowinski

SPLC Adult Choir w/Blackwelder Brass

HYMN

#367

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds

vs 1, 2 & 4

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! His is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest,
most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 OF THE PEOPLE

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 you breathed new life into your astonished disciples. As you turned unutterable grief into unshakeable joy, so renew and refresh your turbulent world and establish now your reign of peace. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) To you, Lord Jesus, transforming the pain of death into the fullness of life, be honor and glory, now and forever.

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 you come to us even in our doubting. Through the sovereign work of your Spirit, and the loving hands of your people, continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross, be honor and glory, now and forever.

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.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

COMMUNION


The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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 and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC- *Early One Morning-* Arr by Jeremy Jackson Blackwelder Brass

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE - ***My Spirit Be Joyful*** Bach, Trans. By Harry Herforth Blackwelder Brass

SENDING Go in Peace. Share the good news. ***Thanks be to God.***

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST SUNDAY FOR BLACKWELDER BRASS

Today is the last time this year's Blackwelder Quintet will be with us. Please stop after church in the Narthex to greet these young men and have some refreshments thanks to the Adult Choir. We wish Seth Seneca, 1st trumpet, well as he will transition to a doctoral program next fall.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-TWO OPTIONS

There are now two Adult Sunday School options through April! The first is the traditional class which meets in the Quilters' room and is a lecture style class. This Sunday their topic is "The Tomb is Empty!" The second is a sermon discussion class which meets in the Activity Center. For more information about the sermon discussion class, talk to Jason Rowinski.

HARVEST HILLS SUPPLIES NEEDED

We have a request from Harvest Hills Elementary to help some of their families. They are in need of certain cleaning supplies & toiletries. The counselor will hand out the items as needed. Supplies requested are: toilet paper, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap/detergent, paper towels/plates/napkins, toothbrush & toothpaste, hand/body soap, shampoo & conditioner and sanitary products. Questions: contact Patti Spain

XYZ

Thursday, April 16, in the activities center at NOON. Ron and Donna Jantz are hosts and Ron is cooking fish. Come join the fun and fellowship with the annual fish fry. It would be helpful to let them know if you are coming so they know how many to plan for.

MUG WASHERS NEEDED!

If you're a single, couple, or family unit looking for an easy volunteer opportunity, please consider being a mug washer. This can be done at your convenience anytime after Sunday School until the following Sunday. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times a year everyone has to wash! For more information, please contact Susi Laflin 405-202-7065

FLYFISHERS OF MEN XXI

Get out your fishing gear. The weather is warming up and it's time to begin planning for "Flyfishers of Men XXI." Mark your calendars for May 18-22 when we'll be holding our annual fishing trip to beautiful Roaring River in the heart of the Ozarks. A sign-up sheet is attached to the bulletin board 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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

APRIL

4/12- 9:30- Worship & Education

Youth Parent Meeting (*after worship*)
5-7pm Youth night

4/13- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/14- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/15- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education & Adult Choir

4/16- 12pm XYZ

4/19- 9:30- Worship & Education

4/20- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/21- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/22- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education & Adult Choir

4/26- 9:30- Worship & Education

11:45 Prayer Partner Banquet

4/27- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/28- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/29- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner
6:30 Education & Adult Choir