



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

**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.stpaulsoke.com](http://www.stpaulsoke.com).*

## **SERVING TODAY:**

Reader: Joyce Martin  
Prayer Leader: Carolyn Lewis  
Ushers: Brandon Carey, Bill Bandi, Blake Behrens, Diane Dewing & Ron Maxfield  
Children's Message: Patricia Ayling  
Altar Guild: Lynne Elias  
Communion Assistants: Roger Musick, Abby & Henson Davis, Tom Todd, Carolyn Lewis, Joyce Martin & Susi Laflin  
Video assistant: Rick Ayling  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Maisyn & Evie Hardison

**PRELUDE:** Ron Wallace

## **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:**

#376 ***Thine is the Glory***

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'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.

***Refrain:*** Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'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! ***Refrain***

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. ***Refrain.***

The Lord be with you.

***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*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. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14</sup>But 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.

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

### **PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
**and listened to my supplication,**

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
**whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD

**for all the good things God has done for me?**

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation

**and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

**in the presence of all God's people.**

<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD,

**is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

**and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

**in the presence of all God's people,**

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### **SECOND READING      1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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!

**Repeat**

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

### **GOSPEL READING      Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Patricia Ayling**  
***Canticle of Hope***

SPLC Adult Choir

*Written for & dedicated to the people of Oklahoma City after the bombing of the Alfred P Murrah Building*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN**

#676

***Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak***

vs 1-3

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

**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 are with us, even when our eyes are closed to your companionship. Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing, open their eyes to your gentle illumination, and let their hearts burn within them at your invisible presence. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, walking by our side, 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 in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace, and in your resurrection, you breathe into your people peace beyond this world's understanding. Be present, Lord, this day with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict and those whose hearts know no peace. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, true bringer of the peace of heaven, be honor and glory, now and forever.

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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## COMMUNION

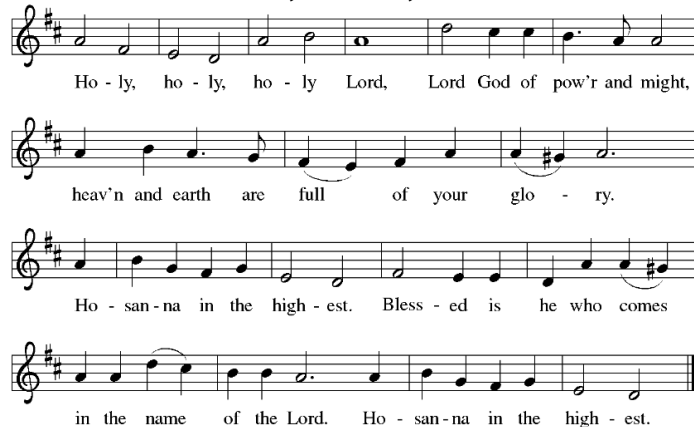
The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

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

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 -

**Ron Wallace**

**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](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

We will be voting on upcoming board members and chairs.

### **SPRING FLING BBQ- SUPPORTING YOUTH MISSION TRIPS**

May 3<sup>RD</sup> after the congregational meeting. Join us for Senior Sunday and a Spring BBQ provided by the parents of mission trip attendees. All donations will help fund middle and high school mission trips. Please plan to attend and support the growth and community outreach of our youth.

### **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. 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: 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

### **MOSTLY MANCINI CONCERT – FEATURING RON WALLACE**

TODAY at 4pm at First Presbyterian Church (1001 NW 25<sup>th</sup> St.). An afternoon of delightful music featuring mostly music by Henry Mancini. Featuring our very own Ron Wallace on piano and flautist John L. Edwards. Free admission – donations accepted.

### **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 any time 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**

**4/19- 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