



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH



April 19, 2026 | The Third Sunday of the Easter Season

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

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Our Easter worship series | **What difference does it make?**

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

Today's worship theme | **He lives to restore my hope**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That's how the disciples felt after his death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

Our prayer before worship | **for continuing Easter hope**

Risen and living Lord, accept our alleluias and increase our joy in knowing that you have risen from the grave! Comfort us with the assurance that our sins are forgiven and eternal life is sure. May the message of Easter lead us to tell the true good news of this season. Make our faith burn brightly as we face each day in the light of your glorious resurrection. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: **"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

CW 460

Using Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" we rejoice in Jesus' victory over sin and death, worthy of glory forever!



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
once he died, and once was bur-ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Responses in bold type will be spoken by the congregation.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a,32-41

The message of Christ crucified and risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

³²“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³³So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

³⁴“For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool under your feet.’

³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Escape from this crooked generation.”

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603 sts. 1-3



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
me: To God all praise and glo - ry!

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

Our hope and expectation is joining our Savior in heaven! Until then we live as pilgrims heading home.

¹⁷If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

Alleluia! Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

Jesus restored the hope of two disciples as he explained and opened the Scriptures to them.

¹³Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked them.

They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” ³³They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

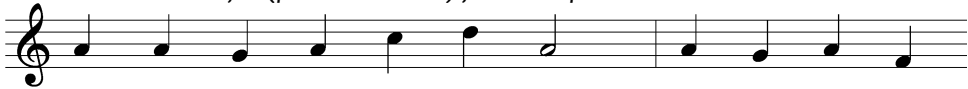
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CW 459

Each stanza ends with Hallelujah (praise the Lord!) for the hope that Jesus' work restored to us all.



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!

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Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

Let's Take a Walk

To prayerfully ponder post-sermon:

- 1) Who is truly hopeless?
- 2) When I am tempted to feel hopeless, I should...
- 3) When someone else is tempted to feel hopeless, I should...

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Rite of Confirmation

Introduction

Confirmation Promises

Confirmation Verses

Exhortation to the Congregation

Prayer of the Church

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*

Thank you to Sawyer Davis for playing the Offertory this morning!



The Sacrament

Preface

CW 183

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 truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en 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, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The second line contains 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture’s teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul’s, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675

Highlighting the Passover parallels from Exodus, we celebrate Jesus' victory with a feast of unending joy!



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 4th–10th cent., alt. 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
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Abide with Me

CW 783

Reflecting on the Emmaus disciples' request for Jesus to stay with them, we pray for his presence and peace to remain with us both at the end of the day and as the end of our earthly lives draws near.



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

CW 461

Joining one of the most famous Lutheran tunes to a beautiful Easter text, we rejoice in the hope Jesus' victory restores to us!

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious, Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!"

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.



- April 5 | He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life
- April 12 | He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace
- April 19 | He Lives to Restore My Hope
- April 26 | He Lives to Be My Good Shepherd
- May 3 | He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven
- May 10 | He Lives to Call Me to Live for Him
- May 17 | He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory
- May 24 | He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit

**Our hope
has arrived.
The Word is
revived.**



St Paul's Lutheran Church
6150 N Lecanto Highway
Beverly Hills, FL 34465
Sundays at 9:30 AM



+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will continue the Examples in Exodus study with Pastor Tim in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for the children will meet at the same time.

Congratulations to Our New Adult Confirmands!

May God continue to bless and keep you and make you a blessing to many others!

Call Update

Since the Gibsons returned our calls, we have submitted an application to the assignment committee at Martin Luther College. Since this is the fourth year in a row that we are hoping to receive graduates (and received three excellent candidates in previous years!), we continue to trust that the Lord of the Harvest will provide exactly what we need, exactly when we need.

Youth Rally Information

This **Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 PM**, we will have an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the WELS International Youth Rally. Mr. Uhlenbrauck and Miss Foley will be available to help answer any questions and prepare our high school aged young people for attending the rally (Bowling Green State University, July 14-17).

Nice to Meet You!

On **Sunday, May 3** we will have our first **Amnesia Sunday**...what was that again? Oh, yeah, now I remember! On Amnesia Sunday, we will all get to wear a nametag (which will be provided) *and* introduce ourselves to new friends *and* reintroduce ourselves to old friends. After worship, we will have a potluck meal as we get to know not only our newest family members but also all our family members!

MLC Day

Every year, friends of Martin Luther College come together to celebrate and support the Knights—the next generation of pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. On **May 6, 2026** we have a synod-wide goal of raising \$150,000 to provide matching funds for the Congregational Partner Grant Program. If you are not able to give financially, we ask members to pray and share (#MLCDAY2026) so that others can learn about this day.

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher | **James Saatkamp**
accompanist | **Cindy Lendt**
offertory | **Sawyer Davis**
ushers | **Newton & Rochelle Trimmer**
last Sunday's worship attendance | 110

presiding minister | **Tim Rosenow**
worship streaming tech | **Josh Plum**
flowers | **Rick & June Robinson**
(58th Wedding Anniversary)
freewill offering | \$1,321

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Melissa O'Meara** (4-20); **Marty Hambel** (4-23); **Roberta Opall** (4-25)

anniversaries | **Rick & June Robinson** (4-20 – 58 years!)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Tom Colwell** (home hospice care); **Sharon Cummons** (health and strength); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering at Diamond Ridge); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming | Bill Hoeltke

Ushers | Bruce Salzman and Rick Freihofer

This Week | April 19th – 25th

TUE – Youth Rally Information Meeting 6:30 PM

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Morning chapel 8:30 AM; Afternoon VPK chapel 12:30 PM; PreK-K Play Night 6:00 PM

SAT – Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

April 26 – K-8 Singing in the service

May 1 – Play and Education Night (1st–4th education displays; 5th–8th play)

May 3 – Amnesia Sunday

May 8 – PreK Mothers' Day Event 11:00 AM

May 11 – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

May 12 – Council of Ministry 5:15 PM



Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.



**St. Paul's
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CHURCH & SCHOOL

**Precious
Lambs**
PRESCHOOL

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