



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 5, 2026 – Easter Festival Service A



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves 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. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, 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. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

Prayer before worship: 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. In your saving name we pray, amen.

Holy Baptism

Easter Morning Dialogue

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

C: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

P: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

C: In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

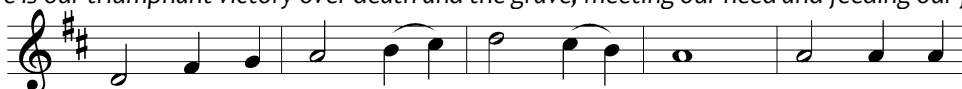
P: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1-3

Jesus' life is our triumphant victory over death and the grave, meeting our need and feeding our faith.



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Although this Easter day is filled with joy and celebration, in humility we recognize that we do not have the right to be here. For although today we celebrate Christ's resurrection victory, there was a reason Jesus was in the grave at all, and that reason is my sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

C: 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.

Absolution

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Davis family gathers at the baptismal font.

Sacrament of Baptism

Davis Family | Cheshawnee, Brittany, Sawyer, Eli

Reading from Mark
Christian Questions
Baptism
Sign of the Cross
Exhortations
Prayer

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 4-6

Our lives are now filled with comfort and peace, calm and blessing, wisdom and praise!

4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

C: This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.

P: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

C: And those who live by believing in him will never die.

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

C: I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

P: Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.

P: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here; he has risen!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God;

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: Christ is risen from the dead:

C: praise and thanks to God!

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 7–8

We have life not only now but an eternal mansion is ours because “I know that my Redeemer lives!”

7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118 (selected verses)

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

P: Let Israel say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Aaron say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. Let those who fear the LORD say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever. Under pressure I cried to the LORD. The LORD answered me. He set me in a wide-open space.

C: The LORD is with me. I will not be afraid. What can people do to me?

P: The LORD, who is with me, is my helper, so I will look in triumph on my enemies.

C: My strength and song is the LORD, and he has become salvation for me.

P: Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed! The right hand of the LORD is lifted high! The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!"

C: I will not die. No, I will live, and I will proclaim the works of the LORD.

P: The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not handed me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter them. I will give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate to the LORD. The righteous enter it.

C: I will give you thanks, because you answered me, and you have become salvation for me.

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the LORD. It is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: O LORD, please save us now. O LORD, grant us success.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P: The LORD is God, and he makes light shine on us. Bind the festival with branches as far as the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks. You are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Tomb Is Empty

Please join in singing the hymn, led by the members of our adult choir.

The tomb is empty, is empty! Come and see where once the body lay.

Can it be true, be true that Jesus Christ is raised to life today?

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

The tomb is empty, is empty! Come and hear these words of life and peace:

“He is not here, not here. He lives again in all of your Galilees.”

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

The tomb is empty, is empty! Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.

Christ lives indeed, indeed. Alleluia! Believers, shout aloud.

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

The tomb is empty, is empty! Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord

in whom we have, we have our victory, in whom is life restored.

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

The tomb is empty, is empty! Go and serve all people who long to be free!

Raise those who sleep, who sleep in tombs of fear, and give them eyes to see!

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 2:2–9

Jesus compared himself to Jonah, the prophet who escaped death after three days in the belly of a fish.

²He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,
and you heard my voice.

³You threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

⁴I said, “I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple.”

⁵Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

⁸Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

⁹But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

CW 452

Based on Psalm 118, we rejoice that Christ's work has defeated death and hell, enabling all our alleluias!

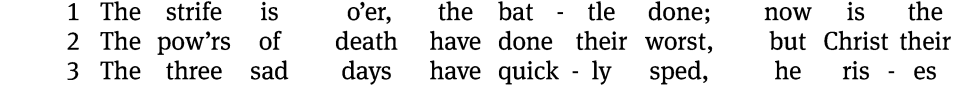
Refrain



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the



2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their



3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es



vic - tor's tri - umph won; now be the



le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of



glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry



song of praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!



ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!



to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:

Alleluia!

5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,
come set us free from death's sharp sting,
that we may live and ever sing:

Alleluia! **Refrain**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, and his life is the heart of our faith.

¹Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jesus Is Alive, Alleluia!

Adult Choir

Christ is risen today! Sing his praise, alleluia!
He has conquered the grave. Sing his praise alleluia!
Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, sing alleluia!

*Refrain: He is alive! He is alive! Jesus is arisen today, he is alive!
He has torn the bars away; death's defeated, our debt is paid.
Jesus is alive, alleluia!*

Now we're risen with him. Sing his praise, alleluia!
Life can truly begin. Sing his praise, alleluia!
Now we need not fear. His presence is always near.
Christ is risen, sing alleluia. *Refrain*

Jesus lived to show the way. Jesus died our debt to pay.
Jesus rose again, he lives, he reigns!

*Final Refrain: He is alive! He is alive! Jesus is arisen today, he is alive!
He has torn the bars away; death's defeated, our debt is paid.
Jesus is alive, alleluia! He is alive! Alleluia!*

Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

Matthew's account of Jesus' victory over death focuses on removing fear by Jesus' absence from the grave and presence with his followers.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

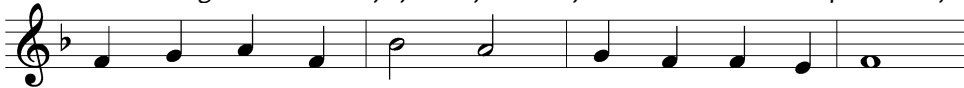
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469

Jesus' resurrection morning is the source of life and freedom from the world's worst problems forever.



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Can You See the Difference?

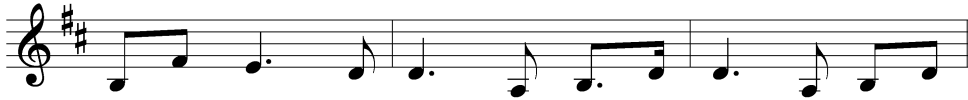
In Christ Alone

CW 510

For our confession of faith, we join to sing of the core of that faith, firmly founded in Christ alone.



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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.*



Easter

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts, and implant it in our minds.

C: Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith.

P: By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do.

C: You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life.

P: In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb, and ease their pain by reminding them their loved ones will one day rise again. Many people also grieve without hope. Let the message of your resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts.

C: Use us to bring the word of life and the message of hope to heal hurting hearts.

P: Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours.

C: Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection.

P: Come to us in your Word and sacraments to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you forever in eternal glory.

C: Amen.

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

CW 447

Jesus' Easter victory is only ours by the gift of his incredible grace! Sing "Hallelujah," praise the Lord.



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 2
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 4



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5

4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
 they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
 and pouring out their lives they gained
 life, life everlasting. **Refrain**

5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave
 now works in us to pow'r'f'ly save.
 He frees our hearts to live his grace;
 go, tell of his goodness. **Refrain**

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Lord, Have Mercy

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

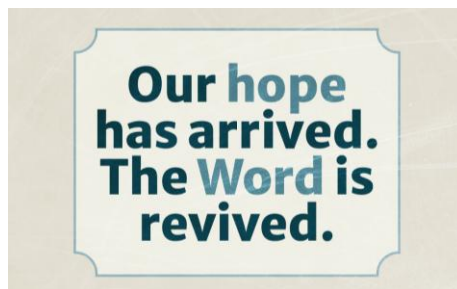
P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.



See, What a Morning

CW 451

Erasing our sorrows, doubts, and fears, Jesus' resurrection morning proves that he lives and we will too!



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn-ing of
2 See Mar-y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

Acknowledgments

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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+ 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 have Easter breakfast in the school gym and an outdoor Easter egg hunt for the children! Please stick around to enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun!

Welcome!

Congratulations to the Davis family! It's an honor to share the gift of baptism with your family today and we pray that God continue to bless and keep you in the grace of your baptism throughout the rest of your lives!

To our guests:

What a joy it is to celebrate our Savior's resurrection victory with you! We hope that you'll join us for the activities after the service and if you'd like to stay in contact with us, please fill out a Communication card (found in the entryway) so we can follow up.

St. Paul's Picnic

Mark your calendars with **Saturday, April 18**, when we will have our next church & school picnic! All are welcome for this day of food and fun and fellowship. We will have lots of games to play and other fun activities for the children. So, bring some comfortable seating and a dessert/side dish to pass (grilled meats will be provided), and let's have a picnic!

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

PRESIDING MINISTER: Tim Rosenow

ACCOMPANIST: Justin Siegler

STREAMING: Tony Moore

USHERS: Dan Cerney and Wendy Crary

FLOWERS: Rob & Sandy Banker (anniversary)

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Marie Leinberger** (4-5); **Sheri Warren** (4-8)

anniversaries | **Rob & Sandy Banker** (4-5 – 21 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); **Shia Gabourel** (kindergartener, recovering from surgery); **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: 4/12 Bill Hartman

Ushers: 4/12 Tom Leinberger and Paul Althoff

This Week | April 5th – 11th

TODAY – Easter Service 9:30 AM; Breakfast & Egg Hunt 11:00 AM

THU –Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Morning Chapel 8:30 AM; Afternoon VPK chapel 12:30 PM

SAT – Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

April 13 – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

April 14 – Council of Ministry 5:15 PM

April 17 – Soccer Tournament (Tampa, 3rd-8th grade)

April 18 – St. Paul's Picnic

April 24 – PreK-K Play Night 6 PM

April 26 – K-8 Singing in the service

Who We Are

(Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, 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. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Thank you for being a part of our church family today!



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Noah Uhlenbrauck *5th and 6th grade teacher*

Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

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