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**Welcome** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord’s resurrection, and ours.

**Visitors.** . . Please sign our guest book found in the narthex (entrance). Our church has a few nooks and crannies, so don’t be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register.

HOLY COMMUNION

As you prepare to receive the Lord’s Supper, we invite you to turn to page 329-330 in the front of the Hymnal and review section 4: “Christian Questions and their Answers.” and to pages 308-309 or on the inside front cover of the Hymnal for appropriate prayers before and after communion.

***The Lord’s Supper - Forgiveness Received, Forgiveness Given***

We come to the Lord’s Table because we have sinned and want the Lord’s assurance of His forgiveness of our sins as well as His strength for living the new life of His resurrection. As we eat the bread and drink the wine, because Jesus says so, we also receive His very Body and Blood. Doing this in repentant faith, we receive His forgiveness. With forgiveness also must come the repentant, new life, seeking and using His power to overcome sinful ways and forsaking them. This includes any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and unfaithfulness in regular worship and attendance at the Lord’s Table. Only in such faith do we properly and profitably receive the Sacrament and not misuse it to our judgment.

Fellow confirmed Christians of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are welcome to share this sacrament with us. Prompted by love and caring, we ask that our other guests please speak with a pastor or lay minister before communing.

**Directional Notes:**

- Please follow the indications of the ushers as they direct you to the communion rail.
- The wine will be administered by both the common cup and individual cup. If you prefer the common cup, please let the individual cup pass and reach out for the common cup as it comes to you.
- Individual cups should be placed in the plastic lined baskets at the end of the communion rail.
- If you are allergic to or cannot drink full strength wine, the two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

Sunrise Service

*Easter Day, April 20, 2025; 6:00 a.m.*

***AS WE GATHER...****We begin our service in darkness as we await the announcement of our Lord’s resurrection.*

**6:00a.m. Pre-service Music: “Majestic Alleluia!”** *Handbell Choir*

**Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, Announcements**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord, on this glorious morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in prayer. This is the Passover of our Lord, whose victory over death we share; we join in Word and Sacrament to celebrate His resurrection to life. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. . . Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who, in true faith share this day in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, may be filled with Your blessing.

**C: Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: I know that my Redeemer lives! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P:** Alleluia! Come, let us sing the praises of our risen Savior!

*We continue with the †Easter Procession and Opening Hymn on page 5.*

The Resurrection of Our Lord  
Easter Day, April 20, 2025; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## *“He Has Risen; He Is Not Here!”*

**AS WE GATHER...** *Three days can seem like an eternity. It must have felt that way to the disciples after Jesus had been crucified. All hope seemed to have vanished. Just a few days before, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in five days, He was crucified. Imagine what they went through as Jesus lay in the tomb. What makes you different from them? Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the promise Jesus made: on the third day He would - and did - rise again to life. Whatever you face in your life, you do it with the risen Lord by your side! Rejoice!*

### Music of Preparation,

**9:00a.m. Pre-service Music: “Majestic Alleluia!”**

*Handbell Choir*

**11:00a.m. Pre-service Music: “Jesus Is Risen!”**

*Choir*

### Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, Announcements

#### PREPARATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: He is not there!

**C: Look at the place where they laid Him!**

P: He is risen, just as He said!

*Luke 24:6*

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia. Christ has risen, as He said. He has risen from the dead.

**C: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

*Psalms 118:25*

P: We were buried with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C: we too might walk in newness of life.**

*Romans 6:4*

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Come, let us sing the praises of our risen Savior!

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†**Easter Procession** *(We follow the cross into the sanctuary as we rejoice in Christ's presence among us. He leads us to Himself.)*

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### Processional Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*LSB, hymn #457*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, who created our bodies; in the name of the + Son, who by His blood redeemed our bodies; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified our bodies to be His temple. May He keep us to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

**C: Amen! I know that my Redeemer lives!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

**C: The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**

P: He has destroyed the shroud that enfolds all peoples!

**C: He has swallowed up the sheet that covers all nations!**

P: He wipes away the tears from our faces.  
C: **He removes the disgrace of His people.**  
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Dear Friends in Christ, even on this joyous day of celebration let us not forget that we are sinful people who do not deserve the precious gift of salvation that God has given us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus said, *“It is finished,”* and on Easter, our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus’ name. Let us therefore confess our sins, seeking the forgiveness Christ has won for us by His victorious resurrection.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Lord God, heavenly Father,  
C: **We approach You today with mixed emotions. We are filled with sorrow for our sin, yet we are overwhelmed with the joy of forgiveness. We confess that we have not lived up to Your expectations. We have sinned in our thoughts, by our words, and with our actions. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us all our sins and show us Your mercy and love. Amen.**

P: Children of God, rejoice and celebrate! The Father has promised to hear and answer your pleas for forgiveness. Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full. He has won the victory! Hardened hearts are crushed! Stone walls of sin have been rolled away! Alleluia! Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I assure you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen! We have been forgiven! Alleluia!**  
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (sung) . . . . . Divine Service 1**

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. . . O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy.  
C: **We remember Your promises; we give thanks for His sacrifice; we pray that Your Holy Spirit will enliven us to live as Your forgiven children here in time and forever in eternity;**  
P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
C: **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Special Music: “Risen, Indeed!”** *Choir*

**+ WORD +**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 65:17-25 *(All Things Made New!)*

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the

sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

**9:00 a.m. Special Music: "Victory"**

*Handbell Choir*

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*(Death Is Destroyed)*

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*(Please rise. As the hymn is sung, the Bible is carried into the midst of the people for the reading of the Gospel. Please turn to face the Bible.)*

**Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection"**

*LSB, hymn #478, st. 1-2*

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.

Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

*(He Has Risen!)*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection"**

*LSB, hymn #478, st. 3-4*

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep 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!  
  
All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

**6:00 a.m. Message: “He Is Risen ... to Give Us More” 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Message: “The ‘Empty’ Promises of Easter” Luke 24:4-8**

Stand (as you are able)

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Let us confess our resurrection hope:

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean for us?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the

faith through the means of grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Lord, as Your people gather at Your table, You feed them. We pray that the blessings of bread and wine, and Your true body and blood, will strengthen us in our walk with You.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Dear Savior, You have walked with us the path of our Lenten journey and brought us at last to the feast of Your glorious resurrection. May we be strengthened and blessed knowing that Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Offering & Attendance Cards**

**6:00 a.m. Special Music: Special Music: “Victory”**

*Handbell Choir*

**9:00 a.m. Special Music: “Jesus Is Risen!”**

*Choir*

## **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

*LSB, Hymn # 955*

**C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### **SACRAMENT**

*(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2 of bulletin)*

**P:** Let us pray. . . . We give You thanks, Almighty God, because You loved Your creation even when we, Your creatures, rebelled against You.

**C: You sent forth the Word of hope through the prophets and called into being a people who would bear Your name.**

**P:** You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer.

**C: He died the death we should have died and rose to grant us new and eternal life.**

**P:** Gracious God, we give You thanks, for the victory over death secured by our Lord Jesus Christ through His crucifixion and resurrection. On this day, we rejoice and celebrate that our ancient foe has been destroyed. Christ is alive; He is living! And He comes among us now in His body and blood to join us, who live in the midst of death, with the reality of His resurrection life. For this gift and all His victory, we give You thanks and praise. O Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Words of Christ as He Instituted His Holy Meal**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had

given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **AGNUS DEI: . . . . . Divine Service 1**

**C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **LSB474 - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*

*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*

*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me.

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*

*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Weeping, be gone;      Sorrow, be silent:  
 Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
 Cherubim sing:      "O grave, be open!"  
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*

*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

City of God,      Easter forever,  
 Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
 River of life,      Saints and archangels,  
 Sing with creation to God the I AM!

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:*

*Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

#### LSB490 - Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!      Death no longer can appall me;  
 Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!      From the grave will Christ recall me.  
 Brighter scenes will then commence;      This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne      High above all things is given.  
 I shall go where He is gone,      Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
 God is faithful; doubtings, hence!      This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died,      Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
 Pure in heart and act abide,      Praise to Him and glory giving.  
 All I need God will dispense;      This shall be my confidence.


Jesus lives! I know full well      Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
 Neither death nor pow'rs of hell      Part me now from Christ forever.  
 God will be my sure defense;      This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death      But the gate of life immortal;  
 This shall calm my trembling breath      When I pass its gloomy portal.  
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:      Jesus is my confidence!

#### LSB482 - This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide      A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill      Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest      And for a sea - son



sor - row!      My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er;      Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber      Till trump from east to west




Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain,      Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain:      But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

### LSB469 - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

### LSB475 - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris’n this day;  
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank The Lord: Divine Service 1

**C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**C: His steadfast love endures forever!** **Psalm 118:29, ESV**

P: Let us pray. . . . Merciful Father, in this Sacrament, we have tasted and seen that You are good! The blessings of the first Easter Day have been given to us again on this Easter Day! Help us to go forth from this worship service and share the hope You’ve placed within us with the people You place around us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.** *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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†**Easter Recessional** *(We follow the cross out of the sanctuary with our eyes and our whole focus, just as we follow Christ into the world in word and example bearing witness to His resurrection.)*

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**Closing Hymn: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** *LSB, hymn #461*

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

***YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP EVERY WEEKEND AS WE  
CONTINUE IN THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS' RESURRECTION!!***

### ***After worship prayer***

*Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God in loving memory of St. Paul’s deceased pastors, Rev. J.F. Schroeder, Rev. H. Pfothenhauer, Rev. C.F. Haller, Rev. H. F. Bohlmann, and Rev. G. H. Schaus.

***If you would like to give today, we have two easy electronic options:***

- \* Text the amount to 815-205-1213
- \* Go to our secure website, [www.stpaulslutheran.net](http://www.stpaulslutheran.net) and click on the Giving link under the Church page.



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**Serving In God's House Today**

- Preachers:**

Pastor Karl Koeppen & Pastor Roger Drinnon
- Organist:**

Nadine Engel
- Lay Ministers:**

6:00: Ken Capps, Bill Dyche, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz  
9:00: Hal Bryant, Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, John Veers  
11:00: Bob Bohlmann, Buce Clark, Brent Eden, Rich Engel
- Acolytes:**

6:00: Ava & Jackson Veasey  
Crossbearer - Nora McHugh  
9:00: Aidan LaVoie, Lucas Porter  
Crossbearer - Nolan LaVoie  
11:00: Gavin & J.P. Woods  
Crossbearer - Emma Davis
- Trustees:**

6:00: Jeff Johnson  
9:00: Terry Treece  
11:00: Rob Wood
- Ushers:**

6:00: Bill Krones, Brian Milton, Brandon Tomblin, Chris Tomblin  
9:00: Jim Baron, Mike Callan, Terry Treece, Jim Trudeau  
11:00: Bill Balgeman, Mike Callan, Dave Kesinger
- Instrumentalists:**

David Bottorff, Matt Callan, Brayden Douglas, Diane Dyche, Gail Ferrebee, Dan Hess, Ben Kubal, Greg Ronchetto
- Handbell Choir:**

Matt Callan, Katrina Drinnon, Diane Dyche, Bill Dyche, Isaac Fabbro, Ruth Fabbro, Gail Ferrebee (Director), Lynda Koeppen, Judy Krones, Liz Lesch, Heidi Ostrowski
- Choir:**

Hope Brammer, Chloe Butler, Natalie Cherry, Sarah Cherry, Liz Deck, Olivia Douglas, Katrina Drinnon, Brent Eden, Nancy Eden, Rick Einfeldt, Isaac Fabbro, Ruth Fabbro, Gail Ferrebee (Director), Duane Ferrebee, Adele Hinze, Elayne James, Sandy James, Ben Kubal, Elizabeth Kubal, Alena Lagesse, Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Daphne Sexton, Delilah Sexton

## This Week's Schedule of Activities

<b>Sun.</b> April 20 		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>No Sunday School or Bible Class</b>
	6:00 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
	7:00 am	Easter Breakfast (Downtown)
	9:00 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
	11:00 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
<b>Mon.</b> April 21	12:00 pm	<b>Church Office &amp; School Closed</b>
	7:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Bourb) Lay Ministry Meeting (Bourb)
<b>Tues.</b> April 22	9:00 am	Easter Flower Pick-Up (Downtown)
	7:00 pm	Road to Coronation (1573 Surrey, Bourb)
<b>Wed.</b> April 23		
<b>Thurs.</b> April 24	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (Downtown)
	6:00 pm	Lectures in Genesis (Bourb)
<b>Fri.</b> April 25	8:00 am	Rummage Sale (Downtown)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Tucci's)
	6:00 pm	Athletic Banquet (Bourb)
<b>Sat.</b> April 26	7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast (Riverside)
	9:00 am	Phil's Friends Pack Party (Downtown)
	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
	6:00 pm	Tables of Eight (Various Homes)
<b>Sun.</b> April 27	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School (Bourb)
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class (Bourb)
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
**Announcements - April 20, 2025**

### BLOOD DRIVE



The Outreach & Connections Board is hosting a blood drive on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** in the school gym from **12 to 5 pm**. The students may not be old enough to donate blood, but they are learning how blood donations can save lives. The Future Blood Donor program teaches students about the function of blood in the body and the importance of blood donation. Students can recruit their parents to volunteer and/or donate at the drive and raise funds for the school. Students can receive recognition from Red Cross and know they helped save lives. To donate, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code **stpauls** to schedule your appointment. For questions, please contact Sylvia Burger ([sylviab1980@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviab1980@yahoo.com)) or 815-343-3460) or Isaac Fabbro ([isaacfabbro24@gmail.com](mailto:isaacfabbro24@gmail.com)).

### RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS



*Earn your Partnership Hours helping at the Rummage Sale!* Anyone can help! We will especially need a few strong people for heavy lifting. **We are scheduling two-hour sessions for set-up help on April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and for help during the sale on April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.** Please call Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933) to sign up.

### LWML MITES

Please consider donating your change to LWML next weekend for their ministries around the globe!

This month's featured mission grant is **St. John LaGrange Reaching Out**. St. John's has expanded their VBS outreach to multiple events per year. They minister to as many as 200 children per event, more than 80% of whom come from surrounding communities, and many with no knowledge of Jesus.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!



St. Paul's will be hosting VBS this summer from **Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will be guiding kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

### BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER



St. Paul's will once again be doing a used book booth at Prairieview's Fall Festival in September and **we are in need of books.** There are collection bins at both locations. At the school, you may place your books in the labeled red donation box. At the church, there are labeled containers in the atrium just inside the alley doors. If you have any questions, if you would like to arrange a time to drop off, or if you need to schedule a pick-up, please call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Worship Attendance:

Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup> ..... 92

Saturday 5:00 pm ..... 78

Sunday 8:30 am ..... 162

11:05 am ..... 93

**Weekend Total:** ..... **333**

#### Bible Study:

Children's Sunday School: ..... 21

Youth Bible Study: ..... 16

Adult Bible Study: ..... 24

#### Weekly Offerings

##### Given

**General** ..... \$16,470.31

**Building** ..... \$1,072.00

**School Ops.** ..... \$250.00

**Anniversary** ..... \$165.00

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE

(815-932-0312)

8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



### EASTER FLOWERS

The additional flowers beautifying our sanctuary this Easter have been given to the glory of God by:

Larry & Kelli Arseneau

*In memory of Kelly & Sue Milton,  
Arlene Nietfeldt, Roger Nietfeldt, and  
Betty Scharp*

Jim & Carol Baron

*In memory of Louis & Wanda Wolfe  
and Roland & Donna Baron*

RaeLene, Mallory, and Micah Bass

*In memory of Michael Bass*

Diane Beversdorf and Becky Veasey

*In memory of Dave Beversdorf*

Bill & Pat Benner

*In memory of our sisters, Phyllis Jones  
and Barbara McNabney and  
our grandson, Alec Mulvihill*

Connie Blacklock

*In memory of Nancy Lombard*

David & Marily Bottorff

*In memory of Rob Mau and  
Mark & Chris Bottorff*

Hal & Jan Bryant

*In memory of Marshall & Elizabeth  
Bryant and Ken & Wilma Hartke*

Bill & Sylvia Burger

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold  
Burger and Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Schade*

Mike & Deb Callan

*In memory of Deb's mom & dad*

Kim Capps

*In memory of my sisters,  
Susan and Sandy*

Mike & Kay Clendenin

*In memory of Mike's mother,  
Beulah Morris*

Chris & Lori Curtis & Family

*and Raymond Zufall  
In memory of Eileen Zufall  
and Bill Curtis*

Adrian & Leigh Davis and Emiley Blair

*In memory of Robert Blair*

Mark & Karen Devine and Kathy Sage

*In memory of our parents, Fred &  
Dorothy Sage and our grandparents,  
Herman & Josephine Gerberding*

Bill & Diane Dyche

*In memory of Bettigail Dyche*

Kenneth & Shari Ebert

Brent & Nancy Eden

*In memory of Gerald & Mary Peters,  
Edmond & Anamelia Eden,  
and Mark Eden*

Rick & Sherry Einfeldt and

Brian & Hannah Sloma

*In memory of Harold & Venita Einfeldt  
and Richard & Lorraine Bell*

Richard & Nadine Engel

*In memory of our parents and  
grandparents*

Barry & Linda Gadbois

*In memory of parents and family  
members that have passed away*

Joann B. Gall

*In memory of my daughter, April Lynn  
Gall and my husband, William C. Gall*

Carol Ginger & Family

*In memory of Jerry Ginger and Winnie*

Pat Hatch

*In memory of my husband,  
Mike Hatch and my parents,  
Glen & Phyllis Schnell*

The Heldt-Reardanz Family

*In memory of Leon Heldt*

Mardene Henderon

*In memory of Elwyn & Velma Bauer  
and Ronald Bauer*

Jerry & June Hoekstra

*In memory of our daughter,  
Denise Tully*

Darrin & Gina Holmes

*In memory of our mothers,  
Carla Richmond and  
Jessica "Susie" Smith*

Rev. Karl & Lynda Koeppen

*In memory of our parents,  
John & Elaine Koeppen and  
Bob & Lori Duesenberg*

Michael P. Legris

*In memory of Marjorie A. Legris*

Freeman & Nancy Mietzer

Jim & Jenny Mossman

*In memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. George Lueth*

Nick & Amanda Nordmeyer & Family

*In memory of our loved ones*

Scott & Sheila Rennewanz

*In memory of our son, Alexander  
Rennewanz; our parents, Bernie &  
Sharon Riley and Robert & Betty  
Rennewanz; and our grandparents,  
Ted & Edna Martin*

Diane Siaroff & Bert Jacobson

*In memory of Keith Siaroff,  
Sirano Siaroff, Rosadele Siebert, and  
Marie Jacobson*

Scott & Elise Styck

Husband, Harold Thompson &  
daughters, Vicki, Kathy, Lori & Lisa  
*In memory of Marilyn Thompson*

Jim & Melody Trudeau

*In gratitude for God's Mercy & Grace*

Ellana Turrell

Scott & Donna Wascher

*In memory of our parents*

Grace, James and Steven Weith

*In memory of grandparents Voigts,  
Warfel, and Weith*

Kim Williams

*In memory of my parents*

Rob Wood

*In memory of Cathy Wood*

***In the bonds of Death He lay  
Who for our offence was slain;  
But the Lord is risen to-day,  
Christ hath brought us life again,  
Wherefore let us all rejoice,  
Singing loud, with cheerful voice,  
Hallelujah!***  
~ Martin Luther ~





## *“PERSEVERE WITH THANKSGIVING”*

TODAY we are celebrating our **165th Easter** as St. Paul's Lutheran Church!!

A lot has changed since 1859, but SOMEONE has remained the same, namely, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the same Heavenly Father that our forefathers worshiped here in Kankakee. He saw them through the worst of times and blessed them with good times. His grace and mercy have been evident through all of the years and abounds each and every day for us!

So let us give thanks to God for all of His blessings, and especially the pastors and teachers who have served the families of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School since 1859. It is truly amazing to think of the thousands of men, women and children who have been baptized, lived, struggled, worshiped, and died here, knowing the One who died and rose again, providing salvation for them and for us and eternal life with Him!!

Let's thank and praise our risen Lord and Savior today with every inch of our being, in thanksgiving for His amazing grace and mercy and faithfulness to us, His dear children!!! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!

In His service, Nancy Eden

*160th/165th Anniversary Thanksgiving Chairperson*

