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Welcome On this glorious Easter Day, let us offer God our highest accolades for raising Christ from his grave and making him our eternal Lord.

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 5, 2026; 6:00 a.m.

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

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 5, 2026; 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: “Easter Joy”

Handbell Choir

11:00a.m. Pre-service Music: “Alleluia! Love Is Alive!”

Hosanna Choir

Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, Announcements

PREPARATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: He is not here!

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!

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

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 a.m. Special Music: “Alleluia! Love Is Alive!” *Hosanna Choir*

11:00 a.m. Special Music: “Easter Angel Song”
Hosanna Choir and Katrina Drinnon, Solo

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First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 *(We Are Witnesses!)*

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace

through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen-- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

6:00 and 9:00 a.m. Special Music: “Risen This Day” *Handbell Choir*

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4 *(Death Is Destroyed)*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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: John 20:1-18

(He Has Risen!)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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: "I Have Seen The Lord!"

John 20:1-18

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Message: "Easter Brings LIFE!"

John 20:1-18

Stand (as you are able)

CONFESSIO 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: 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: "Easter Joy!" *Handbell Choir*

9:00 a.m. Special Music: "Easter Angel Song"
Hosanna Choir and Katrina Drinnon, Solo

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

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!

LSB470 - O Sons and Daughters of the King

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the _apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

LSB487 - Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.

’Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison
And from three days’ sleep in death As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv’n Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus’ resurrection!

For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.

Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

LSB480 - He's Risen, He's Risen

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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!

†**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.)*

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

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. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to life before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

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. Pfothhauer, Rev. C.F. Haller, Rev. H. F. Bohlmann, Rev. G. H. Schaus, and Rev. Paul Mueller.

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 and click on the Giving link under the Church page.



Serving In God's House Today

- Preachers:** Pastor Karl Koeppen & Pastor Roger Drinnon
- Organist:** Nadine Engel
- Lay Ministers:** 6:00: Ken Capps, Rich Engel, Bill Kronen, Kevin Kurtz
9:00: Darren Blair, Bob Carruthers, Greg Deck, John Veers
11:00: Bob Bohlmann, Bruce Clark, Brent Eden, Rich Engel
- Acolytes:** 6:00: Layna Rahn, Olivia Reardanz
Crossbearer - Micah Lundmark
9:00: Dain Blair, Zachary Porter
Crossbearer - Dylan Blair
11:00: Emma Davis, Nolan LaVoie
Crossbearer - Kaden McDonald
- Trustees:** 6:00: Jeff Johnson
9:00: Mike Callan
11:00: Rob Wood
- Ushers:** 6:00: Jeff Johnson, Brian Milton, Brandon Tomblin, Chris Tomblin
9:00: Jim Baron, Mike Callan, Terry Treece, Steve Weith
11:00: Bill Balgeman, Dave Kesinger, Rob & Mary Wood
- Instrumentalists:** Diane Dyche, Gail Ferrebee, Ben Kubal, Bill Dyche,
Rev. David Bottorff, Greg Ronchetto
- Handbell Choir:** Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Diane Dyche, Nancy Eden, Isaac Fabbro, Ruth Fabbro, Lynda Koeppen, Judy Kronen, Liz Lesch, Heidi Ostrowski
- Hosanna Choir:** Natalie Cherry, Liz Deck, Katrina Drinnon, Brent Eden, Nancy Eden, Rick Einfeldt, Nadine Engel, Isaac Fabbro, Ruth Fabbro, Duane Ferrebee, Adele Hinze, Elayne James, Sandy James, Mellody McDonald, Heidi Ostrowski, Sharla Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Eugene Wachholz

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This Week's Schedule of Activities

Sun. April 5		EASTER SUNDAY No Sunday School or Bible Class
	6:00 am 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) Easter Breakfast (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown) Worship - Traditional - Communion (Downtown)
Mon. April 6	12:00 pm	Church Office & School Closed Red Cross Blood Drive (Bourb)
Tues. April 7	9:00 am 9:45 am 4:00 pm	Easter Flower Pick-Up (Downtown) <i>The Serving Christ: Gospel of Mark</i> (Downtown) Jr. Confirmation Class (Bourb)
Wed. April 8	9:30 am 5:00 pm	<i>The Patriarchs & Their Journeys</i> (Downtown) School Open House (Bourb)
Thurs. April 9	6:00 pm	Phil's Friends Walk-In (Downtown)
Fri. April 10		
Sat. April 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Shine Service Day (Downtown) Worship - Traditional (Downtown)
Sun. April 12	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional (Bourb) Assimilation Class (Bourb) Children's Sunday School (Bourb) Adult & Youth Bible Classes (Bourb) Worship - Contemporary (Bourb)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - April 5, 2026

CREATION MUSEUM & ARK TRIP

The Board of Outreach & Connections has planned a trip for our congregation to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky. **We will depart the school at 1pm on Thursday, July 9th and return late on Saturday, July 11th.** The estimated cost per person (including transportation, hotel stay, exhibit tickets, and two lunch vouchers) is \$421.39 per adult for double occupancy or \$566.39 per adult for single occupancy. A deposit of \$100 is due right away but the balance is not due until June 1st. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Fabbro at ruthfabbro1964@gmail.com or 815-450-5665.



VBS 2026 - SAVE THE DATE!!

All children entering 4-year-old preschool through 6th grade are invited to spend a week with us at Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 15th through Friday, June 19th!**

Rainforest Falls promises a week of wonder as kids explore the powerful nature of God! Through life-changing Bible stories, the coolest animal buddies, and joyful worship, they'll discover who God is and how to stay rooted in His love.

SHINE SERVICE DAY - JOIN US!

Each spring, the LCMS Northern Illinois District invites churches to serve their communities through SHINE service projects. This year, St. Paul's will host a SHINE Service Day on **Saturday, April 11th from 9:00 am to noon at the downtown Mission & Ministry Center.**

There will be service opportunities for all ages so the whole family can join in. Some of the projects include: **Card-Making Workshop** – Create scrapbook-style cards for Phil's Friends care packages. **Sewing Project** – Help sew quilt tops that will become blankets for Phil's Friends. Fabric and thread will be provided, but donations are always welcome. **Coloring Projects** – Color care package boxes or make "Cards of Hope." **Outdoor Landscaping** – Help beautify the Mission and Ministry Center and courtyard (weather permitting). **Building Projects** – Cleaning, organizing the new VBS closet, and other helpful tasks.

Whether you can stay for the whole morning or just help with a project or two, there will be plenty of ways to serve. We're also inviting our sister churches in the circuit to join us for this special morning of service and fellowship. Come shine Christ's love through service. We hope to see you there!

BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER



St. Paul's will once again be doing a used book booth at Prairieview's Fall Festival on September 11th & 12th and **we are in need of books.** There are collection bins at both locations. 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 Jeanne Vilt at 815-932-9855, call or text her at 815-216-0240, or call or text Nancy Campbell at 815-592-4273.

TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is upon us, which means many of us will be spring cleaning! As you purge, please keep St. Paul's in mind. We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thursday & Friday, May 7th & 8th** from 8am to 4pm in the downtown gym. You may leave your donations by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5pm service or schedule a time for drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds help purchase much needed supplies that help enhance all church services. Thank you for your donations! May God bless you for helping so faithfully.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

April 6th is the date for the Red Cross blood drive at St Paul's School. Please mark your calendars. This is truly a life saving event. To sign up to give blood, scan the QR code or call the church office. We will also need volunteers the day of the event. Contact Sylvia Burger at 815-343-3460 if you are interested.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE	
March 28th & 29th	
Worship Attendance:	
Wed., 3/25	54
Saturday 5:00 pm	78
Sunday 8:30 am	155
11:05 am	92
Weekend Total:	325
Bible Study:	
Children's Sunday School:	25
Youth Bible Study:	7
Adult Bible Study:	6
<u>Weekly Offerings</u>	
General	\$10,994.69
Building	\$1,145.00
School Ops.	\$340.00
Lent	\$306.00



EASTER FLOWERS

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

Jill & Bill Arseneau
In memory of Bonnie Causer

Larry & Kelli Arseneau
*In memory of Kelly & Sue Milton,
Eric Milton, and Betty Scharp*

Diane Barber
*In memory of my mother,
Jenora Demers*

Jim & Carol Baron
*In memory of our parents,
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 David Beversdorf and
all our loved ones*

Connie Blacklock
In memory of Nancy Lombard

Rev. David Bottorff
In memory of Marilyn Bottorff

Tom & Karla Breitenbucher
In memory of our parents

Hal & Jan Bryant
*In memory of our parents,
Ken & Wilma Hartke and
Marshall & Elizabeth Bryant*

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

Mike & Deb Callan
*In memory of Kathy, Joe, &
and Chris Sumrall*

Kim Capps
*In memory of my sisters,
Suesan and Sandy*

Chris & Lori Curtis and Family
*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
and Jay Nolin*

Kenneth & Shari Ebert

Brent & Nancy Eden

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

Rick & Sherry Einfeldt and
Brian, Hannah & Elsie Sloma

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

Richard & Nadine Engel

*In memory of all our loved ones who
have gone before*

Duane & Gail Ferrebee

*In memory of Chuck & Agnes Ferrebee
and George & Ellen McKibben*

Barry & Linda Gadbois

In memory of our parents and siblings

Connie Gifford

In memory of Miranda Gifford

Carol Ginger & Family

In memory of my heavenly family

Randal Gossman

In memory of Josie Gossman

Pat Hatch

*In memory of my husband, Mike Hatch;
my parents, Glen & Phyllis Schnell; and
my niece, Miranda Gifford*

Angela Heldt & Bruce Reardanz

*In memory of Leon Heldt
and Richard Reardanz*

Mardene Henderon

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

Jerry & June Hoekstra

In memory of our daughter, Denise

Darrin & Gina Holmes

*In memory of our mothers
and loved ones*

Marilyn Jenkins

In memory of Margret Sandeno

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

God Bless the USA!

Tom & Judy Minor

*In memory of Clarence & Florence
Minor and brother, William*

Manuel & Elizabeth Morocho Loja

*In memory of Janice & Nicki Randolph
and Consepcion Loja*

Jim & Jenny Mossman

*In memory of
George & Edith Lueth*

Nick & Amanda Nordmeyer & Family

In memory of our loved ones

Scott & Sheila Renewanz

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

Patty Sanders

*In memory of my daughter, Julie
and my granddaughter*

Diane Siaroff & Bert Jacobson

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

Dawn, Gage, Trenton & Drew Stephens

*In memory of our father/grandfather,
Richard Reardanz*

The Styck Family

Harold Thompson & daughters

In memory of Marilyn Thompson

Jim & Melody Trudeau

*In memory of our parents, brothers and
sisters that are with Jesus*

Ellana Turrell

Scott & Donna Wascher

*In memory of Ray & Bonnie Wascher
and Roger & Iraena Brown*

The Weith Grandchildren

In memory of Phebe & Martin Voigts

The West Family

In memory of Karen Morrical

Kim Williams

*In memory of my parents,
Chuck & Bonnie Estes*

Rob Wood

In memory of Cathy Wood

Rob & Mary Wood

In memory of Eugene 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

