

Alleluia!

*Christ
is
Risen!*

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS

Throughout the Lenten season we looked at the kings of the Old Testament and found the truth of Psalm 146: “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish” (vs 3–4). The plans of God are eternal, gracious and filled with truth and compassion. So, we celebrate that the grave could not hold Jesus, but He is risen, just like He said! Jesus is our King, the only One to follow through this life and home to heaven for our eternity! The Lord is Risen, He Is Risen indeed, Alleluia!!!

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Bell Choir "This Joyful Eastertide"

Processional Hymn 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Trumpet: Sara Sahlhoff; Euphonium: Cameron Parker

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Christ Triumphant"

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen today!

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is ris'n today!

The long, long night of waiting is done
with the first glad rays of the Easter sun;

Christ is risen today!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Forgotten now is the torturing march to Calvary,
the crown of thorns, the unspeakable agonies and torments;
The piercing spear and the broken body,
The indescribable insults and indignities
heaped by mankind on the Son of God!

Forgotten and forgiven
with the words that fell from His expiring lips:
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Forgotten, indeed, in the triumph of the morn,
But graven eternally into the heart of man.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen today!
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is ris'n today!
The battle o'er, the vict'ry won;
He reigns now on high with the Three in One.
Christ is risen today!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18, antiphon v. 1b

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
C **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

P The LORD is my strength and my song,
C **and He has become my salvation.**

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
C **Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**

P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have
redeemed;

C **You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy
abode.**

P You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

C **the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,**

P the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

C **The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
C **the horse and His rider He has thrown into the sea.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

He upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—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. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at

one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying

there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come

again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 490 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Sermon Text

Psalm 146

Sermon “Long Lives the King of Kings”

Hymn 480 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

Prayers

Solo: Kali Foster “Because He Lives”

Guitar accompaniment: Ellia Foster

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

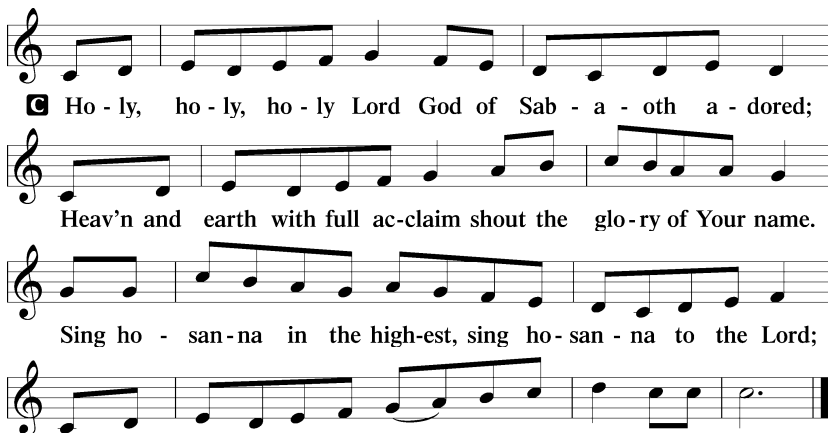
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Psalm 136)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-

begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*) *LSB 208*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)*

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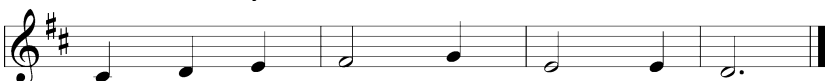
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 468 "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"

Hymn 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Hymn 467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Hymn 629 "What Is This Bread"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn 482 "This Joyful Eastertide "

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

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P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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.**

Recessional - Adult Choir "The Hallelujah Chorus"

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The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Nathan & Beth Miller to the glory and honor of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, in whom we have the sure and certain hope of salvation, and in thanksgiving for Evelyn's 6th birthday. May we forever praise His holy name. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

New church directories are available on the table in the Narthex.

Women Needed ~ You need only attend. You don't have to read or comment. There isn't a Bible study booklet with questions. It is a group of women gathering together and reading GOD's Word out loud and together. GOD promises His Word will not return to Him void and we are holding Him to His promises. Join other women on Saturday at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem room. We will never go longer than 12:30 and will adjourn before 12:30 when needed. For more information contact Kelly Sienicki.

Parish Fellowship is hosting a Father / Son Game Night on April 20th at 7:00 pm. Please bring your favorite board games and card games. We'll have snack stuff and sweet treats along with punch. Fathers and sons- please come with your father or son; if you don't have one, please come anyway! It'll be a great night of fun and fellowship!

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For the King of kings Jesus, who has risen from the dead and lives to all eternity.

For the Lord's Supper and all its benefits for the believer.

Special Concerns:

That we live a life knowing, believing, and trusting that Jesus our King has conquered sin, death, and the devil for us through His innocent suffering, death, and resurrection! May we live as witnesses of His glory by sharing the truth of Jesus with everyone we meet.

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For those affected by the recent earthquakes and tornadoes. May the Lord comfort them with His grace and healing.

That Jesus would shine in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world who face the struggles of war and persecution as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Scrip orders: Due to Spring Break and Easter Services, there will be no "Scrip Day" in April. Please contact Heidi Wildauer or the school office if you need anything. Thank you.

"Board of Stewardship is conducting a Time and Talent Survey of all adult members of St. Paul's. This will be conducted shortly after our celebration of Easter. For those of you who have given the Church your email addresses please be on the lookout for an electronic version from "QuestionPro" the week after Easter. We will also be providing paper surveys which will be available beginning Sunday, April 16th. We would ask that all adult members please complete and return to either the Church Office or insert in the Stewardship mailbox in the Narthex no later that Sunday, April 30th."

ALL MEMBERS of St. Paul's are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the "Connect to Disciple" Bible study. This is the first congregational bible study for the revitalization program. The study will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am (for 45 minutes) in the Fellowship Hall, and on Wednesday nights, beginning April 19, at 6:30 pm for about one hour. The study has six units and is devoted to study the Word and has time for interaction. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to grow together in God's Word.

Calendar of Events

TODAY: Easter Sunday	April 9, 2023
Easter Sunrise Service at the Cemetery	7:00 am
Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
Easter Festival Service with Communion	9:30 am
MON: ~ No School - Spring Break ~	
Pastor Wonnacott on Vacation.....	All Day
TUES:	
Pastor at Winkle-St. Paul, South Bend	
PTL Meeting	3:00 pm
WED:	
Day School Chapel	8:05 am
THURS:	
Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study	9:30 am
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting.....	11:00 am
SAT:	
Women Reading GOD’S Word in Community	11:00 am-12:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY	April 16, 2023
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm

SCHOOL CORNER

If you or anyone you know are looking for a Christian-based education in Preschool through 8th Grade, please encourage them to contact St. Paul’s! We are happy to answer any questions and provide a tour of our school. St. Paul’s is a Choice School, able to offer many scholarships, including vouchers, to help make education here affordable. *More information and online enrollment are available through the church website (school side).*
Happy Easter from St. Paul’s Lutheran School!

Voter’s Election --- A nominating committee consisting of Bruce Augustine, Larry Britt, Kevin Furman, Joe Hughes and Jim Tinkey will be asking members to prayerfully consider serving as Officers and Board Members. Positions needing filled include: Executive Director, Asst. Executive Director, Treasurer, Board of Lay Ministry, Board of Christian Education, School Board, Youth Board, Board of Evangelism Director, Board of Church Properties and Board of Parish Fellowship Director. If

you have possible interest or would like additional information regarding any of these positions, feel free to speak to a member of the Nominating Committee. If you are asked to consider a position, we would respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider an opportunity to serve. Voter's election meeting will be Monday, June 5th.