



**St. Paul's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 26, 2026  
11:00 AM

## **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING WITH THE WORD ON THE DAY**

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*). Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,  
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your loving voice calls us. With our names spoken so tenderly, we follow joyfully. Jesus, when we lost our way, you don't give up until you have us securely in your arms. Holy Spirit, help us express our soul's deep desire to meet you in worship today. **Amen.**

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 23

### THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Here ends the Epistle of the day. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**WELCOME CIRCLE** Pastor welcomes children of all ages through story; in the pew or at the altar.

## **THE MESSAGE PASTOR KATHLEEN KERIN**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING SONG: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (ELW 186)**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 SENDING & BLESSING

Go out, and whether before you lay a mountain, a plateau, or a valley, be assured that you don't go alone, but with the Good Shepherd. One who guides you, feeds you, and even carries you. IN your going out and your coming in, the Good Shepherd is with you. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (ELW 774)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Thank you to our lector **Gary Wagner** for serving this morning. Readers and Communion Assistants are now on a rotating schedule. Thank you for everyone's flexibility and working together to support our Worshiping Community! Please consider signing up to assist in worship in the Narthex.

Recently, all the blue carpets in the church were cleaned. **We kindly ask that no food or drinks be brought inside of the Sanctuary.** Please continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to keep it clean.

### Upcoming Worship Readers

**Apr 12** Gary Wagner  
**May 3** Jason Tapscott

**Apr 19** Malcolm Furbert  
**May 10** Cathy Silverio

**Apr 26** Karen Santiago  
**May 17** Wendy Fuehrer



### PRAYER LIST

Andy, Tara McFarland, Bruce Drelich, Jared, Lois Rodemer, Axel Bayala, Jackie Duffy, Carla, Ann Dearden, Donna Curry, Paul Oetinger and Ann Farley.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Tracey in the office at [stpauls19120@gmail.com](mailto:stpauls19120@gmail.com) Be sure to provide the person's full name and (if possible and safe to do so) a little bit about the prayer needs.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Karen Santiago - April 1**  
**Lizzie Bowman - April 12**  
**Zoey Marlapudi - April 24**

**Grace Marlapudi - April 3**  
**Else Frasch - April 21**  
**Ann Farley - April 30**

**Diane McFarland April 5**  
**Elijah Tice - April 23**  
**Mildred Lampkin - April 30**

**Thursday Night Bible Study** We are back as we take a look at 40 Days with Joan Chittister. All are welcome!

**Cheryl Trate and Carlos Padilla** welcome the congregation to attend the ceremony of their wedding to be held in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 2nd at 3:00 pm. Together with their family and friends, join in prayer and celebration of their union!

**Council Members** are reminded to read through the changes made to our Constitution in preparation for the May 12th meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at the meeting.

**Whitmore Scholarship Team** will be meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please mark your calendars.

## **ST. PAUL'S OUTREACH**

### **SENIOR WEDNESDAY**

**10 am to 12 pm**

### **ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY OUTREACH**

**Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-11:30am**

We are looking for volunteers to assist people who come to our door on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 11:30 am, and assistance to help carry in supplies on Thursday mornings.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Monday</b>	Ezekiel 34:17-23	1 Peter 5:1-5	Psalms 100
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 34:23-31	Hebrews 13:20-21	Psalms 100
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Matthew 20:17-28	Psalms 100
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 12:1-3	Acts 6:8-15	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
<b>Friday</b>	Exodus 3:1-12	Acts 7:1-16	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
<b>Saturday</b>	Jeremiah 26:20-24	John 8:48-59	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16



## **NEW CHURCH WEBSITE**

<https://stpaulsolney.churchtrac.com/>

The following features are available to the public:

- View schedules
- Information about programs (Senior Wednesday, Bible Study, AA, Food Pantry, etc)
  - View Worship Bulletins
  - Contact the church office
  - Donate Online - \*Tithly will be phased out at the end of May. If you have a recurring donation, you will need to switch it over to the new links on the new website.

### **Members are encouraged to create an account!**

Creating an account will allow you to view all of the features above and more!

- Member directory
- Set up recurring online giving
- View your giving statement and track your giving at anytime



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Tracey Sims, Administrator

Matthew Brenner, Organist

Kathleen Kerin, Pastor

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
<b>Monday</b> Pastor at St. Tim's	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting ( <i>Luther Room</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b> Pastor at St. Tim's	9am-12pm 6pm-7pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry ( <i>Community Wing</i> ) AA Meeting ( <i>Luther Room</i> ) Council Meeting on Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	9am to 12pm 6pm to 8pm	Food Pantry ( <i>Community Wing</i> ) NA Meeting ( <i>Luther Room</i> )
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship w/ Communion</b>