



**St. Paul's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 12, 2026  
11:00 AM

## **PRELUDE**

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

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

### **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 *The Day of Resurrection!* (ELW 361)

## 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 of life, from whom all receive their breath, breathe new life into our tired lungs, so we may speak words of faith, hope, and love. Free us from fear, that we may follow Christ boldly, ready to lay down our lives for your kingdom's cause, and trusting that you will also rescue us from the grave by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

<sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Here ends the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 16**

### **THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the Epistle of the Day. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE MESSAGE PASTOR KATHLEEN KERIN

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)

## 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, Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice. May we be generous as you are generous. Let our gratitude be sincere, overflowing in gifts for God's work. 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**

Death's sting has been removed. Jesus has shattered the grave; now there is a whole new world. Go and broadcast the Good News that the days of death and fear have been covered by the life and love of Jesus Christ!

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* (ELW 380)**

### **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** Cathy Silverio

**Apr 19** Malcolm Furbert  
**May 10** Jason Tapscott

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



### 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** online will meet once more this week, and break for Easter. We will be back on April 23rd as we take a look at 40 Days with Joan Chittister. All are welcome!

# 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>	Judges 6:36-40	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Psalms 114
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jonah 1:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:19-28	Psalms 114
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 12:38-42	Psalms 114
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 25:1-5	1 Peter 1:8b-12	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 26:1-4	1 Peter 1:13-16	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 25:6-9	Luke 14:12-14	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19



## NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

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

We are excited to announce that we have been working to update the church's digital systems and that includes a new church website. It is still a work in progress, and already contains current information, links to our programs, and a new page of current and previous worship bulletins. New features will be added in the upcoming months, so stay tuned, but we encourage everyone to check it out.

Be sure to click the "Sign In" button at the top left and create your account so we can match you to our membership records.



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Tracey Sims, Administrator

Kathleen Kerin, Pastor

Matthew Brenner, Organist

<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> )
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting ( <i>Luther Room</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting ( <i>Luther Room</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship w/ Communion</b>