

Alleluia!





ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!
We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. For those visiting, please fill out a visitor card located in the pews and place it in the offering box. Large print bulletins are available.
Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

An * indicates to please stand if you are able.
Bold print indicates congregational responses.

PRELUDE

“The Bells of Easter Morning”
Jubilate Bells

Douglas E. Wagner

“Easter Glory”
Jubilate Bells

Cathy Moklebust

“A Day of Celebration”
St. Paul Choir and Sherry Kline, Piano

Brad Nix and
Joseph M. Martin

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Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! All of creation, awaken the dawn.
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! Let there be music, let there be song!*

*This is the day for hope and thanksgiving. This is the time for glory to shine.
This is the call to live and be grateful. Sharing with all God's wondrous design.
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*Let there be music, let there be song!
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and on the earth again shall stand;
I know eternal life He giveth, that grace and power are in His hand.*

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EASTER PROCLAMATION Alleluia! He is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father, \dagger the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us together confess our sins.

Jesus, you died on the cross for us and for the world. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in thought, word, and deed.

Jesus is risen. Sin and death have been defeated. Your sins are forgiven!

Jesus, you showed the way of compassion and truth. We have not followed you as we ought. Give us strength.

Jesus is risen. Sin and death have been defeated. Your sins are forgiven!

Jesus, you arose from the grave. Drive away our fears. Fill our hearts with joy.

Jesus is risen. Sin and death have been defeated. Your sins are forgiven! Alleluia!



*GATHERING HYMN

#365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Choir



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

(Cont.)



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Colossians 3:1-4

The reading is found on page 230 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! ¹⁶The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

The reading is found on page 46 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

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

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

CHORAL ACCLAMATION AND PROCESSION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

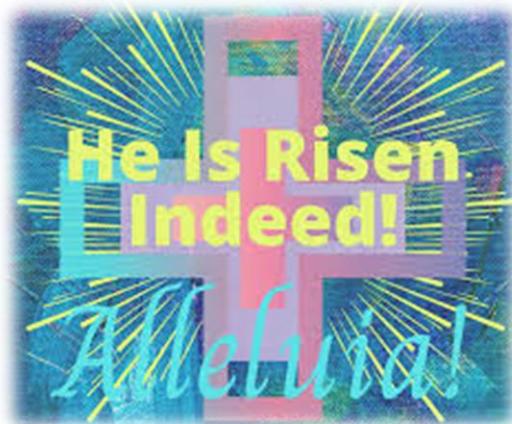
Coca-Cola Prayer

The sun will always shine,
The birds will always sing,
As long as there is God there's always the real thing.
Jesus died, is risen and will come again,
And that is why we thank him as this meal begins!

Do do do do do do do do do,
Amen!
Do do do do do
Jesus is the real thing!

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis



*HYMN OF THE DAY

#366 "The Strife Is O'er"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastors are happy to discuss*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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*OFFERING HYMN

#377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

***OFFERING PRAYER**

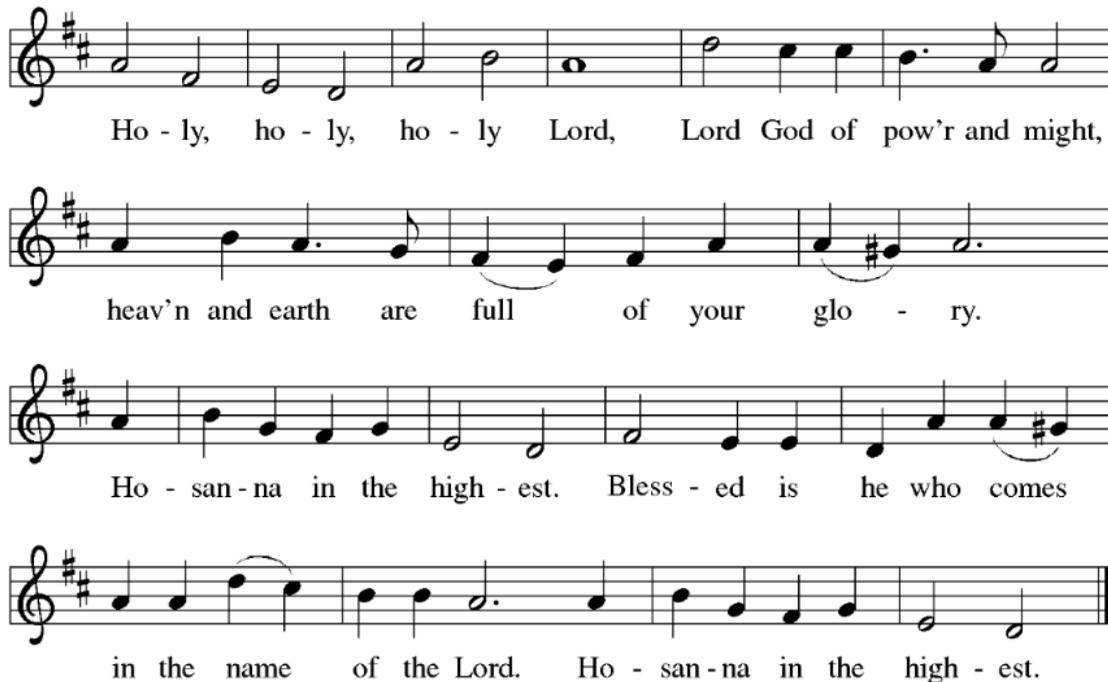
Merciful God, accept the gifts we bring, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

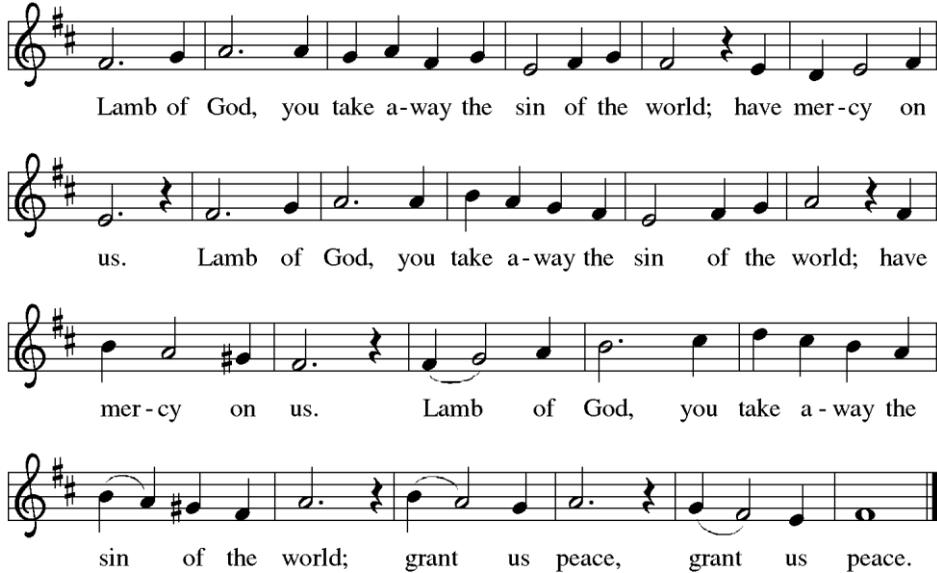
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ..Do this in remembrance of me.
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

G. F. Handel

HYMN

#382 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"



alleluia

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN #367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound”**

(Those that would like to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus”

please move to choir loft at the beginning of Verse 3 of the hymn)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***SENDING**

Alleluia! He is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

***CHORAL POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

George F. Handel

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The Communion Bread is given to the glory of God by Karen Healy.

Thank you to all who worked diligently to make today's worship service possible, from ordering supplies months ago, to decorating the Sanctuary yesterday, to assisting in worship this morning and to cleaning up this afternoon.

We thank all the musicians who helped lead us into praise of the Risen Christ, under the leadership of Becky Rairigh, Music Ministry Director.



Happy Easter!

Jubilate Bells

Andrea Bear
Linda Bell
John Boland
Jane Brye
Peter Brye
Susan Cardwell

Marsha Campbell
Janice Hackman
Karen Lilly
Susan Long
Gayle Stauffer
Kathryn Walsh

St. Paul Choir

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Jonah Ahlers
Keith Ahlers
Elaine Bell
Donna Boland
Jane Brye
Peter Brye
Kristen Buchanan
D. Michael Byler
Jan D'Imperio
David Fisher
Wayne Gongaware
Sally Hall

Doris Hunsberger
Cynthia Kensinger
Diane Kochel
Kate Martin
Tom Reinfried
Robin Rochow
Deborah Rutter
Patricia Savage
Karen Schaeffer
Beverly Spadaro
Gayle Stauffer
Susan Wert
Tom Wingenroth

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Kris Chuma, French Horn
Hayden Eby, Violin
Chloe Harris, Trumpet
Tony Henry, Trumpet
Sherry Kline, Piano
Audrey Myallis, Violin
Susanna Myallis, Flute
Travis Stuckey, Trombone

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