

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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April 5, 2026

Easter

8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” arr. by Gerald Peterson*

## CONFESSION

Alleluia! The Lord is risen.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

**He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins. We have doubted the presence of your Son in our lives, and have failed to be faithful witnesses. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

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.

**In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.**

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you, then the One who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

**OPENING HYMN:** LBW #151 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Choir: verses 2 & 3)

## INVOCATION

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



☉ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



|| Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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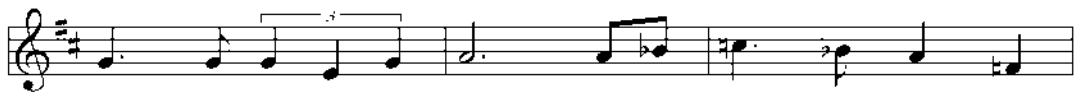
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



||| Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;

glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

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☒ For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly

Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.

☒ Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;

glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together,

**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.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and 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 ordained by God 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."

### **PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation  
echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

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

**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place

where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Response: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY WOV #674 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"**

### **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

## PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*(Those who desire to share the peace of the Lord with others are invited to greet one another; those who do not wish to share the peace, may be seated.)*

**OFFERING** *"Sing Out, Earth and Stars" Marty Haugen*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

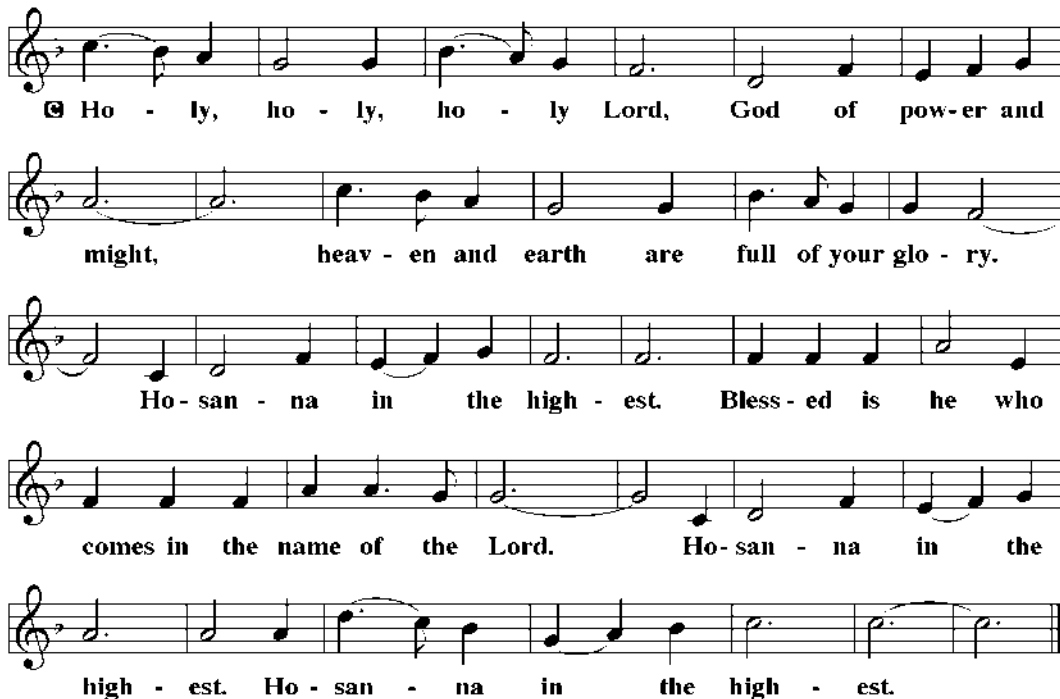
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the

resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### THE 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 HYMNS:** LBW #144 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"  
LBW #143 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"  
LBW #132 "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **AMEN**

## POST COMMUNION



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** LBW #131 *“Christ is Risen!”* (verses 1 + 4)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *“Hallelujah Chorus” George Frideric Handel*