



St. Paul Lutheran Church

April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *“Who You Say I Am” Hillsong Worship*

Please stand

Leader: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this joyous morning we celebrate when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ’s death and resurrection, share Christ’s triumph over sin and death, and await Christ’s coming again in glory.

HYMN: LBW #128 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Congregation: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Leader: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Please be seated

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Congregation: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 ap-

pear, 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.”

Please read responsively

READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

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

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

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.

Please stand

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw

the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Please be seated

HOMILY Elsie Herbert and Kaelynn Engelau

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: Worship & Praise #141 “This is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYER

Leader: Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing. Bring your church through the waters, that we may be jubilant in the liberating power of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Raise up leaders in our communities and in the nations of the world who will set people free from oppression and honor the dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Renew your creation, that animals and plants, seas, and stars, mountains and oceans may proclaim your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer

Leader: Scatter the light of Christ's resurrection, and restore hope to all who cry out for healing. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Pour out the spirit of the risen Christ on all those newly baptized and on this assembly, that our lives may joyfully praise the God who triumphs gloriously. Lord in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Make our hearts glad for all your holy ones who were buried with Christ in baptism and now share his resurrection. Lord in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer. He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: You may now share that peace with one another.

(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.)

Please be seated

OFFERING *“Glorious Day” by by Passion and Kristian Stanfill*

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Please join me in the prayer the Lord has taught us...

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.

CLOSING HYMN: LBW #131 "Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Go forth in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *"I Believe" Phil Wickham*

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN THE LUTHER LEAGUE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A BREAKFAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE. MEAL WILL BE FREE-WILL DONATIONS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE LUTHER LEAGUE MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER.

THANK YOU!

