



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Bible Study/ Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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April 14, 2024 Divine Service II- Third Sunday of Easter

PRESERVICE MUSIC

CHURCH BELLS/WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN #478: "The Day of Resurrection" *Text and music: Public domain*

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, The passover of gladness,
The passover of God. From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

INTROIT

P: You will fill me with joy in your presence,
C: with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

P: I will exalt you, O Lord,
C: for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

P: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help
C: and you healed me.

P: O Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
C: you spared me from going down into the pit.

P: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;
C: praise his holy name.

P: For his anger lasts only a moment,
C: but his favor lasts a lifetime;

P: weeping may remain for a night,
C: but rejoicing comes in the morning.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,
C: is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: You will fill me with joy in your presence,
C: with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

KYRIE (spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: Lord have mercy.

P: 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. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

COLLECT

O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 24:36-49

HYMN #700: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Text and music: Public domain*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SERMON: "Experiencing the Resurrected Jesus" (*Luke 24:36-49*)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)

BENEDICTION

HYMN #469: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *Text and music: Public domain*

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er: Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3. Vain the stone, the watch the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

4. Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

5. Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Prayer Concerns

+ The Call Process

Scripture Reader

Alex Nelson

Attendance Last Week

Worship: 163

Sun. School/Youth: 37

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME- We welcome Pastor Robert Alsleben as our Guest Pastor today. Pastor Alsleben will also be leading Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Bible Study theme is “Surviving the Most Difficult Losses of Life.”

2. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY- Our Rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway Ditch clean-up will take place on TODAY Sunday, April 14th. EVERYONE 12 and older is welcome to help with this service project. We will meet at church at Noon to watch the safety video, then drive out to our clean-up site.

3. PRAYER LIST: During our transition time of having Guest Pastors, please contact the church office (stpaulslp@embarqmail.com, 395-2573) if you or someone you know would like to be included on our weekly prayer list.

4. THRIVENT CHOICE-Thank you to everyone that directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul this past month. Eleven members directed a total of \$747.00 to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!

5. DARTBALL- The dartball team finished their season at the league tournament held at CCLS in Watertown. The day started with a win over Watertown, 4-2. The win cast us into a game versus the regular season's top team. We played a close game but unfortunately lost to Zion Mayer by a score of 6-3. Our final game of the day was against St. John Norwood. Neither team was able to put many hits together and we lost 1-0. Darlene Schmidt hit the only home run of the day. Craig Jackson has a nice day going 6 for 10 and finishing with a team high batting average of 0.412. Fun was had by all! Since the Nelson's will not be with us next season the team seeks some new players. If interested, speak with any team member and we will add you to the roster. Team members are reminded that the season final stats are available on the desk in the narthex.

6. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: All communicant members of legal voting age are strongly encouraged to attend our next Quarterly Voters Meeting. Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.

7. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Please join us for our next sandwich making event on Thursday, April 18th at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to help!

8. SCHEDULE- For April 21st~ Ushers: 1st Service-Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth; 2nd Service: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Nick Rasset; Acolytes-1st Service: K. Mallak, A. LaMott; 2nd Service: B. Rasset, B.

Bebo; Greeters- 1st Service: Dan & Tina Heiraas 2nd Service: Nick & Karissa
Rasset; Scripture Reader: Jennie Ruwersma; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Worship
Bags: Elaine Peterson

YOUTH

9. SUNDAY SCHOOL- The last day of Sunday School will be May 5th. Join us in the church basement from 9:15-10:15 for a family bingo celebration with snacks and awesome prizes for all ages!

10. PAINT AND LEMONADE NIGHT: We are excited to invite students from grades 6-12 to a painting night hosted by artist Ashley Clemensen on Sunday, April 21st from 6:30-7:30 PM! Ashley will guide you through a Bible-themed canvas painting. All levels of artistic ability are welcome! Parents may also join either to paint or as helpers. Please email Ellie or sign up on the youth bulletin board by Wednesday, April 17 so we have supplies for everyone.

11. CAMP OMEGA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE- Is your son or daughter going to be attending a camp session at Camp Omega this summer? We have some funds set aside to help out with this cost. You will need to turn in a confirmation email or letter that shows your son or daughter is Registered for a 2024 Camp Omega Session. Please talk to Ellie Schulteis (DCE) if you have any questions. Registration Confirmations are due to Ellie by May 31st.

Guest Pastor Schedule for April and May:

Sunday, April 14th: Pastor Robert Alsleben

Sunday, April 21st: Pastor Robert Alsleben

Sunday, April 28th: Pastor Keith Perry

Sunday, May 5th: Pastor Gerald Schwanke

Sunday, May 12th: Pastor Bruce Laabs

Sunday, May 19th: Pastor Gerald Schwanke

(Please note a change in Service Times for this Sunday~

8:00 and 10:00 am)

Sunday, May 26th: Pastor Layton Lemke (One service only, 9:00 a.m.)

Calendar of Events

Sun. April 14th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon	WORSHIP Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study WORSHIP Adopt-A-Highway Ditch Cleanup
Mon. April 15 th	Noon	Release Time Classes Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. April 17 th	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin 6 th Grade Release Time
Thurs. April 18 th	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry Release Time Classes
Fri. April 19 th - Sat. April 20 th		Confirmation Retreat
Sun. April 21st	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study Preservice Sunday School Sing WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Grades 6-12 Painting/Lemonade Night