

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 19, 2026

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
124 MAPLE STREET NORTH
LESTER PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
(320)-395-2573**

Pastor Barlau: Cell (612) 394-6224
Pastor email: pastorbarlau@gmail.com
www.stpaullp.org

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN "GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT" 594

10:30 A.M. (P. 268-271)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR ANDREW MAXWELL
SCHULTEIS AND ROSE ELISE SCHULTEIS
CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AND ELLEN SCHULTEIS
(SERVICE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE COLLECT)

✠ CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 151

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM 133 ANTIPHON: V. 1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the
beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of
Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life
forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

KYRIE

P. 152-153

HYMN OF PRAISE "THIS IS THE FEAST"

P. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

ADAPT. FROM MATTHEW 28:7; HEBREWS 2:7, PSALM 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable,

through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P. 156

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL “WHO ARE YOU WHO WALK IN SORROW” vs. 1-3 476

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and

blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL "WHO ARE YOU WHO WALK IN SORROW" vs. 4-5 470

APOSTLES' CREED

P. 159

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Scott Christenson

+ Angela Litzau

+ Andy Birkholz

+ Mark Barlau

+ Dan Gueningsman

+ Danny Barlau

+ Maya Radtke

+ Hillard Klaustermeier

+ Sonya Clausen

+ For Associate Pastor

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN "HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD"

488

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN”	474
“IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN RAISED FROM DEATH”	486
“THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE”	680
“FATHER WELCOMES”	605

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE P. 164

COLLECT/BENEDICTION P. 166

CLOSING HYMN “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY” 469

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<p><u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 205 Bible Study: 17 Sunday School: 28</p>

<p><u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller</p>

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Maxwell Schulteis and Rose Elise Schulteis, children of Benjamin and Ellen Schulteis, who will be baptized today during the 10:30 AM Service. Sponsors are Landon Schulteis and Hailey Schulteis.

2. VOTERS MEETING TODAY between services at 9:15 AM. There will be NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Study.

3. DIRECTORY UPDATE: Stewardship committee is still working on designing the group and feature pages for the directory. Our

part of this process is taking longer than we anticipated, but we are working on it and appreciate your patience! We'll update the congregation again when we complete this step and send it in for printing.

4. BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS- The Board of Education is seeking donations for our end of year Sunday School party. Prize donations are requested for a variety of age ranges. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the north education wing.

5. SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY - Join us April 26th in fellowship hall for our end of year Sunday School Bingo party. All congregation are invited. We will have snacks and prizes.

6. CARDS- Confirmation greeting cards are available for \$1.00 each on the LWML table. Proceeds go to support the Mission projects. Thank you.

7. LWML - The MN So. District Mites update as of April 2 is \$259,010. That is 96% of the goal of \$270,000. The District will be able to pay all 13 Mission grants in full. By April 25, \$10,989.00 is needed and that surely will be met. To God Be The Glory.

8. MEETING-The LWML will meet on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Donations will go to Orphan Grain Train and there will be a Mite (coin) ingathering for missions. All women are invited to join us as we serve the Lord with gladness.

9. LILIES- You may take your lilies home any time.

10. SAVE THE DATE- The Board of Education invites our 2026 High School graduates and their families to attend worship service on May 17th at 9:00 AM in honor of their academic accomplishments.

11. NEW FREEDOM STORE COLLECTION: LWML will be collecting cash for VISA gift cards to support the Homeless Ministry at the Pigs Eye Encampment in St. Paul. This is a mission sponsored by the LWML MN. South District as part of the district convention held June 18-20th. A collection box is in the lower narthex. Deadline is May 15th. Thank you for your support.

12. THRIVENT-If you have a Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card available, the church could use one to purchase hymnals to help support and make things easier for those who are shut in and cannot join church services in person. Please reach out to Jane Holasek or Julie Dial with any questions.

13. DIAPER COLLECTION- Donations of diapers, any size and brand, is being taken for the Marie Sandvick Center (Where we bring sandwiches from our Sandwich Ministry). Collection will take place until May 20th. If you would like to donate, please place diapers in the box in the Lower Narthex.

14. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Our next Adopt-a-Highway Ditch clean-up will take place on Sunday, May 17th. ANYONE THAT is 12 years of age or older is invited to help with this service project. We will meet at church at Noon that day to watch the safety video, then drive out to our clean-up site. There is a permission slip that needs to be filled out if volunteers are between 12 and 17. These will be available for you that day. Per MN Department of Transportation rules, children under 12 are not allowed to help with ditch clean-up.

15. SCHEDULE- *April 26* Ushers: 1st Service-Ethan Schultz, Troy Lueck, Chip Hentges; 2nd Service: Jeff Engen, Harrison Engen, Wayne Mathews; Acolytes: 1st Service- A. Lind, E. Novotny; 2nd Service: L. Dressler, C. Bebo; Greeters- 1st Service: Jim Klaustermeier 2nd Service: Gary & Larisa Kosek; Flowers: Lois Raduenz; Altar Guild: Tracy Jackson, Lajean Hoof, Terri Novotny; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. April 19	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Basement Rental
Mon. April 20	Noon	Release Time Classes Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. April 22	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time Class Confirmation Class
Fri. April 24		Church Offices Closed
Sun. April 26	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM. Sunday School Bingo WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.

Acknowledgement:
+ Memorials for Merlin Mathews were received in the total amount of \$35.00 for the Windows of Faith Campaign.