

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Serving Us At God's House Today

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To our worship guests: A special welcome in Jesus' name! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. We wish you God's richest blessings and invite you to leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf under
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

Liturgical Note

The paraments up front have been changed to white, symbolizing the glory and holiness of the risen Christ, and the glory and righteousness of Christ that has been credited to us, through faith in Him!



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9, 2023

Service Note

All the words the congregation speaks or sings are in **bold print**. If you want to follow along with the music, all hymns (except for the last) may be found in the maroon hymnal (*Lutheran Service Book*) in the pew racks.

Ringling of the Bells

Opening Prayer

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
 Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
 Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

(stand)

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
 Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness

P/C Lord God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father, we are gathered in Your house on this holy morning in repentance and in joy. We are conscious of our many sins against You, which You laid on Jesus when He suffered and died on the cross. We confess all our sins and plead for Your mercy.

P Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for the sheep and has taken it up again. All our sins are forgiven. Because Jesus lives, we are saved. We have new life in Christ!

C Amen and hallelujah!

Responsive Reading

P I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

C Let us come before Him with thanksgiving, and extol Him with music and song.

P The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of His majesty He threw down those who opposed Him.

C Death has been swallowed up in victory.

P The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

C Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

P Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.
C The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
P Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
C Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Let us pray: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the confident hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.
C (says) Amen.

Scripture Readings
A Harmony of the Gospel Accounts of our Savior's Resurrection

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Song by the Sunday School Children

<p>1 Jesus died our souls to save, But He did not stay in the grave. O happy Easter morning!</p>	<p>3 Women came and looked around But Jesus was not to be found O happy Easter morning!</p>
<p>2 Long before the light of day An angel rolled the stone away. O happy Easter morning!</p>	<p>4 " Christ is risen from the dead," The bright and shining angel said. O happy Easter morning!</p>

The other women entered the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood be-side them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be

raised again." Then they remembered his words. Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Hymn

469 (1,2,6) – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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

**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.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to You by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled His Word; Praise the resurrected Lord!**

When they heard Mary's report Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Hymn

466 – *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

P Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

All **Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

P For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show.

All **Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

Mary returned to the tomb and she stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her,

"Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

All **The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave cloths are lying there."
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

P "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

All **Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

The other women were returning from the tomb. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." So they went and told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Mary Magdalene also returned to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them those things he had said to her. While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

P Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

All **Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

Easter Confession of Faith

Based on the Apostles' Creed

P In God the Almighty Father we believe:

C **The Maker of all things, from whom we life receive.**

P And in our Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son:

C **One with the Father, and with all believers One.**

P Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of virgin lowly:
C He was crucified and died for sin, yet ever holy.
P He was raised from the dead and ascended to His throne:
C Where He reigns supreme and will return as Judge alone.
P With all the saints the Holy Spirit we confess:
C Life-giving Lord, true Source of holiness.
P His Church He builds with sin-forgiving Word:
C Until we rise, in heaven to praise our risen, exalted Lord. Amen.

Hymn 461 (1-3,7-8) – *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

All **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!**

Men & boys **He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

All **He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

Women & girls **He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

All **He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

The Sermon Based on Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his

disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

"Easter Means . . . More Time With Jesus"

Offering of Thankful Hearts – Altar Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

Choir Anthem

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

The congregation is invited to join in on the last stanza

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor’s triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heaven’s high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

**All Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Benediction

P Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia
Christian Worship #150:1-2,4

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where He was laid; Alleluia!
Praise Him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n" today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the first-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!**

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/9)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
Sun (4/16)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting

Special Thanks to our choir and children, to all who brought flowers for decorating our church, and to everyone for joining us today and adding joy to our Easter Celebration! The early Christians began worshiping on Sundays as a way to continually commemorate Jesus' resurrection, the greatest act of love the world has ever known. We invite and encourage you to continue their practice by worshiping with us next and every Sunday as we are regularly reminded of the forgiveness of sins and life after death that is ours through Christ Jesus our Savior.

A Word of Thanks Also to all who contributed menu items, and your serving and clean-up skills, for last week's Palm Sunday breakfast. Much appreciated! Everything was great!

Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 30, 10:45 am

Elders' Meeting: Sunday, May 7, 8:30 am

The Funeral Service for Larry Reed, former member of St. Paul, who passed away on March 26, will be this Friday, April 14, at 10:15 am at Fort Logan National Cemetery. The cemetery address is 4400 W. Kenyon Ave, Denver CO 80236. A cemetery map with instructions on where to enter and park may be found on the shelf by the tract track. Following the service, a reception is planned at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 7180 W. Hampden Ave, Lakewood. Everyone is invited. A light lunch will be served. Correspondence may be sent to: Kathy Souchek, 4901 Santero Way, Parker, CO 80134.

Mission Festival Service Coming Soon!

St. Paul is hosting this year's Front Range Mission Festival Service. The date of the service is **Sunday, April 23**. David Reim, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, will serve as guest speaker. Parishioners from our sister CLC churches of the Front Range, Redeemer, Cheyenne, and Prince of Peace, Loveland, have been invited. The schedule of events for the day is as follows:



- Choir Practice: 9:30 am
- Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 am
- **Worship Service: 11:00 am**
- Meal: 12:00 noon
- Can you think of a friend to invite?

**Please note change
in service time!**

Our Mary & Martha Ladies' Group continues to financially support a seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo, Africa. The annual sponsorship cost is \$360. To make a contribution for this worthy cause, place your gift in your offering envelope with "Togo Student" written on the "specify" blank. Or you may use a regular envelope earmarked for "Togo Student" (if you use a *regular* envelope please be sure to write "Togo Student" in the memo space). Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

Recently Commissioned CLC Missionary, Bruce Naumann, posted an update on his work in Tanzania online at: <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com/>. Be encouraged to check it out! Please remember all our missionaries in your prayers that the Lord would bless and keep them, and prosper their work of spreading the Gospel of the Crucified and Risen Savior.

Retired CLC Teacher, Gene Schreyer, was called home to heaven by the Savior on March 31. Gene served for many, many years as a faculty member at Immanuel Lutheran School in Mankato MN. His pastor wrote: "We give thanks to God for the gift to His Church that Gene has been for many years. We also keep the Schreyer family in our prayers as they draw comfort from the promises of our faithful God." His funeral service will be conducted at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, this Tuesday, April 11.

Call News: Calvary Lutheran in Marquette MI is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor. <> Grace Lutheran School of Valentine NE is requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Department to teach middle grades.



Daily Bible Readings for Devotions

April 10-15, '23

Mon Matthew 28:1-10 As it was at Jesus' birth, so also on Easter morning little was known of the momentous event that had taken place, but the angels knew! Nor was it through the important rulers that the first news went out, but through the women visiting the tomb, as it had once been through the shepherds visiting the stable. This is the day that the Lord has made (Ps118:24)!

Tues 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Our resurrection from the dead is closely tied to Christ's resurrection. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not resurrected. But because He was raised to life again on the third day, we also shall be raised to life again, our faith and forgiveness confirmed!

Wed Psalm 118:14-24 As the Lord rescued His people of old, so He has also been our strength in the battle and our song in the victory. It was His strong right hand that won the fight and gives us life (v17), and it is His gate through which we enter to give our thanks to Him (v20). Even the raising of the Cornerstone (V22) is the Lord's doing, and marvelous in our eyes (v23)!

Thur John 20:11-18 The sight of the empty tomb brought Mary to tears, but the word of the Good Shepherd calling her by name caused her to turn around and rejoice that the tomb was empty! Now she had a joyous proclamation to share with the disciples (and us): "I have seen the Lord!"

Fri 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 The joy that impels us to abound in the work of the Lord does not first come from the response of others, but from the fact that the message is true, validated by Christ's resurrection. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over sin, death, and hell! Now our labor in the Lord is not in vain!

Sat Psalm 16:8-11 David leads us to rejoice in the hope of resurrection, that in connection with the promised Messiah we too will not remain in death (v10), but walk the path of life (v11). Rising to be in the presence of the Lord forever truly brings the fullness of joy. Hallelujah!