

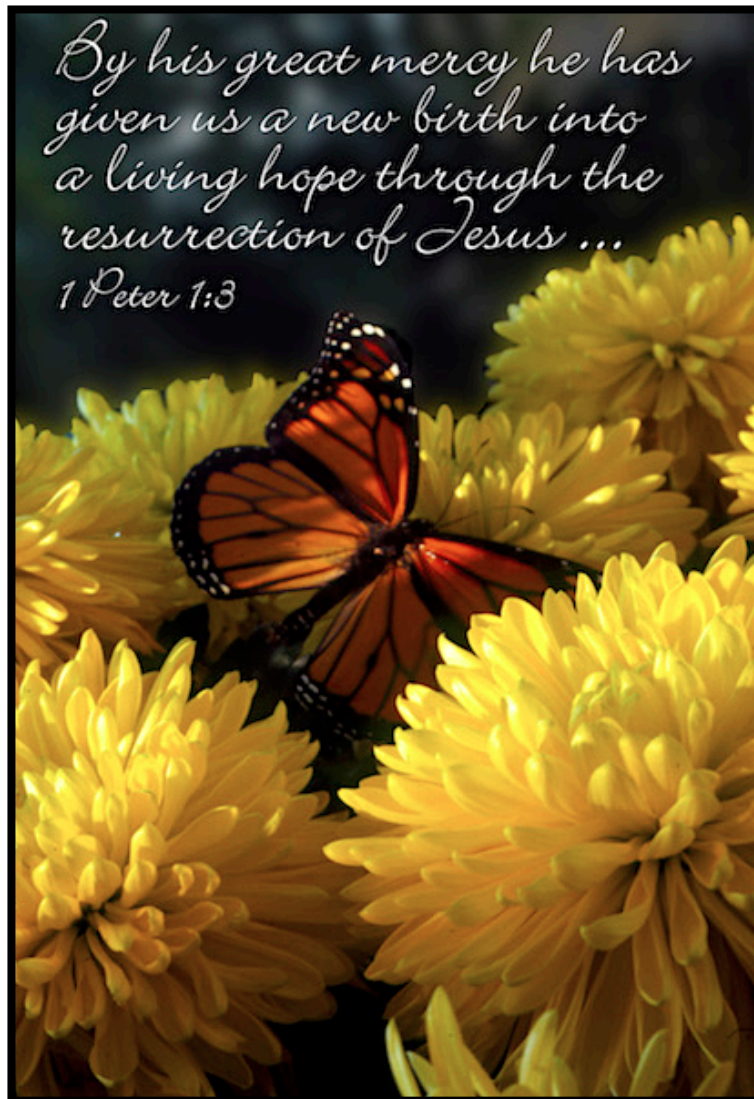
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023**

**A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Mess; Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 33 (pew bible, page 496)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are Sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.  
While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with holy awe  
Till Your Gospel brings to me life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.  
From Your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**

480 (1-4) – *He's Risen, He's Risen*

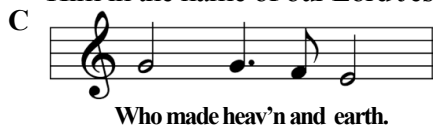
**Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Our Confession of Sins**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C Musical notation on a single staff in treble clef, C major. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Brackets group the notes under the words 'of', 'my', and 'sin.'  
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Musical notation on a single staff in treble clef, C major. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). A bracket groups the notes under the word 'men.'  
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

### Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Give thank to the Lord, for He is good.

C **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C **Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.**

P The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P The Lord's mighty arm has triumphed; His power has brought us victory!

C **I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P When Christ, who is our life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

C **The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces.**

P Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation!

C **The Lord is risen indeed!**

P Glory be to God!

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for - ev - er-more. A-men.

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**A Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
 Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
 Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
 Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
 Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**  
 [LSB #506:1-2]

P Let us pray:

C

A - men.

**+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++**

**First Lesson – Acts 2:14,22-32**

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: | 22 Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ 29 “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is

here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!

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 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Second Lesson – John 20:19-31**

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 Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

C    
 Praise be to You, O Christ!

**Our Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn**

470 – O Sons and Daughters of the King

**Sermon**

**Text – 1 Peter 1:1-9**

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

***We Have Much To Look Forward To . . . Because of Easter***

- 1. The "forever-blessings" of eternity.
- 2. Blessings for our daily lives in the here and now.

**+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++**

**Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spi - rit with-in me.  
Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and  
take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up  
hold me with Your free spir -  
it. A - men.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** 468 – *I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives!*

**+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++**

**Benediction**

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .  
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A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn** **480, stanza 5**

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**This Week at St. Paul**

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| Today (4/16) | 8:30 am         | Choir Practice                               |
|              | 9:30 am         | Worship Service                              |
|              | 10:45 am        | Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting                   |
| Sun (4/23)   | 9:30 am         | Choir Practice                               |
|              | 10:00 am        | Bible Class & Sunday School                  |
|              | <b>11:00 am</b> | Front Range Mission Festival Worship Service |
|              | 12:00 noon      | Lasagna Dinner                               |

**The Front Range Mission Festival**, hosted by St. Paul, is next Sunday, April 23. David Reim, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, will serve as the guest speaker. Parishioners from our sister CLC churches of the Front Range, Redeemer, Cheyenne, and Prince of Peace, Loveland, have been invited. Schedule of events for the day:



- 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?

**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!

**Call News:** The dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor. <> 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.

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting **Christ's Explorers Camp** July 20-23 in Sevierville, TN. The camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. Cost: \$100 per camper. This year's theme is "Guiding Lights" with the theme passage being Psalm 119:105. The devotions and Bible studies will focus on how Jesus and His Word help us to overcome the darkness and confusion of the sinful world around us. Slots still available! You may register at [christsexplorerscamp.com](http://christsexplorerscamp.com).



## **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions** **(April 17-22 '23)**

**Mon John 21:15-19** One of the effects of Christ's resurrection was that the Master now lived who would reinstate His servant. As Peter had three times denied knowing Jesus, now Jesus asks three times if Peter loves Him. Peter is once again given the position of a follower of the Risen Lord.

**Tues 1 Peter 1:3-9** Through the resurrection of Jesus, we have an inheritance in heaven! This brings us comfort and joy in the midst of trials and tribulation, and assures us of a future that we now see only with the eyes of faith: the salvation of our souls.

**Wed Genesis 32:22-31** As Peter's encounter with the Lord (Monday's reading) ended in blessing, so also Jacob's wrestling with the Lord for a blessing brought Him a new name. No longer Jacob (the deceiver) would be his name, but Israel (strive with God), the one who seeks his blessings from God, not from his own strength or cunning.

**Thur Ezekiel 37:9-14** The God who first breathed into the nostrils of Adam the breath of life (Gn2:7) is surely able to raise His people up from dead bodies, yes, even from dry bones. As He promised of old to bring His people into their own land, so Jesus' resurrection promises to raise us and bring us home with Him.

**Fri 1 John 1:1-4** The message of John and all the apostles was a word of condemnation only to those who rejected the idea that God could give life to Jesus or anyone else in the tomb. The word which John and the others proclaimed was "the word of life" which they had witnessed and which held the promise of eternal life in Christ.

**Sat 1 John 1:5-7** We are reminded here that God is light, and there is no darkness in Him. To walk in the light is to walk with God and with those who follow Him. This gift is ours because the darkness of our sin has been cleansed by His dying (shedding His blood) for us.