

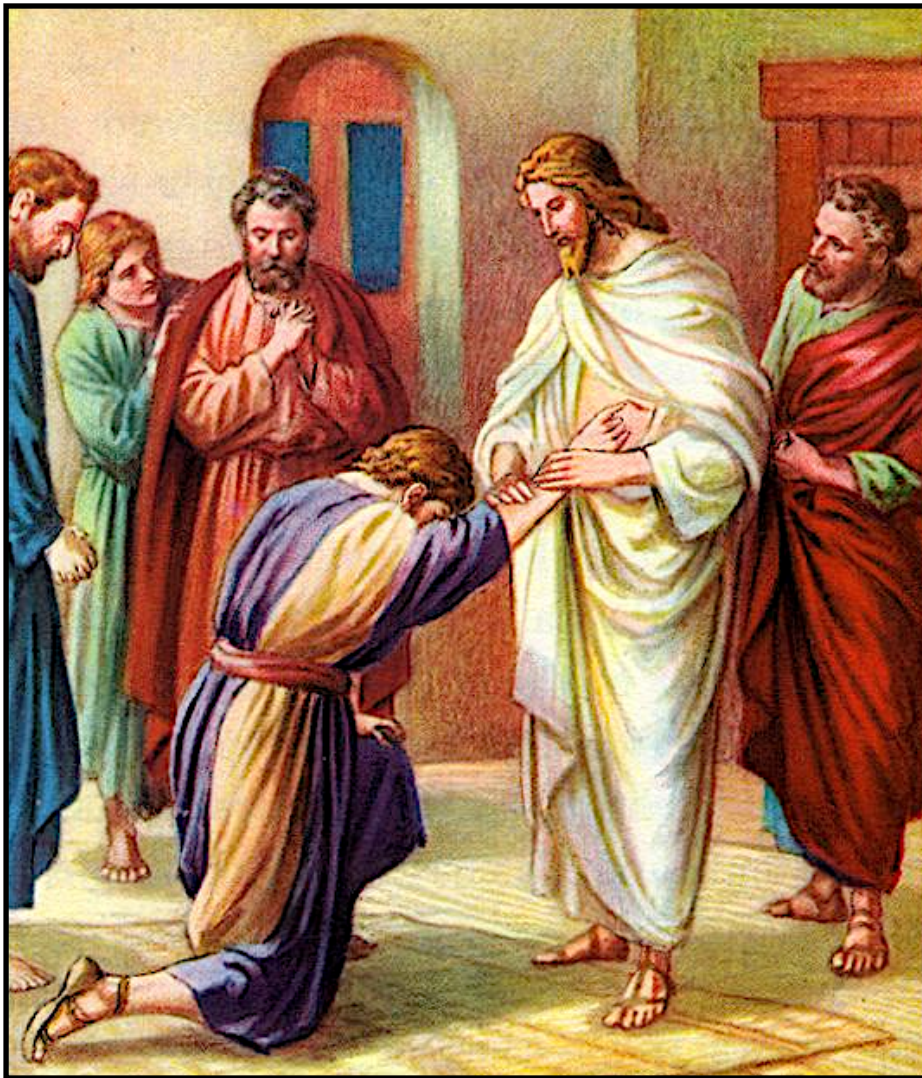
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2nd Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

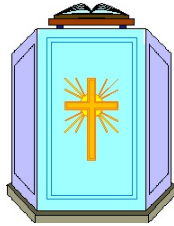
Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Suzannah Miller
Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm (pew bible, page)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 465 (1-3), 478, 470, 465 (4)
- ◆ Responsive Reading: From Psalm 16
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 5:12-32, Revelation 1:4-18

Sermon



Text – John 20:19-31

Theme – *"The Risen Savior Gives Power to His Believers"*

1. To forgive sins.
2. To believe and confess Him as their Lord.
3. To live forever.

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Acts 5:12-32

Continuing Power in the Church / The Apostles Arrested and Freed

12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. | 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." 21 And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25 So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 16

You Will Not Abandon My Soul

P Preserve me, O God:

C For in You I put my trust.

P O my soul, you have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord:
 C **My goodness is nothing apart from You.”**
 P I have set the LORD always before me:
 C **Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.**
 P Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices:
 C **My flesh also will rest in hope.**
 P For You will not leave my soul in Sheol:
 C **Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.**
 P You will show me the path of life:
 C **In Your presence is fullness of joy.**

Second Lesson – Revelation 1:4-18

Every Eye Will See Him / John' Vision of the Son of Man

4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” 9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.” 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,

and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Sermon Text – John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples / Jesus and Thomas

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (5/4)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Front Range Mission Festival, hosted by Prince of Peace, Loveland (<i>see note below</i>)

Extended Calendar

- West-Central Delegate Conference, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND: Tues-Thurs, May 20-22 (*see note below*)
- Pastor-elect Sam Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland: Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

Annual Front Range Mission Festival

- When: Next Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm
- Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO
- Guest Speaker: Pastor David Reim
- Choir practice: 2:30 pm
- Meal to follow the service. See pastor if you need transportation.



In Our Prayers: Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, who was hospitalized early Easter Sunday morning. He has been dealing with a serious health issue for some time (cancer-related). < > We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members Ed Chiappetti, Lance Clark, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, and Georgia Water in health challenges they are dealing with. < > *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12, ESV).*

Lay Delegates Needed: This year's West-Central Delegate Conference will be hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND on Tuesday-Thursday, May 20-22. Lay delegates are still needed to represent St. Paul at this conference. Kindly inform President Ed Chiappetti or the pastor if you would like to serve in this way. Thank you.

Call News: Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 28 – May 3

Mon John 21:1-14 Jesus shows Himself alive once more to His disciples as they go about a very normal activity for them. He helps them fill their net, and Peter races to shore, but Jesus already has food for them.

Tues 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 How can a mortal body become immortal? But it will happen, in the blink of an eye, and death will be swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Wed Exodus 15:11-21 Moses sings of God's redeeming mercy in Israel's deliverance from Egypt, and Miriam's refrain responds. So shall we also sing of our great deliverance in Christ from sin, death, and devil.

Thurs Isaiah 4:2-6 Isaiah speaks of a new Jerusalem, cleansed of its sin and made glorious by the Lord Himself. Shade from heat and shelter from storm picture for us the absence of fear and tear, all His doing.

Fri Ezekiel 34:23-31 The redemption from Israel's captivity is like the great redemption which David's descendant accomplished for all. He is the Good Shepherd, the prince when God is king (v24).

Sat Ezekiel 37:1-14 When God's Word speaks to bones, they come together, no matter how dry; when His Word calls upon breath to come into bodies, they live again. The Lord speaks, and it is done! (v14)