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The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of His resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead. As we view the glory of our Savior in God's Word, may we be led to a stronger faith and reliance on Him for our every need. May the Holy Spirit bless us richly in our worship on this Easter morning!

To Our Worship Guests: A special welcome in Jesus' name! We are glad that you chose to worship with us today. We wish you God's blessings and invite you to leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. If you don't have a church home in the community and are looking for a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to consider St. Paul. If you desire more information about our church, speak with the pastor. He will be happy to assist you.

Liturgical Note: The paraments up front have been changed to white, symbolizing the glory and holiness of the risen Christ and the splendor of His righteousness which God credited to us through faith in Him!

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

Order of Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn 469

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

P Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to Him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P Upon the hill of Calvary the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King on this Easter Day, let us confess our sins:

C **Lord God, I humbly come before You. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what You command, and continually do what You forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of Jesus my Savior, You will have mercy on me.**

P Upon this your confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that He has accepted the sacrifice of His one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. All glory and praise be to our gracious and merciful God!

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!:

C **For His mercy endures forever.**

P The LORD is my strength and my song:

C **He has become my salvation.**

P The stone which the builders rejected:

C **Has become the chief cornerstone.**

P This was the LORD’S doing:
C **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
P This is the day the LORD has made:
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Easter Story in Six Readings

Mark 16:1-7 <i>[Mike Sprengeler]</i>	“He is risen!”	Hymn 466:1
John 20:11-18 <i>[Ed Chiappetti]</i>	“Why are you weeping?”	Hymn 466:2
Luke 24:13-24 <i>[Don Claeys]</i>	“On the road to Emmaus”	Hymn 466:3

Luke 24:25-35
[John Sprengeler]

“Were not our hearts burning?”

Hymn 466:4

Luke 24:36-43
[John Sprengeler]

“Peace to you!”

Hymn 466:5

Luke 24:44-49
[Pastor Schuetze]

“You are witnesses!”

Confession of Faith – An Easter Creed

read in unison by all

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God’s commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy God's justice. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He Himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus’ resurrection shows that He is God’s Son, that He completed His mission as the world's Savior, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy.

By His victory Christ has become our forerunner, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise on the Last Day to inherit a life of glory in His eternal kingdom, for He has promised me: *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”* Amen.

Hymn 468

I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

The Sermon

He is Risen!

Text – Matthew 28:5-7 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

Hymn 463

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Gathering of the Easter Offering

Prayer for Easter Sunday

The Lord’s Prayer – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

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 do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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

Closing Hymn 480 (1,5)

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

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This Week at St. Paul

- Today (4/20) 9:30 am Worship Service
- Sat 8:00 am Spring Clean-Up Day (till noon)
- Sun (4/27) 9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship
- 10:45 am Quarterly Voters Meeting

Extended Calendar

- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm *(see note below)*
- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 20-22 8 *(see note below)*
- Pastor-elect Sam Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland: Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

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 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.

Annual Front Range Mission Festival

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



Women's Retreat West: "Berea Lutheran Church (Sioux Falls, SD) will be hosting this year's Women's Retreat West over the weekend of September 19-21, 2025. We will be at the Clubhouse Hotel and Suites here in Sioux Falls, SD. The theme for this year's retreat will be "Pieces of Jesus' Peace", based on a few passages of Scripture and drawn specifically from the words of Jesus in John 14:27. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin announcements and at the Women's Retreat website: womensretreat.clclutheran.net."

Table of Our Lord's Appearances after His Resurrection

	When	To Whom	Where	Bible Reference
1	Easter Sunday Morning	Mary Magdalene	Near the grave	Mark 16:9 John 20:11-18
2	Easter Sunday Morning	The women returning from the grave	Near Jerusalem	Matthew 28:9-10
3	Easter Sunday Afternoon	Two disciples	Road to Emmaus	Mark 16:12 Luke 24:13-31
4	Easter Sunday	Simon Peter	Near Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
5	Easter Sunday Evening	The apostles, Thomas being absent	Jerusalem	Luke 24:36 John 20:19-25
6	Week after Easter	The apostles, Thomas being present	Jerusalem	Mark 16:14 John 20:26-29
7	Time Unknown	Seven Disciples	Sea of Galilee	John 21:1-14
8	Time Unknown	Eleven apostles	Galilee	Matthew 28:16-20
9	Time Unknown	Over 500 disciples	Galilee	1 Corinthians 15:6
10	Time Unknown	James	Probably Jerusalem	1 Corinthians 15:7
11	Ascension Day	All the apostles	Mount of Olives, near Bethany	Mark 16:19 Luke 24:50-51 Acts 1:6-12
12	After Jesus' ascension	Paul	Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-6 1 Corinthians 15:8

“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! **For I know that my Redeemer lives**, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" Job 19:23-27.

Daily Bible Readings for Devotions

April 21-26

Mon Matthew 28:1-10 Jesus has risen even before the women arrive at the tomb. The angel rolls away the stone to allow them to come and see the empty tomb! As they hurry away, Jesus meets them, risen indeed!

Tues 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 The significance of Christ's resurrection for us is seen in His representing the children of Adam. "As in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive" (v22). Death is doomed!

Wed Job 19:22-27 Job's friends have not helped him with their accusations, but he looks to his living Redeemer, who will bring him into the presence of God, whom he will see with his very own eyes.

Thurs Isaiah 25:1-8 Isaiah sings of the Lord's triumph over all enemies, even death itself (v8)! The result is described as a wondrous banquet on the mountain, when tears will be wiped away from every face.

Fri John 20:11-18 Jesus' body is not in the tomb, but He is not running away. He comes to Mary Magdalene, calls her by name (cp10:2-3), and sends her to His brothers with triumphant words of comfort!

Sat 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 Some who object to a resurrection of the dead point to the decrepit bodies we lay in the grave. But that body is like a seed and when it is raised again it will be a glorious imperishable body!