



2nd Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2026

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Welcome to

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

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. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (pp. 5-14)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 478 (1-3) – *The Day of Resurrection*


The Invocation

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


C: 
A - men.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

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.

C: 
Who made heav'n and earth.

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

C: 
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.

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

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

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of
God for - ev - er. The Fa - ther's love, the Sa - vior's birth, Bring
peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

The musical notation is for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It features a rich harmonic texture with block chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

P: The Lord be with you:

C:

The musical notation is a single staff in G major, 4/4 time, consisting of a simple melody with lyrics written below.

And may He be with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: 
A - - men.

First Lesson – 1 Peter 1:1-9

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

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

C: 
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Second Lesson – John 20:19-31

(Upon announcement of the Second Lesson, the congregation sings:)

C: 
Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

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.

(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)



Confession of Faith – 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

LSB 470 – *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

Sermon, based on Colossians 3:1-4

"The Great Easter Day Search"

1. It is a search for things above.
2. It is a search for (real) life.

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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 -



Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

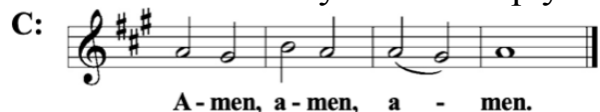
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 479 – *Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .



Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
Sun (4/19)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 25 (8 am to noon)
- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne
- 37th CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thurs-Sun, June 25-28

Live-streaming of St. Paul Worship Services, which had been unavailable for a time, is now available again. To watch the live-stream of our service, or view past video services, login to our St. Paul Website at: denverlutheran.com, click on the tab "*Worship Services*," then click on the appropriate link. You may also view the Immanuel College Tour Choir Concert recently presented at our church by clicking on the appropriate link under "*Upcoming Events*."

CLC News & Notes

- ◆ Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. Redeemer is now requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Program.
- ◆ Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ; Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN (dual parish); Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI (3rd pastor); Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI; Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN; Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI; Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.
- ◆ Teaching vacancies exist at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI; Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI; and Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne.
- ◆ Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has retired due to health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026. <> Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 13-18

Mon John 20:19-31 Jesus showed Himself alive to His own, but also sent them to tell others who had not seen, and blessed them with faith also (v29). John's gospel bears witness to those who have not seen (v31).

Tues 1 John 5:4-10 Faith in Jesus, the Son of God, overcomes the world. He is God and man from His birth to His Baptism to His shed blood on the cross and brings us victory through faith in God's testimony.

Wed Job 19:25-27 Although he has not yet seen it, Job believes and therefore knows that his Redeemer lives and will stand at the last day upon the earth. We join Job to rejoice: "My own eyes will see Him" (v27).

Thurs Psalm 57 With David we look to God's mercy in every trouble. He is our help even in the midst of ferocious lions. We can sing thanks to God at all times, for His mercy reaches above the heavens (v10).

Fri Psalm 118:1-18 The Lord is good and His mercy is enduring! Even surrounded by troubles, we are answered and delivered by the Lord. I will not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord (v17).

Sat Psalm 118:19-29 Messiah's victory opens for us the gate to the Lord. This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. We give thanks because He has answered us and become salvation for us (v21).

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