

*He is risen! Alleluia!
Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!
Remember how He told you, Alleluia!
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!*

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 20, 2025

9:30 a.m.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise Pastor Ermeling as he comes by during communion.

As We Gather

On the Easter Sunday our focus is on the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate that the Holy Spirit has led us to believe the story of his death and resurrection is "FACT" and not fiction.

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

Prelude

Greeting

P God is good
C all the time!

P All the time
C God is good!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Stand

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Invocation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father:
C For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16 NIV*)

P In the name of the Son who was wounded for us:
C This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (*Luke 24:46-47 NIV*)

P In the name of the Holy Spirit:

C Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (*Acts 1:8 NIV*)

P We are gathered in the name of the one true God: the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

C Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

C Jesus – in Your extreme love - You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through You, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The prophet tells us of the one who will destroy death.)

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

He will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,

Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Epistle

Acts 10:34-43

(Peter speaks to us about the importance of the death and resurrection of Jesus)

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Stand

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-18

(The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

Women: They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.

P So, Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

P Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her,

Men: Woman, why are you weeping?

P She said to them,

Women: They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.

P Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

Men: Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?

P Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him,

Women: Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.

P Jesus said to her, "*Mary.*" She turned and said to Him in Aramaic,

Women: "Rabboni!" - Which means Teacher

P Jesus said to her, "*Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'*" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

Women: I have seen the Lord

P This is the Resurrection Gospel.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

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Sermon

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray:

C Good and gracious King, we ask that you would accept our gifts of love and by the power of Your Holy Spirit use them to bring more people into Your kingdom that they might experience, know, and understand how you heal all their wounds in Jesus – the risen Savior. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

Stand

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You have given Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever. Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Response**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

461 sts. 5

He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.

P We pray for the armed services and support personnel around the world, that they and their families may be comforted by the presence of the risen Lord, protected by His strength, and supported by our prayers; because Christ is risen!

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

Response**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

461 sts. 3

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.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer*Sung to the tune "Christ the Lord is Risen today*

LSB 463 (w/intro)

Father, in Your heav'nly reign: Alleluia!
 Holy be Your precious name; Alleluia!
 May Your kingdom to us come; Alleluia!
 May Your will on earth be done; Alleluia!

Fill, Lord, daily all our needs; Alleluia!
 Take from us all our misdeeds; Alleluia!
 Let not testing us alarm; Alleluia!
 Nor the evil one do harm. Alleluia!

Yours the kingdom, Yours the pow'r; Alleluia!
 Yours the glory every hour; Alleluia!
 We believe You at Your word, Alleluia!
 And acknowledge You as Lord. Alleluia! AMEN

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Confession & Absolution

P Before we come to Your table, we come before the throne of our risen Lord and Savior to confess our sinfulness.

All: I a poor miserable sinner come to you to confess all my sins and failures and to ask for your grace and your forgiveness.

Time of silent confession

P God has heard your confession. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my joy to speak for Him and declare the forgiveness of all you sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

P Christ is Risen

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. It consists of five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

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Stand

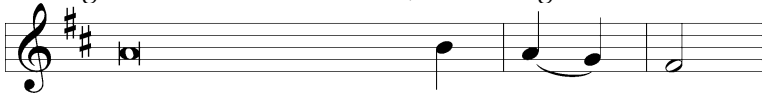
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Doxology and Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

He's Risen! He's Risen!

480 sts. 1,4-5

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 20	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Easter Celebration	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS

04/20 – Elyse Hulquist

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

04/26 – Joel Moreno Jr.

TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2025. The price is \$27.65 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the *Lutheran Witness* Magazine, please contact the church office at 623-846-2228 or email, info@stpaulslutheran-az.com. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, designated for *Lutheran Witness*. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write *Lutheran Witness* on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. **The deadline to subscribe is April 27.**

SOCIAL MINISTRY – CANNED FOOD DONATIONS

We have been collecting canned food for the past several months. Please continue to place your canned foods on the Social Ministry cart in the Narthex. These donations will be taken to the West Valley Community Food Pantry housed at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7205 N. 51st Ave, Glendale.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaullutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Mary Howard, recovering a recent fall; after Mary will undergo physical therapy.

Suzi Riley-Malsack, undergoing physical therapy after a fall.

Charlie Cook – exp. procedure to heal bladder

Kevin Stamm – health issues

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Rose Tressler – ongoing health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Sharon Wies (wife of Vickie Hulteen’s cousin) has a brain tumor, suffering from seizures, and cannot walk.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) prayers for continued healing.

David Wies (cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatment.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard’s stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Gary Armstrong**, died April 4.

Family and friends of **Dennis Stonecypher**, died April 8.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. PSWD Missions

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Substitute Pastors and their families

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): Jackson Buffington, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith