

Welcome!

to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Clay Center, KS

Thank you
for joining us for worship!

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 19 & 20, 2025

Worship Folder



St. Paul Lutheran Communion Statement:

COMMUNION WELCOME-God calls upon His people to exercise care in the use of His Supper because harm results when Communion is received without repentance or a right understanding (1 Corinthians 11:23-30) and when fellowship is practiced without agreement in God's Word (Galatians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:14). In Communion Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood, in with and under the bread and wine, to forgive our sins (Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-21). We also profess agreement in the teachings of the church at whose altar we commune. Thus, we cannot offer this Supper to those who have not received instruction per the mysteries of this meal. We do invite fellow members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to join our members as we receive the Sacrament today. Others are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who desire to come forward for a blessing are invited to do so, indicating their intent to receive a blessing by crossing their arms in front.

Distribution of the bread is to the hand of the communicant. "Gluten Free" wafers are available. Please let the ushers know PRIOR to service if you are needing this substitution.

Distribution of the wine is by choice of individual cup or common chalice. If you receive with the individual cup, please keep the small cup visible to the minister with the common cup. Individual cups of unfermented grape juice will be provided at the center of each of the trays for those who prefer grape juice over wine. Both are "fruit of the vine" and in the sacrament become means by which Christ grants us his blood to assure us of forgiveness, life and salvation. The unfermented grape juice is light in color.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaims “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477

INVOCATION

- P** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** and of ✠ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.

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

Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won

LSB 490 sts. 1–2

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is

scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

C **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**
- P** Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

INTROIT

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
- C** **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- C** **You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**
- P** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
- C** **The LORD will reign forever and ever.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
- C** **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God of all truth, anchor us firmly in Your Easter Gospel. Let us hear and receive Your abiding words of promise. Embrace us this day and every day with incomparable Easter joy, hope, and life. Ignite within us

Spirit-sustained confidence to share the unwavering truth of Your resurrection—an absolute guarantee for all those who believe.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
- ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
- ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
- ²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 16

C **¹Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.**

P ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

C **³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

P ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

C **⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.**

P ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

C **⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

C **⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.**

P ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

C **¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

C **Alleluia.**

P Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

C **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their

faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice and Sing

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation made new in resurrection, we give thanks to You that the light of Christ eclipses our sin and that the waters of Baptism keep us buoyant in a sure and certain faith unto life everlasting. We earnestly await the revelation of the new Jerusalem, where we will be resurrected and numbered with all the saints of light and life, Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Dearest Jesus, You are the Lord of hope, life, and joy for all those who have fallen asleep. In You all will be made alive! Resurrection shall be ours, when we are delivered into the kingdom of God the Father. We give thanks that You destroyed the adversaries that seek to marginalize faith and divert us from knowing and confessing the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.


P Lord of life, together with the eyewitnesses of Your empty tomb, move us from skepticism to bold confidence, from scared silence to convincing emphatic proclamation of the risen Christ. Let us rejoice that we stand in the lineage of the prophets who foretold the risen Savior, the apostles and saints who were Jesus' companions, and for all of us who eagerly await the final day of resurrection, Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

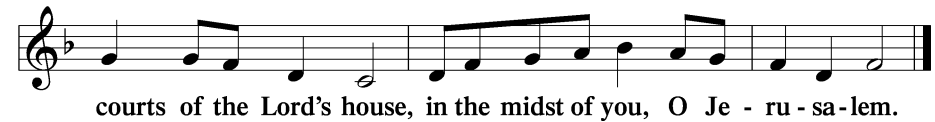
OFFERING

Proverbs 11:24 "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

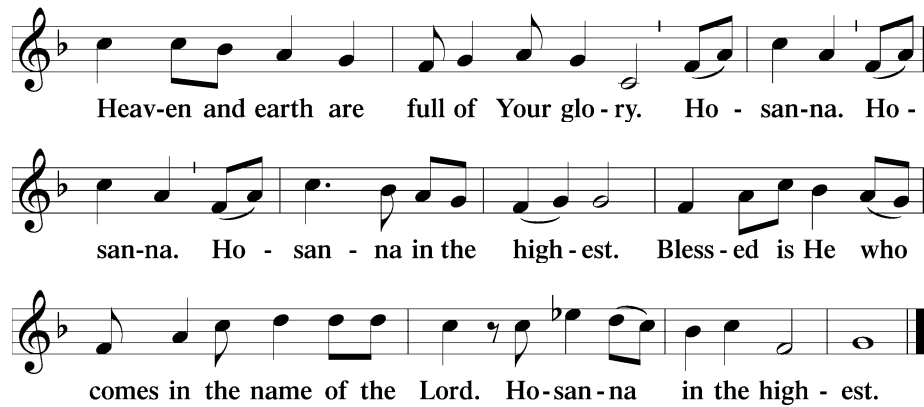
PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly right and salutary that we should revel in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in all times and places, giving to You, Father, fervent thanksgiving for making the heavens and the earth renewed by Your grace and mercy. Let the Word of God made flesh continue to resurrect our wearied souls. Breathe the Spirit into us constant newness of life, dispelling grievous burdens and filling us with insight and faith to grasp the reality of resurrection. Join us in the company of the heavenly host and all the heirs of the resurrection—Jews, Gentiles, and all believers—that we may in truth and conviction praise You evermore and say:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of the heavens and earth—made new! Your mercy is woven into the very words of Scripture and into the lives of the saints who confess Your holy name, and unrelentingly take hold of the resurrection as temporal and eternal truth. Grant that Your life-giving Word and Spirit invade our minds, our speech, and our hearts, that we may be credible witnesses of divine truth—Jesus alone was crucified, died, and raised to new life. By faith we claim this resurrection as our very own! That resurrection will usher us into eternity that we may share in the marriage feast of the Lamb that will have no ending. To You alone, O Father of all creation, Son of resurrection, and Spirit of joy, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER


C **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.**


PAX DOMINI


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.


C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI


Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the


world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the


sin of the world; grant us peace.


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS


At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing	LSB 633
He’s Risen, He’s Risen	LSB 480
This Joyful Eastertide	LSB 482
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	LSB 620
With High Delight Let Us Unite	LSB 483
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior	LSB 627


POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord


Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-’ry-one what He has done.


Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.


He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, risen Savior, that You have made all things new through Your resurrection. In this Holy Sacrament Your body and blood nourish us with forgiveness and increase our faith. In this Meal we join all the saints who have prophesied, witnessed, and proclaimed resurrection. Grant that this feast enjoins us to all things new in this time and eternity. Shaped by resurrection hope, joy, and life, grant that we boldly love one another through You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus’ resurrection!
The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.
The Lord guarantee you every dimension of eternal joy, hope, and new life.

Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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