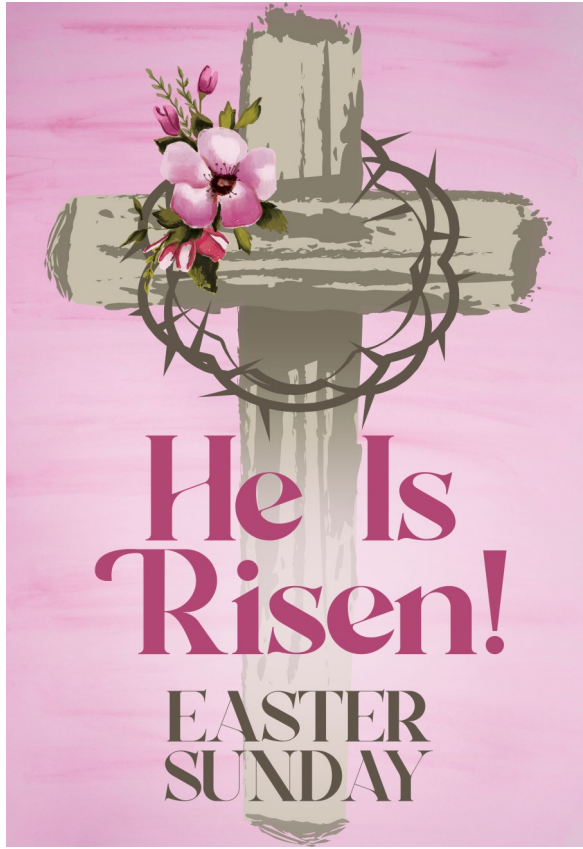


EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5, 2026



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Easter Dialog (*repeat x 3*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Thanksgiving For Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

#365

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

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[refrain - all], [v. 1 - women], [v. 2 - men], [v. 3 - women], [v. 4 - men]

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



please be seated

First Reading

Acts 10: 34 - 43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Christ the Lord
is *Risen* Today

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

#174

Gospel

Matthew 28: 1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

#366

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated
Offering

Designated for Hope5one & Little Blessings Daycare



please stand in body or spirit
Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#182

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.....Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has one measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has one measure: "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic 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.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

At the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”	page 146
“Thine is the Glory”	#376
“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”	#380
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”	#619

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

“CHRIST IS RISEN”



today and always.

Welcome: He is Risen! Hallelujah! Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church on this joyous Easter Sunday. We are truly blessed by your presence as we gather to celebrate the victory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the hope of the resurrection fill your heart and home with joy

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Vickie Fox, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Dennis & Claudia Moellman, Gene Beckman, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Jim Kammeyer, Fred John Kreisel and Family (cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Junior Garr, Heidi Hopp (grandmother of Nicole Rice), Mike Wingerter (brother of Susan Goosen), Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eckhoff, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash and Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *Anew*. Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten & Arlene Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



Thank You! Thank you to everyone who attended the Lasagna & Spaghetti luncheon last Sunday. Your donations to the Little Blessings Daycare totaled \$4,408!

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group is back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 6th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 9th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

April Worship Updates: On Sunday, **April 12th**, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we will have a guest preacher in worship. Rev. Kristen Koch is the DEM (Director for Evangelical Mission) with the Central States Synod. She will join us on the 12th to preach and preside while Pastor Stephen is out of town. There will be **NO** casual worship that weekend, **April 11th**. On the weekend of Sunday, **April 19th**, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, we will celebrate Holy Humor. Tradition holds that the days following Easter were reserved for partying, feasting and even playing some practical jokes. Some would say that this is because God played the biggest joke on the devil by beating death forever. We continue in this joyous tradition through the use of Holy Humor in worship. There **WILL** be causal worship that weekend, on **Saturday, April 18th**.



Meeting: The Council Meeting will be held on **April 15th** at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

COUNCIL MEETING



Skating Party: Members and friends are invited to an afternoon of fun at the Wheel Thing Skate Center in Sedalia! Join us on **Sunday, April 19th**, from 2:00-4:00 pm. We have the whole rink reserved for ourselves that afternoon. A suggested donation of \$5-10 per skater would help offset the cost. The snack bar will not be open but we can bring our own snacks to share. Please RSVP at church so we know how many to expect! Lace up those skates and we'll see you there!

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 20th** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



Worship and Music Committee: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 22nd** at 3:30pm.

Save the Date: Join us after worship on **Sunday, April 26**, for a luncheon to celebrate the music ministry of Lois Viebrock. Lois has retired from playing the organ after 65 years and we want to honor her. This will be a catered luncheon with a short program to give thanks for her service to the church. Please RSVP to the church office by **April 12** if you can attend!



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 29th** at 3:00pm.

Education Scholarship: The Central States Women of the ELCA are offering the Lynn Starr Education Scholarship to the women of any ELCA congregation who are seeking a post-high school education. The scholarship is a one-year non-renewable scholarship (not exceeding \$1,000). Applications must be **postmarked by April 30, 2026**. The applications (containing additional information) can be found at each usher's stand. The following St. Paul's women have been awarded a scholarship over the past three years: Lauren Bailey, Alyssa Fowler, and Jenna Nash. For questions, please see Janice.





Graduates: As the end of the year approaches, we want to be sure we are remembering and honoring everyone who will be graduating. We will honor our high school seniors in worship on Sunday, **May 3rd**. If you or someone in your family is having a graduation this year, please be sure to let the church office know.

~ * ~ **EVENTS COMING UP** ~ * ~

Calling All Fishermen! We're in need of fish for our upcoming Fish Fry on Sunday, **May 31st**. If you're a fisherman or know someone who can help, we'd love to have your catch to make this event successful. Your support will help us serve delicious meals and raise funds for the mission. Please contact Krista Poe if you're able to contribute. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help! Thank you and God bless!



Summer Events: Attention youth and families, please mark your calendar for our summer events! Vacation Bible School: **July 20 - 24** & Mid-MO Bible Camp: **July 12 - 16**.

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~

Mark your calendar for **April 12**, it is time for the 2026 Easter Cantata sponsored by Cole Camp Regional Ministry. This beautiful collection of music spotlights the crucified and risen Christ, preformed by the Cole Camp Community Choir. Pre-music at 3:45, the program starts at 4:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. The cantata is free to attend, yet if you would like to help the choir purchase new music a free-will basket will be available. Come and enjoy!



On Sunday, **April 12**, the American Legion Post 305 Auxiliary is hosting a baked potato bar dinner. The meal will be served from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the American Legion building. A free-will offering will support many of the Legion's activities. Thank you for your support!



St. Paul's Lutheran School Spaghetti Dinner & Auction: Join us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on **Friday, April 24 at 6:00 PM** (*note the new day and time this year!*) Enjoy a delicious meal, bid on a variety of auction items, and support St. Paul's Lutheran School. A portion of proceeds will benefit the school's Hot Lunch Program. The address is St. Paul's Lutheran School, 701 S. Massachusetts Ave, Sedalia, MO All are welcome for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and giving!

Can you help? The Cole Camp Food Pantry is in need of 2-3 volunteers who would be able to fill in when regular volunteers cannot be there. The Pantry is open Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, Thursdays from 3pm-5pm, and Saturdays from 10am-12noon. Volunteers must be 18+ years old, out of high school, and not a client of the Food Pantry. If you have questions or interest, please contact Sheila Sabala, Food Pantry Manager, at (816) 559-1111. Thank you!



Pool Fundraiser: Make a splash for a big cause! Join us for a delicious and meaningful community event at the **Annual Cole Camp Swimming Pool Fundraiser Dinner** on **April 19th** from **11:00 am-1:00 pm** in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Gymnasium. The menu will include mouth-watering pulled pork, a classic bean roll, savory potatoes and homemade dessert. A free will donation will be offered - give what you can to support pool operating expenses and keep this community treasure going strong! There will also be opportunities to sign up for swim lessons and take advantage of special membership deals for the upcoming season. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come hungry—every bite helps make a difference! Let's work together to keep our pool a place for fun, fitness, and community all summer long. Help keep our local pool open and thriving for everyone to enjoy this summer!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 5:	7:00am	Sunrise Service
	AW	Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
Monday, April 6:	9:00am	Sewing
Thursday, April 9:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 11:	NO	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, April 12:	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations

~ Pastor Stephen will be on vacation this week ~



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

April 15	Council Meeting
April 19	Skating Party
April 20	Esther Circle
April 22	Worship & Music Committee
April 26	Lois Viebrock Retirement Luncheon
April 29	Sunbeam Committee
May 10	Mother's Day
May 24	Confirmation Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day
May 31	World Hunger Fish Fry

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers..... The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
Ushers Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Brian Randall
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Mason Randall & Jace Tinney
Flowers Easter Lilies



Second Sunday Of Easter ~ April 12, 2026

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Stephanie Randall & Trisha Goosen
Reader Kaylan Poe
Children's Sermon Pastor Kristen Koch
Acolytes Kelsey Viebrock & Gannon Elliott
Flowers Easter Lilies