

**Welcome to St. Paul's  
Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310  
April 05, 2026  
**Easter Sunday**



**Welcome!** We are glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you don't have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

**Communion Guidance:** Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 3, on page 184 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung.)

☐ = Pastor; ☑ = Congregation)

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**Opening Hymn 487: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.
  
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,

Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n  
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts  
Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!

4 For today among His own  
Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore  
Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death  
Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal  
Hold Him as a mortal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry  
To our King immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
Of the tomb's dark portal.  
Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Stand*     *The sign of the cross may be made by all in  
remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the {✠} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Introit**      *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

**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,

**C** the place, O Lord, which you have  
made for your abode,

**P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands  
have established.

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**All:** **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; the horse and  
his rider he has thrown into the sea.

♪ **Gloria Patri** *LSB 186*

**C** **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. Amen.**

♪ **Kyrie**

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

**P** **Glory be to God on high:**

**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we  
worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy  
great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And with thy spirit.**

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ ☑ **Amen.**     *Please sit*

**Old Testament Reading**     *Exodus 14:10—15:1*

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

♪ **C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and

announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **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. Please sit**

## **Hymn 467: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
    See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
    Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
    When to the realms of light  
    Our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted  
    When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed,  
    His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
    He who is strong to save  
    Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—  
    What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
    The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
    The hope which God's own Son  
    In love for me has won.
- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,  
    Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil,  
    And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might  
Cannot my soul affright;  
    It is a pow'rless form,  
    Howe'er it rave and storm.

- 5 The world against me rages,  
Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages,  
Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free,  
No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play,  
And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever  
To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never,  
Whate'er He passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain;  
He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell's grim thrall;  
I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal  
That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal  
Is found in script of gold:  
"Who there My cross has shared  
Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died  
Shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Text: Public domain

## Sermon

♪ **Offertory:** Please stand *LSB 192*

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Offering:** *Please sit*

**Prayer of the Church:** *Please stand*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

**C** Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.

**C** Responds: **Amen** after final petition.

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

♪ **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord,  
our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

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 Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**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.”

## **♪ Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **♪ Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *Please sit*

## **Distribution**

### **Hymn 461: I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

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.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.      Text: Public domain

### **Hymn 457: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

△ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Text:  
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## **Hymn 464: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! Refrain

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♪ **Nunc Dimittis:** *Please stand* LSB 199

☞ 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. Amen.

♪ **Thanksgiving and Post-Communion**

**Collect** LSB 200

☞ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

☞ and His mercy endureth forever.

☞ Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus** LSB 201 & 202

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And with thy spirit.

☞ Bless we the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

♪ **Benediction** LSB 202

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and {✠} give you peace.

☞ Amen, amen, amen. *Please sit*

## **Departing Hymn 482: This Joyful Eastertide**

1 This joyful Eastertide  
    Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
    Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain

ref Had Christ, who once was slain,  
    Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
    But now has Christ arisen,  
    arisen, arisen;  
    But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill  
    Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
    My passing soul deliver: Refrain

3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
    And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
    Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

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### **Serving Today:**

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Elder: Chuck Baker & Matt Helmke

Organist: Bev Duensing

Reader: Dave Doering

Acolytes: Miles & Max Norris; Alison & Paige Helmke

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz; Bob & Vicki Frerking

**Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home:** Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Duane Delozier (hospitalized), Pat Nave; Chuck Baker (leukemia); Lilly Baker (thyroid cancer); Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). **\*\*Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

**Today's radio broadcast is** sponsored by memorial from Herman & Joyce Neumann in memory of their April 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There will be **no Children's Sunday School today.**

**Thank you to those who furnished Easter Lilies for today!**

- Peggy & Dave Doering in celebration of grandson, Henry Schultze
- Linda Himmelberg in loving memory of Bill Himmelberg
- Dixie Johnson in memory of Clara & Elmer Johnson and Leo Pacha and Jenny Prieur
- Ken & Carla Loemker
- Shari Pack in memory of Mom & Dad
- Wayne & Chris Schulz in memory of our parents
- Arvid & Althea Wiest
- Anonymous

The St. Paul's Youth will serve **Easter breakfast today** from 7:45 to 8:45 in the fellowship hall. Free Will Donation.

A **Resurrection Egg Hunt** for the children will also take place at 10:15 am in the church yard.

Thank you to everyone who attended the congregational meeting on Monday evening. The congregation voted unanimously to **issue a call to Rev. Joseph Bluege**, who is currently serving in Branson, Missouri. Pastor Joey and his family visited us a couple of weeks ago. We have requested that he have an answer to us by April 25. Please continue to pray for Pastor Joey and his family, our congregation, and his current congregation.

**Happening this week:**

**Easter Sunday, April 5** 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
7:00 & 9:00 am Divine Service  
7:45 – 8:45 am Easter Breakfast served by the youth group  
10:15 am Resurrection Egg Hunt

**Mon, April 6** 7:00 pm Special Voter's meeting to possibly call a teacher

**Tue, April 7** 6:30 pm Boards & Committees meet

**Sunday, April 12** 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
9:00 am Divine Service  
10:00 am Adult & Children Sunday School

**Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026** are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9; Sept 20; October 4, 11; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 13, 27. You can schedule a sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office**. Find the Sunday you want to sponsor and put your name and other information. Payment (by check) should be made at the time of scheduling. You may also call the church office to schedule. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125.

**Brad and Joanna Gellerman-Long have accepted calls to serve** at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano, WI and at St. John's School in Suring, WI respectively. Brad & Joanna **ask for prayers for themselves and for children Anthony, Ivan, Logan, and Jasmine** as they prepare for this transition at the end of the school year. We will greatly miss their presence and the dedication they have had on our students and school community. We pray that God richly blesses them and their family in their new ministry.

The school is hosting a **card shower for the Longs** to wish them well. Please return all cards to the school office by May 8 so we can present them to them at chapel on the last day of school.

**Susan Schotte** resigned her position as third grade teacher at the end of February. A long-term sub is filling this vacancy. Apologies for omitting this from the bulletin in March.

The Board of Education has requested a **special voter's meeting** for the purpose of possibly **calling a new teacher** for the school. This meeting will be held **Monday, April 6** at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

### **April School Events & Announcements**

Apr. 6: Special Voter's meeting to possibly call a teacher

Apr. 8: Spelling Bee for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm in the gym

Apr. 17: Spring Musicals –

6 pm: Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten.

7 pm: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades

The **school spring outdoor clean-up** has been moved to **Tuesday, April 13th**. Please plan on joining us on the 13th at 4:00p.m. Thank you!

Join us downstairs following Sunday worship on April 12<sup>th</sup> for refreshments and **Bible Study “See Through the Scriptures” with Pastor Hollibaugh**. Jr/Sr High students will enjoy this Study too.

**Help Preserve the Story of St. Paul's – Volunteers Needed** to share memories, old photographs, documents, stories, or knowledge about the history of our stained glass, organ, church artifacts, or the families who helped build St. Paul's. We would love to hear from you. If you are interested in helping preserve the heritage of St. Paul's for future generations, **please contact the church office or speak with a council member.**

The church will not be taking group subscriptions for the LCMS magazine ***Lutheran Witness*** in 2026. Current subscriptions will end with the May 2026 issue. Members who wish to subscribe to ***Lutheran Witness***, either by hardcopy or digital subscription, may place their order through Concordia Publishing House directly by calling the Magazine Department at 1-800-325-3040 and pressing option 2. You will have the option to pay by debit or credit card. You may also place an order at [cph.org](http://cph.org) or by emailing [lwsubscriptions@cph.org](mailto:lwsubscriptions@cph.org).

Please continue to save **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex.

## **April Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!**

*(if yours is missing, let us know!)*

- 5 Martin & Marlene Seckel Jr., 63 yrs
- 20 Gregory & Faith Campion, 3 yrs.
- 23 Bryan & Renee McAllister, 38 yrs
- 30 James & Rose Pittman, 32 yrs

## **April Birthdays – Happy Birthday!**

*(If yours is missing, please let us know!)*

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|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | John Hill             | 18 | Marjorie Itzen    |
| 4  | Shelbi Ankersen       | 20 | Kolbie Himmelberg |
| 5  | Robert Ankersen       | 21 | Alison Helmke     |
|    | Virginia Thomas       |    | Thelma Loemker    |
| 6  | Chris Schulz          | 22 | Kaylin Hagemeyer  |
| 9  | Chelsey Fralin        | 23 | Mark Engler       |
|    | William Wehling       |    | Joyce Oltman      |
| 11 | Kevin Rahe            | 24 | Rhonda Easley     |
| 13 | Peggy Doering         | 25 | Marlene Gakle     |
| 14 | Lawrence Sohl         |    | Jeffrey Junker    |
|    | Carolina VanLaningham |    | Bonnie Riekenberg |
| 15 | Janet Trout           | 26 | Steven Norton     |
| 16 | Myrna Spilker         | 27 | Joanna            |
| 17 | Debra Kolman          |    | Gellermann-Long   |
|    |                       | 29 | Brock Ankersen    |

The church office is sending out a **weekly email** with announcements and a bulletin for each week attached. **If you are not getting the weekly emails**, we probably do not have a good email address for you. Please call or email the church office requesting to be included. Because of this, we are no longer creating a **monthly newsletter**. Our goal is to communicate more frequently with current information via emails and with the bulletin. This will save postage and paper. Monthly **calendars**, for those who want them, are available in the narthex. Thank you.

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- **April calendars are available at the church entrance.**
  - **Church office** is open Thursdays. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com) at other times.
  - **For immediate assistance:** contact Church Chair Rod Aden: 402-239-5305; Head Elder Chuck Baker: 714-232-2794; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering: 402-806-1015.
  - **For school or church reservations,** call Wayne Oestreich 402-440-5054.
  - **Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
  - **Large print bulletins with large print hymns included** are available from an usher.
  - **Portals of Prayer** and **Children's devotion books** are free and available on the table near the front door of the church for all for home use.

**Our livestreamed services are available on**

- **YouTube:** Search for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Beatrice NE.
- **Facebook:** Follow St. Paul's Lutheran Church. (Be sure to follow the one with our church photo.)
- **Our website or app:** [stpaulbeatrice.org](http://stpaulbeatrice.org).
- **The bulletin** is on the website so you can follow along.

**Wishing you and yours a Blessed Easter!**

**He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**