

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

6:30am Service Hymns: 457, 941, 466, 461, 477, 670, 813

Old Testament: Exodus 14:10-15:1, Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Gospel: John 20:1-18

8am & 10:45am Services Hymns: 457, 461, 478, 631, 790, 680, 465

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:1-6, Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4, Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Welcome Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus our Savior promises, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” This is why: on this Easter Sunday, Jesus overwhelmed death and the grave, busting them open from the inside out. It’s time to celebrate! Christ has been raised from the dead—that means you have a clean slate. Hell is conquered, death is dead, and heaven is open to you!

Welcome to St. Paul – we’re so glad you’re here celebrating with us the life that Jesus brings! Please enjoy some conversation and coffee in the gym before and after service. We’d love to get to know you better!

If you’re caring for little ones, please know that Jesus’ gifts in Word and Sacrament are for them too! Don’t worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus’ words, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Luke 18:16). If you need help, just ask—there are plenty of helping hands around!

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which the Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true Body and Blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. Members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have been instructed and have confessed this reality are invited to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests

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interested in joining this confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

You're always welcome to join us as we walk together in Jesus. He speaks to us, and scrubs us clean, and feeds us Sundays at 8am and 10:45am, and Wednesdays at 7pm. This bulletin has more information on what our life together looks like the rest of the week throughout the year.

You are precious to God, and Jesus welcomes you. He loves you so much that He died so that you would live, and He lives to care for you here until the day He brings you home. It's a delight to revel in the Resurrection with you today!

Jesus bless you all!
Pastor Joel Newton

Church Offices Closed — Church offices are closed on **Monday, April 6.**

Medick Farewell — Members of St. Paul are invited to a reception for Nancy and Duane Medick, who are moving to Ackley. Duane and Nancy were members of St. Paul from 1982 until 2017 when they left to help start an Ankeny church plant, The Gate, now called Christ Lutheran Church.

Nancy and Duane were very active at St. Paul during their time here. Many children have fond memories of Duane driving the church van to pick them up after school on Wednesdays to attend midweek classes.

The reception is **Sunday, April 12, 10:30am** to 11:30 am at Christ Lutheran Church at 2325 SW State Street.



HOMEBUILDERS
at St. Paul Lutheran Church

APRIL 12
4-5:30 PM

Childcare provided

Join us for a family-centered Bible study.

Questions?
Contact Candra Grev:
candra.grev@gmail.com
OR
Pastor Newton:
pastornewton@stpaulankeny.org

Funeral Service — Services for Len Mash, who passed away on November 27, 2025, will be on **Saturday, April 11** at 10:00am followed by a light lunch served by LWML in the FLC.

LWML — Women of St. Paul mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 14** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly LWML get-together! We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary!
— *St. Paul LWML*

Mailboxes — Please remember to check your church mailbox regularly. If you don't see one with your name on it, contact Kathy in the church office.

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!

If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Easter lilies are given to the glory of God by the following members of St. Paul.

Terry & JoAnn Adamson

In honor of our family, Mike and Lael Adamson, Aidan, Ash, and Aylin Adamson.

Betty Berlau

In memory of those who are dear to me and have gone to be with Jesus.

Donna Dueker

In memory of Al Dueker.

Lynn Hanselman

In memory of my parents and brothers.

Heflebower Family

In memory of those gone before us.

Mark & Sue Johnson

In honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who bled and died for us.

Faylene & Jerry Kluver

In honor of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In memory of our parents Elmer and Lorraine Gierstorf, and Raymond and Marcella Kluver.

Ray & Dorothy Marvin

In memory of Tanner Marvin.

Donald Nemitz

In memory of Sandi Nemitz

Pat & Bob Peters

In honor of our service men.

Duane & Mary Suhr

In memory of our parents Paul and Elsie Suhr, and Henry and Frances Winter.

Jane & David Thompson

In memory of our daughter, Lori Harvey.

Sandy & Steve Townsend

In honor of our grandchildren, Sienna, Shar and Corwin.

Calvin Uhlig

In memory of Mary Uhlig.

Joyce & Steve Voss

For all our blessings.

Carol Wenndt

In memory of Jim Wenndt.

Sue & Larry Senne



Please take home your Easter lily after the last service today.

End-of-Year JR & SR Youth Group Party

LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!

April 29, 2026 | 7:30-9:30 PM

St Paul for Supper (5:00)
Last Night of Study (6:00)
Service (7:00)
B&B for Bowling (7:30)
Pick up at St Paul (9:30)

We will carpool to and from B&B
RSVP by April 22
Ms. Laura Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org

SR YOUTH

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Apr. 19 • 12-2pm

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GLOW PARTY

APRIL 25, 2026
5-7 PM

Enjoy a "glowing" good time at the St. Paul Glow Party! Enjoy dancing, face paint, games, a flash-light scavenger hunt, car races, & more!

Dinner will be provided. Family & friends are welcome!

REMEMBER TO WEAR WHITE OR NEON!

Monday, April 20

Bring your little ones to St. Paul Lutheran Church on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month for **FELLOWSHIP** and **PLAYTIME**.

Afterward, stick around as we learn about **JESUS** through **SONG, DANCE, STORIES & MORE!**

AGES 0-5 FREE 10-11 AM 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS

Adult participation encouraged. Complimentary coffee provided.

Thank You — A big thank you to everyone who supported St. Paul youth by attending the Palm Sunday breakfast! Proceeds go towards sending our youth to gatherings and retreats. Your generosity is a blessing.

Register now for VBS!



Mark your calendar now for VBS June 7 through June 11. Throughout this program, we will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

VBS registration is now open! Don't miss out on this Christ-centered, fun week! Scan the QR code to get started.



Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available on April 12 in the Family Life Center.

St. Paul Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

Sunday Youth Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. The last class is Sunday, April 26.

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski continues the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet on Thursday, April 23 and 30 at 10:00am.

Homebuilders — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. They next meet on Sunday, April 12 at 4:00pm.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Join them on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*, Thursday, April 16 at 10:00am.

Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study Thursdays at 7:00pm. They are studying *The Augsburg Confession*.

There are no Bible studies the week of April 5. Please check the April calendar for dates.




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A promotional graphic for 'Memento' featuring a man in a suit reading a book. The text includes the website 'www.memento70.com', the tagline 'forming men through discipline in the core rhythms of the Church', and the word 'Memento' in large white letters. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



EASTER OCTAVE

Services at 7:00pm
Monday, April 6 through
Saturday, April 11

A graphic for the Easter Octave featuring a silhouette of a cross against a sunset background. The text 'EASTER OCTAVE' is at the top, and 'Services at 7:00pm Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11' is at the bottom.

LWML Des Moines East Zone 2026 SPRING RALLY

All ladies are invited to join us
Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:15am - 12pm

Registration: 8:15am

Breakfast: 8:30am

Hands-on Project: 9:30am

Program: 10:00am



**Jesus said, "Let the little children
come to me..." – Matthew 19:14**

Rally Location: St Paul Lutheran Church

1100 SE Sharon Drive Ankeny, IA

\$6 – registration fee due at door *(RSVPs not required.)*

As we celebrate Jesus' call to let the little children come to Him, we are excited to support that theme with our program and ingathering!

Program Guest Speakers:

Gina Acers, Hope Lutheran Preschool-Director

Sue Hyland, Christ the King Preschool-former Ed Board Member

Ingathering: *(Your donation of any of the following items will be used to support the Preschools at Christ the King Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church):*

- Crayola "Pip-Squeaks" Markers
- Scented Markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Colored Masking Tape
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Construction Paper
- Color Stamp Pads
- Stickers
- Play-Doh
- 12 oz Disposable Coffee Cups w/Lid

Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	6:30am Sunrise Service 8:00am Worship Service 10:45am Worship Service
<u>Monday</u>	Church Offices Closed 7:00pm Service
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners 7:00pm Service
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm Service
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Service
<u>Friday</u>	7:00pm Service
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00am Len Mash Funeral Service 7:00pm Service
<u>Friday-Sunday</u>	Confirmation Retreat

April Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

Altar Flowers

April 12 — Toni & Richard Billings

April 19 — Betty & Ken McConnell

Elder

April 5 — Steve Bradley

April 12 — Gary Hauge

Offering Counters April 5 & 12

Betty Berlau, Dan Deppe

Ushers April 5 (Easter Sunday)

6:30am — Ray Marvin, Jon Gerths

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Don Halbur, Ray Marvin

10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Tim Krehbiel

Ushers April 12

8:00am — Don Halbur,

10:45am — Steve Bradley, Tim Krehbiel

Attendance Sunday, March 29

8:00am — 221 10:45am — 141

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of
Ken and Betty McConnell
Joel Ausan, health issues
Terry Moehnke, health issues
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer
Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Kalyne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Danette, Connie Warmbier's cousin, heart surgery
Logan Ellsworth, fractured bone in left arm
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
Betty McConnell, radiation treatments
Brittany Fulcer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen,
considering a DCE call
William and the 8 other students at St. Luke the
Evangelist injured in accident
Cecilianna, Pastor Newton's niece, heart surgery
Jamie Trumpp, friend of the Newtons, recovering
from a knife attack
Donny Houseman, mental health issues
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother
Mary Ann, Travis Wielenga's mom, cancer surgery
For expectant mothers and new parents.
Rev. Paul Egger, our District President
Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua
Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim
Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas