



St. Paul  
Lutheran  
Church

**Fifth Sunday  
Of Easter**

**April 28, 2024  
9:00 am**

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## Announcements

Opening Song: “All Are Welcome”

**PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31  
(Please read responsively.)**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray.

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymns of Praise: "Our God"**

## Word

### Children's Sermon

#### First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Reign in Me"**

## Nicene Creed-

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary And became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People:** God of grace **Response:** Hear our prayer.

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** (We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

**Offering:** “Everlasting God”

## Meal

### “IN CHRIST ALONE” / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Congregation sings:* In Christ alone, our hope is found, He is our light, our strength, our song; this cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! Our Comforter, our All in All, here in the love of Christ we stand.

*Congregation sings:* In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified - for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ we live.

*Pastor:* In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is the my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Congregation sings:* There in the ground, His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory sin’s curse has lost its grip on me, for we are His and He is ours - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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*Pastor:* Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in the remembrance of me.

*Congregation sings:* **No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in us; from life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands our destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck us from His hand; till He returns and calls us home, here in the power of Christ we stand.**

### **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**

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

### **Sending**

### **Blessing**

### **Sending Hymn: "Go Make Disciples"**

### **Dismissal**

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## **Announcements**

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jade and Robin Wagner and family in memory of Jade's father, Art Wagner. We thank them for this ministry gift.**

**Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Dale Heitland. Dale passed away on April 19. His services were held here at St. Paul on Friday, April 26. Please keep this family in your prayers.**

**Thank you to our St. Paul Church Family for all your prayers, cards, calls and memorials in memory of Greg.  
Della, Michelle, Barry and families**

Please join us next Sunday as we will celebrate our Hampton-Dumont-CAL Seniors: Cael Burmester, Lydia Maas, Jayson Stevens and Rayne Wagner! A special Coffee Hour is planned. Congratulations on your high school graduations! God's blessing to you!

**Youth Fundraising Auction and Dinner:** Thanks to YOU and your generosity, we are close enough to our fundraising goal that we are cancelling the June 9 event! We cannot believe how strongly you have stepped up to help our high schoolers get to New Orleans—together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, the life of the church, and even the world. Thank you!

**The deadline for the May 5 bulletin will be May 3 at 9:00 am.**

## This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2024

Quilting Group @ 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour @ 10:00 a.m.

<b>3/28/24</b>	9:00 am	<b>Offering 4/21/24</b>	
<b>Presiding Pastor</b>	Pastor Nikoli Falenschek 507-403-0494 pastornikoli.splchampton@gmail.com	General:	\$ 3,113.00
<b>Reader</b>	Paul Flint	Building:	\$ 140.00
<b>Praise and Worship Team</b>	Pam DeVries, Paul Krull, Robin Wagner, Katie Hilton, Mari Cramer, Robyn Kofoot	Radio	\$
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lydia and Marlee Maas and Jane Crawford	Automated Giving General Building	\$ 179.99 \$
<b>Greeters</b>	Lowell and Shirley Lange	Total	\$ 3,432.99

<b>4/5/24</b>	9:00 am
<b>Reader</b>	Paul Flint
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Senior Recognition— Board of Youth
<b>Greeters</b>	NEED



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### Prayer List:



Bob Abendschein, Issiah Griemann, Judy Holbrook, Nancy Knipfel,  
The family Dale Heitland, Tauni and Mike Harmon  
(daughter and son-in law of Terry and Karen Wheeler)  
Dorothy Madetzke, Justin Mejia, Terry Wheeler, Verna Humburg,  
Jo Klein, The family of Arlo Pralle (Rod Pralle's father), Robert Swanson  
and the Call Committee Process.  
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