#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

Children in Worship: We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

**Communion:** If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available at the sound booth.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

Cell phones and pagers should be turned to silent.

Washrooms: located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

**Elevator:** located next to the church office.

Masks are optional at all services.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call the office.

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

Office Hours: 9am - 4 pm Monday to Friday.



#### **QUILTING WIND - UP**

The Heartland Quilters, Compassionate Quilters of Vita, and the St. Paul's Quilting Group enjoyed a delightful lunch together at St. Paul's on Tuesday May 6. Many of the quilts created here are forwarded to the Urban. The Compassionate Quilters donated nine quilts and Shirley Penner of The Heartland Quilters donated several smaller ones. Special guest at the gathering was Rhonda Gorham, who was presented with a quilt in recognition of her years of service at Lutheran Urban Ministry. Rhonda reports that many of the quilts they received from St Paul's this year will be taken to the Urban Father's Day picnic where families will be able to sit on a quilt to eat their lunch and take the quilt home with them.

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# Sunday, May 11, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service on this Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, May 11

9:00am - Confirmation

9:30am - Traditional Service

9:30am - Sunday School

**Coffee Time** 

11:00am - Family Service

Monday, May 12

2:00pm - Rest Haven Communion

6:30pm - Junior Youth

Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm—Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 14

6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, May 18

9:00am - Confirmation

9:30am - Traditional Service

Coffee Time

11:00am - Family Service



#### WHY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is central to the Christian life.

The crucified and risen
Christ is present at the center

of the assembly gathered around the means of grace. Through the word proclaimed and sacraments celebrated,

the Holy Spirit is at work.

Lives are changed.

Sins are forgiven.

The alienated are reconciled.

Strangers are welcomed.

Unbelief gives way to faith.

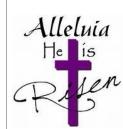
God is praised.

Worship matters!

### **OUR MISSION**

God's purpose for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is: Accepting all people through God's grace, sharing our faith in Christ, and making disciples.

**KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!** 



# Alleluia FOURTH SUNDAY **OF EASTER** MAY 11, 2025

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG: "Revelation Song"

#### **GATHERING: PSALM 23**

- L: <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;
- I shall not be in want.
- C: <sup>2</sup> The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,
- and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C: <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
  - and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

- L: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in repentance and faith.
- C: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us again to new life in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen
- L. Hear the Word of God: "if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." In Christ your sins are forgiven. Rest in his mercy.
- C: Amen.
- L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Song: "Blessed be your Name"

GOD'S WORD: Reader Darlene Schmidtke Turner

#### FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

<sup>6</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he staved in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tan-

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat: <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30** C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

- L: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **MESSAGE**

Song: "Jesus Messiah"

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERING SONG** 

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- L: Let us pray together.
- Risen One, You have made yourself known to us with vour sacrifice of love. All we have is a gift from You and we respond in faith and gratitude for them. Receive our offerings to use for Your purposes. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE BENEDICTION

- L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- C: Amen

**SENDING:** "This is Our God"

#### **DISMISSAL**

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **PRAYER REMINDERS**

In your prayers this week, please remember: Emily and Sara Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Brenda Olson, The Family of Pastor Leslie Poulin, Gordon & Iris Pylypjuk, Ray

Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Pastor Trudy Thorinsen and the Congregation of Grace-St. John's Carman, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft.

#### **REST HAVEN COMMUNION**

On the second Monday of the month at 2pm, Pastor Tim celebrates a communion service open to all residents and especially for Lutherans. Chaplain Berg has very kindly invited any family members to join their loved one(s). If you are interested, feel free to come on by.

## IN MEMORY OF

The flowers on the altar have been placed in loving memory of Gerry Schmidtke, May 10/44-Feb. 20/92 by Dr. Chris and Darlene Turner, Charlene and Don Freund, Robin and Austin Freund, Dorinda and Mike Penner, Kalynda, Matt and Daxton Lewis, Mickael Penner and Emma Harbottle.

"It is a deep mystery, this matter of Life and Death; until one day, we find the courage to accept that the living aren't meant to understand death, only to celebrate life and to remember that the only real death is forgetting."

# Join us for BBQ and a great time!

### Sunday June 1, 2025 10am Service



A-L bring a Dessert M-Z bring a Salad

Activities for kids of all ages too!

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER**

If you are using a non-personalized pew envelope for your donation/contribution, please ensure that your full name and address are on the envelope for tax receipt purposes.

#### **NEW DIRECTORIES**

Please submit an updated digital photo of your family to the office! There is going to be a new edition of the Pictorial Directory in time for September! Kids have grown older, kids have been added, parents have grown grayer and time has passed for all. If you feel your old picture still looks like you, great - it won't change! Get this info to the office ASAP.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today's services.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, May 4: Traditional - 125; Family - 23 Sunday School: Students - 28; Teachers - 8

> **OFFERING:** \$12,335 **APRIL ONLINE:** \$15,739