

Week of April 12

Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
10:00 am - Divine Service
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service
Mon.: 6:00 pm - Confirmation
6:30 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Elders Meeting
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
4:00 pm - Food Pantry
Wed.: 7:00 pm - Council Meeting
6:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
10:00 am - Divine Service
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (Apr.12)

Elders/Ushers: Rick Rasmussen, Harrison Hayes,
Ryan Branning

Greeters: Duane & Diane Madoerin

Audio/Visual: Linda George

Screens: Lorilee Seiser

Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Apr.19)

Elders/Ushers: Richard Rieck, Ryan Irvin, Darryl Pagel

Greeters: Bill & Marilyn Eggers

Audio/Visual: Jasmine/Lila Venegas

Screens: Arlene Blue

Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

Attendance: 188 Lao: 0 **Offering:** \$3901.21

UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON: Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on St. Paul's Website, Facebook, or Youtube.

WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you.

Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson. Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Family of Allison Neese, Family of Teddy Hayes, Family of Roberts Ivanovska, Nancy Long, Lila Venegas, Melvin Longhenry, Susan Hanken, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.
If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.

APRIL FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce and toothbrushes. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

Camp Okoboji: Registration is now open! Camp Okoboji is our LCMS church camp, with programs for kids and families of all ages. To check dates and details or to register, go to campokoboji.org. St. Paul's is blessed to offer financial assistance to families from our church to send their kids to camp. Please contact Pastor if you are interested or if you have any questions.

GRADUATION: Is your child graduating from high school or college this year? We would love to celebrate this exciting milestone with you and recognize their hard work and accomplishments. Please let the church office know so we can include them in our special acknowledgements.

HELP WANTED: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Do you love kids, creativity, and a little organized chaos? Do you have a knack for turning Bible stories into unforgettable adventures? Then we're looking for YOU!

- ◆ Position: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Director
- ◆ Time commitment: Short-term (but BIG impact)
- ◆ Location: Our Church & Community
- ◆ Contact Julie Irvin at 515-835-1305

The 2026 Directory is ready for pickup in Fellowship Hall

CHURCH MUSICIAN APPRECIATION: Join us after Church on Sunday, April 19 as we say thank you to our organists Lavonne Breitenkamp and Diane Doering and our handbell director Jo Reaman, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

—Martin Luther



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Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Introit



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in

him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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