

Week of April 19

Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion
Mon.: 1:30 pm - LWML
6:00 pm - Confirmation
6:30 pm - Handbells
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
3:30 pm - Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Thomas
Thurs.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study
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.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

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Apr.26)

Elders/Ushers: Rick George, John Vulgamott, Harrison Hayes

Greeters: Bill Breitenkamp & Jo Reaman

Audio/Visual: Will Breitenkamp

Screens: Nancy Long

Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp

Altar: Steve & Diane Doering

Attendance: 72 **Lao:** 26 **Offering:** \$3894.60

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: Anna Lopez & Daughter, 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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Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Introit



Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*

when brothers dwell in | unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,*

running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

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.

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*

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First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:13-35*

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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