

# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 5, 2026

9 AM



*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

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WELCOME



**GATHERING**



*Please stand as you are able.*

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

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Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME SONG**

## **ARISE**

One thing we ask of You, one thing that we desire,  
that as we worship You, Lord, come and change our lives;

Arise, arise, arise, arise.

Arise, take Your place, be enthroned on our praise;

Arise, King of Kings; Holy God, as we sing,

Arise, arise; arise, arise! *(Repeat)*

We lift You up, we lift You up, we lift You up on our praises. *(Repeat 3 times)*

Arise, take Your place, be enthroned on our praise;

Arise, King of Kings; Holy God, as we sing,

Arise, arise; arise, arise! *(Repeat)*

Arise!

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**CELTIC ALLELUIA**

**REFRAIN**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Verse Leaders then Refrain All*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jonathan Bull**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SERMON SONG                      LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

**CHORUS**

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high. *(repeat all, repeat chorus at end)*

## NICENE CREED

*Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially those we name silently or spoken. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

### THE KING IS IN THE ROOM

Come open the doors and make way  
The King is in the room, the King is in the room.  
Expecting for strongholds to break  
'Cause we know what You can do, we know what You can do.  
We're gonna see lives changed  
Souls saved, broken hearts made new

### REFRAIN

The King is in the room.  
Lord, we enthrone You upon our praise.  
The King is in the room.  
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign.  
Jesus, we bow only to You,  
We're laying down all of our crowns,  
The King is in the room.  
The King is in the room.

Come see all the captives run free.  
He's tearing down the walls.  
He's tearing down the walls.  
There's grave shaking power when we sing,  
The Name above them all.  
Your Name above them all. *(refrain)*

### LEADERS

Fear has to flee, shame has to leave  
Before the King, before the King.  
Chains have to break, dry bones awake  
Prepare the way. *(repeat all then refrain)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

✠   ✠   ✠   MEAL   ✠   ✠   ✠

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 my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord  
It is made ready for those who love God  
and for those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith  
and you who have little;  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been here long;  
You who have tried to follow  
and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG

## BY HIS WOUNDS

He was pierced for our transgressions, and crushed for our sins,  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him.  
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed.

We are healed by Your sacrifice and the life that You gave.  
We are healed, for You paid the price; by Your grace we are saved, we are saved.

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our sins,  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him.  
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed.

By His wounds, by His wounds.  
What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

## THINE IS THE GLORY

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Susan Treer and Zach Ruppel, piano*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG      ALL THE EARTH WILL SING YOUR PRAISES

### CHORUS

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise.

You did, You're alive.

You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again.

I know that You will. All the earth will sing Your praises.

All the earth will sing Your praises.

You took and You take our sins away, oh God.

You give and You gave Your life away for us.

You came down, You saved us through the cross.

Our hearts are changed because of Your great love. *(chorus twice)*

All the earth will sing Your praises. All the earth will sing Your praises.

## DISMISSAL

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Go, Experience God's Love:

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## ALL THE EARTH WILL SING YOUR PRAISES

*St. Paul Praise Team*

by Paul Baloche  
arr. Dan Galbraith

*Altar Flowers given today by Renee Chamberlain,  
in memory of her mother, Mary and  
in honor of her daughter Natalie's birthday.*

Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@splcwesterville.org](mailto:prayer@splcwesterville.org)

## EASTER FLOWERS

### GIVEN IN MEMORY

- Gerry Acree
  - by Carole Williams
- Garold Phipps
  - by Bev Phipps
- Karl & Maryann Schott
  - by Jane Schott
- Brandon Huston & Patrice Huston
  - by Julie Huston & Ava
- Richard Harmon
  - by Tammy Harmon
- Galen & Mary Virginia McLeod
  - Judy McLeod

### WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. PAUL

- Travis, Julie, & Maddie Borkosky

### TO THE GLORY OF OUR LORD

- Juanita Martin
- Mary Lanese
- Becki Wilke
- Mary Shenck
- Scott & Jill Long
- Terri Browning
- Chuck & Terry Mihal
- Pam Sites & Steve Derwent
- Don & Annette Roth
- Julian & Robin Bell
- Phil, Ashley & James Rudd
- Dave & Judy Castor
- Judy Roe
- Craig & Teresa Pistner
- Rev. Gary & Barbara Grieger
- Betsy Gram
- Bob & Joy Longfellow
- Renee Chamberlain



## This Week's Activities at St. Paul

### Sunday, 4/5

- 8 AM: **Easter Breakfast** (Fellowship Hall)
- 9 AM: **Contemporary Worship** (Sanctuary)
- 9 AM: **Journeying with Jesus & Adult Forum** (Lower Level)
- 10:30 AM: **Worship** (Sanctuary)

### Monday, 4/6

- Office Closed**
- 3 PM: **Private Music Lessons** (Nursery)
- 5:30 PM: **Yoga** (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM: **Personnel** (Library)

### Tuesday, 4/7

- 7 PM: **Endowment** (Library)

### Wednesday, 4/8

- 9:30 AM: **Piece & Sew** (Lower Level)
- 12:30 PM: **Quilt Guild Workshop** (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM: **Adult Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room)
- 7:30 PM: **Praise Team Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, 4/9

- 10 AM: **PBS** (Library)
- 11 AM: **LSS Food Pantry** (Westerville Estates)
- 6 PM: **Inreach/Outreach** (Library)
- 7 PM: **Bell Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM: **PBS** (Library)

### Friday, 4/10

- 7 PM: **Trumpet Group Lesson** (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, 4/11

- 8 AM: **Men's Breakfast** (Fellowship Hall)

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### HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We welcome you to join us at the table of the Lord. Our Communion Bread is gluten, peanut, tree nut, soy, and dairy-free. **White grape juice is always available in the center of the tray.** All are welcome.

### NURSERY

The nursery is located at the top of the ramp of the main entrance to the church. Currently, the nursery is not staffed, however, it is available for you to use with your child. Also, for our young worshippers, please find **Worship Wonder Bags** on the small coat rack in the rear of the sanctuary, untie, and enjoy. After worship, please put the **UNTIED bag back** on the rack to be replenished and cleaned.

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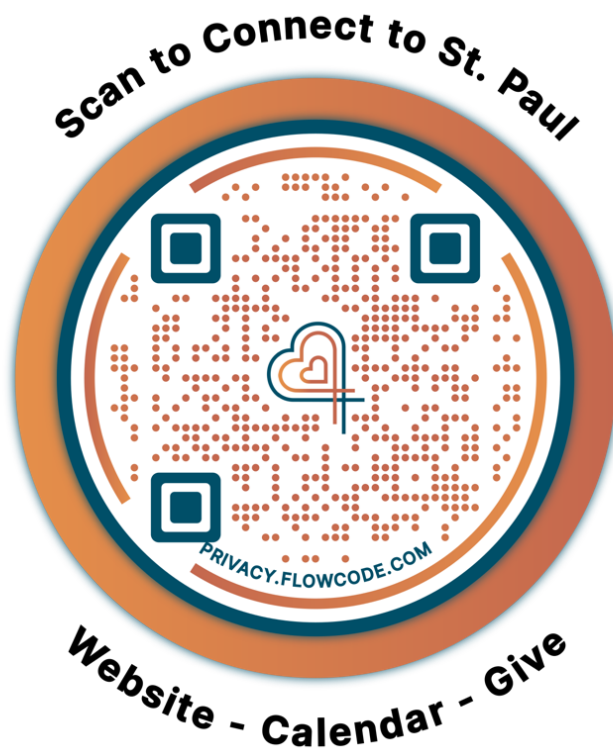
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Closed for lunch: 12 PM- 1 PM

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