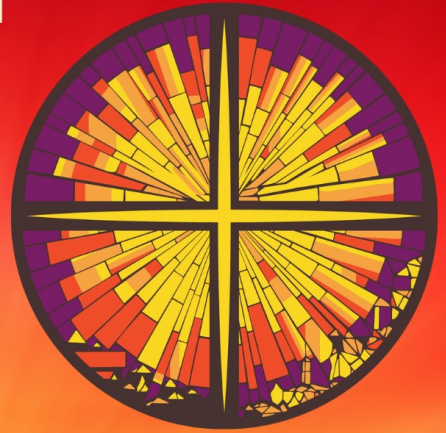


CHRIST IS RISEN!



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 ± 9:00 am

The Resurrection of Our Lord! Christ Is Alive! Alleluia!

*The long Lenten journey has passed; the glorious resurrection of Jesus has come into view.
May the good news of the empty tomb fill us with joy, and bring hope to every living thing!
He is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

An Easter Invocation

“Introit to Easter”

Vocal & Bell Choir

Easter Greeting

Pastor: Easter is here!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: Death is defeated!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: Hope is alive!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The grace and peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

(hymn) 365

¹Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

²Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

³But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

⁴Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Announcement of the Resurrection

Pastor: On the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, they saw a man dressed in a dazzling white robe, who said to them, *“Do not be alarmed; you are seeking Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised.”*

People: What does this mean?

Pastor: Christ is alive; Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

(hymn) 619

¹I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

²He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: This day, we move from the cruel cross to an empty tomb;

People: the wilderness of life has brought us down, but we believe that hope and joy lie ahead.

Pastor: This day, we move from the testing cross to an empty tomb;

People: we have faced the harsh realities of life, but we believe that life will laugh and dance again.

Pastor: This day, we move from an evil cross to an empty tomb;

People: injustice is no longer acceptable to us, and we believe the powerful will be confronted.

Pastor: This day, we move from a hopeless cross to an empty tomb;

People: our faith has been marked by routine and apathy, but we believe our spirits will sing again as we go about Christ’s saving work in our homes, in our communities, and in our world.

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away; new life is before you!

People: We are ready to deal openly with the past. We are ready to live joyfully in the present. We are ready to grasp an adventurous vision of the future.

Pastor: Pardon, peace, the risen life, is yours, in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Song

“Forever”

¹Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever.
For He is good He is above all things. His love endures forever.
Sing praise! Sing praise!

²With a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

Chorus

Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong!
Forever God is with us! Forever! Forever!

³From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on. His love endures forever.
Sing praise! sing praise! Sing praise! Sing praise!

Easter Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Children's Message

Easter Message

Hymn of the Day

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

¹Now all the vault of heav'n resounds, in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

²Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offering

Offering Music

Offertory Prayer

Leader: God of love,

People: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Leader: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ our Savior has risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

People: Amen!

¹Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay. *Refrain*

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

²Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

³No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace! Share the Risen Christ's love - with joy!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

A Blessed Easter To All!



Welcome to **St. Paul Lutheran!**

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**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,
where it is our mission “To Share Christ’s Love, With Joy!”**

We hope your experience with us is meaningful and spiritual. If visiting, please don’t hesitate to introduce yourself to the pastors and others. We enjoy getting to know you and we hope you return. At St. Paul Lutheran all are truly welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion. A gluten free option is available (if needed, let the pastor know when you come forward). Gender-neutral restrooms are available in our education/preschool wing.

Thank You to All Involved in Worship Leading!

Pastors:	Dale & Carrie Stiles
Worship Assistant:	Christina Fashner
Usher:	Andrew & Dakota Fashner
Greeter:	Andrew & Dakota Fashner
Prayer Corner:	Zella Oswald
Organist :	Jeanne Richards
Tech Team:	Chris Timmons
Altar Guild:	The Maeckelbergh’s
Counters:	Jan Taylor, Rosie Quale

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Pat Crawford, Ruth Koehly, The Tilly Family, Freddie (grandson of a friend of Deb Cowing), Trisha Thompson, Gauge (family member of Janelle Albee), Marty (nephew of Frank Edwards), Vernon (uncle of Janelle Albee).

Flowers—The flower sign up form is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments—today are provided by David & Naiomi Norman. The sign up form is on the table in narthex. Thank you for signing up!

All are invited to join together THIS Friday, April 5, as we visit Temple Israel in Minneapolis.

Temple Israel is the largest and oldest Jewish temple in Minnesota. They welcome groups from other faiths to come and visit and learn about the Jewish faith. The schedule for the night is as follows: 5:00 p.m. Tour and presentation, 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Worship (Friday night worship at the start of sabbath) You can sign up to attend and to car pool (if needed) on the table in the narthex at church. The carpooling will leave church at 4:15 p.m. Want to learn more before we go? The afternoon Bible study and The Table learning time for confirmation and adults on Wednesday, April 3 will be conversations about Judaism.

Summer Camp at Camp WAPO! St. Paul Lutheran is taking kids to Bible Camp this summer! It will be at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI. Our children and youth are encouraged to invite a friend to join them! Here are our options: SEEDS Camp - June 14-16 - This is a week-end camp for grades 1-4. Youth Camp - July 7-12 - This is a Sunday—Friday camp for grades 5-9. A generous member of our congregation has offered \$100 campership to each camper that signs up to attend. If others are interested in financially supporting our campers, talk to Pastor Dale or Carrie.

New Members Will Be Received next Sunday, April 7. If you, your family, or someone you might know, would be interested in officially joining our St. Paul Lutheran Community of Faith, please contact either of the pastors.

Humble Bees Quilt Raffle! This year, in addition to a quilt made by the Humble Bees, Dee Wilkinson has donated a fleece blanket she made, to be raffled. Tickets are \$5.00 for one or \$10.00 for three. All proceeds will go towards our Bridge The Gap Appeal. You do not have to be present to win. Drawing will be after worship next Sunday, April 7.

The Table Resumes THIS Wednesday, April 3. The lesson is about Jesus commissioning the disciples in book of Acts. Confirmation and Adult study will be on Judaism in preparation for our Temple Visit on Friday. The Table begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Blood Drive— St. Paul Lutheran will be hosting a blood drive on May 9. More information to follow.

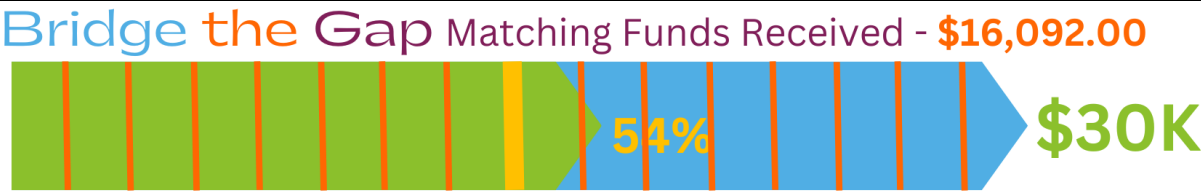
Lakes Area Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Packing Event! Once again this year, we are in need of 40 members and friends to sign up to pack meals at Hosanna Lutheran in Forest Lake on **Wednesday, April 10 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.** All ages are welcome. A suggested donation between \$10—\$100/participant is encouraged but not required. Donations should be given directly to Melissa or one of the Pastors in the Church Office. Sign up on the table in the narthex!

St. Paul Seniors—A Monthly Ministry for those “West of 55” kicks off THIS Tuesday, April 2, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. with our first potluck “Lunch and Learn.” We’ll hear from Don Hudon, a member of SPLC and an active volunteer at the Forest Lake YMCA with the Forever Well program. He will share with us chair stretches, balance activities, and movement for our wellness. All age 55+ are invited to attend!

H.E.A.L @ SPLC—A New Grief Support Group—We have discovered an ongoing need for a grief support group at St. Paul Lutheran and are providing this new opportunity. For more information contact either Pr. Dale or Pr. Carrie.

Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

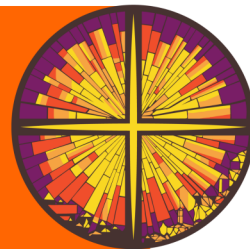
2024 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$ 51,553.28	\$ 57,883.23	\$ (6,329.95)
2024 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$ 79,794.18	\$ 72,883.26	\$ 6,910.92



he Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC (including Bridge the Gap funds). General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact Chris Timmons, with any questions.

This Week

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Easter Sunday, March 31—"The Tree of Life"

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 1

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Senior Group, 11:00 a.m.

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

The Table, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 5

Temple Israel Visit, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

New Member Reception including Holy Baptism

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Vocal Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Lakes Area FMSC Mobile Food Packing Event, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

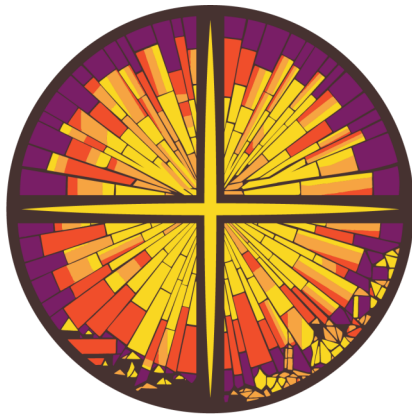
Tanzania Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

ENGAGE: Worship—The Benediction, April 21, 9:00 a.m.

Creation Care Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.

"Bridge the Gap" Sunday—"From Scarcity to Abundance" - May 5

Annual Mother's Day Spring Plant Sale—May 10



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