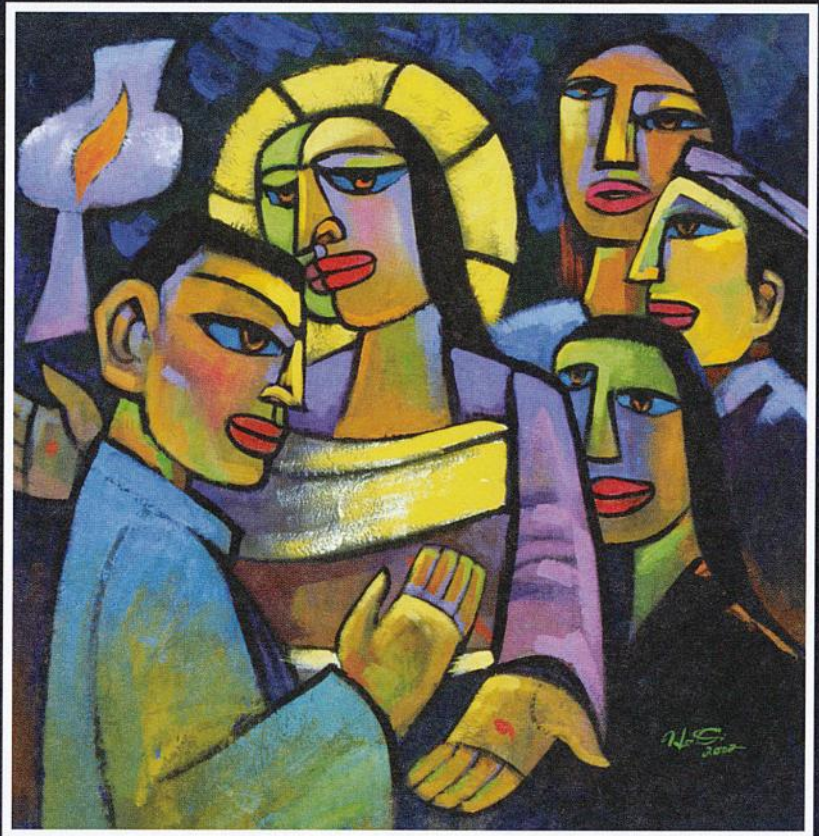


# DO NOT DOUBT BUT BELIEVE

JOHN 20:27



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

**We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition** (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 190 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Offerings** Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) or use the QR Code provided.

**An AED/Defibrillator** unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

**The Nursery** is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

**Parents**, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



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## Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026 Holy Communion 8:30 & 10:30 AM *Musical Setting 1 Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**PRELUDE**

*Hyfrydol Aspects* Terry Everson  
Trumpet, James Palmer, Piano, Harrison Palmer

**Stand**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today (ELW 373)*

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'n's; and earth, re - ply.  
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
 Thee we greet triumphant now;  
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
 everlasting life is this:  
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

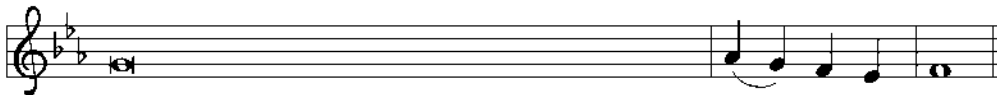
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

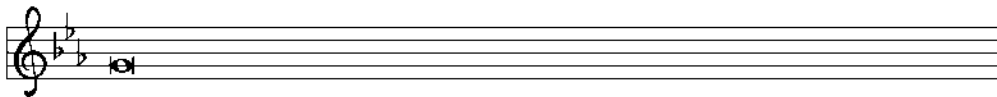
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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



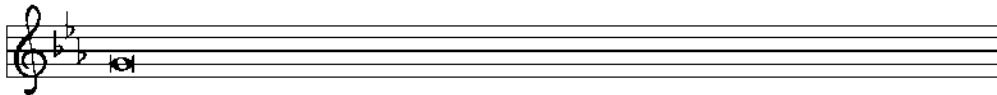
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

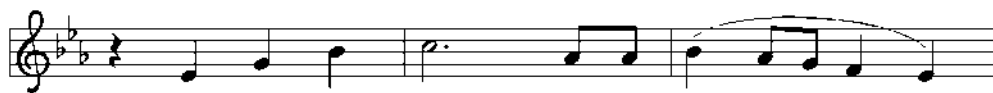


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**PSALM Psalm 16**

The organ introduces the tone then it is sung by  
Cantor/**Congregation** unaccompanied.



- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;\*
- I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.
- <sup>3</sup> **But those who run after | other gods\***  
**shall have their troubles | multiplied.**
- <sup>4</sup> **Their libations of blood I | will not offer,\***  
**nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;\*
- it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;\*
- indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.
- <sup>7</sup> **I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;\***  
**my heart teaches me night | after night.**
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;\***  
**because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;\*
- my body also shall | rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me | to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- <sup>11</sup> **You will show me the | path of life;\***  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,**  
**and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.**
- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;\*
- I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 (back cover)

*Stand*  
ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**HOLY GOSPEL****John 20:19-31***(back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John  
*At the conclusion of the Gospel.*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.****Praise to you, O Christ.***Sit***SERMON**

Bishop Steven Herr

*Stand***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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let our congregation be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Sit

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

8:30 AM

Organ

*Surgit in Haec Dies*

Richard Proulx

10:30 AM

Chancel Choir

*The Day of Resurrection*

Richard Shephard

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*This is Christ's Body (ACS 967)*

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
with mer - cy and love.

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**DIALOGUE**

*Sung by Pastor and congregation*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE** *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise:  
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,  
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,  
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,  
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son:  
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,  
his ascension to the seat of power,  
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in  
beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the  
kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he  
comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor  
and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist. We receive communion by intinction today.

*Procedure for receiving Communion:*

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle*

# COMMUNION CANTICLE

## *This is the Feast*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

10:30 AM *We Walk By Faith (ELW 635)*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Stand*

**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. All powerful and ever-living God, in the Eucharist we celebrate the Mystery of Faith. By this Easter Sacrament, renew in us the gift of faith in the New Life it promises. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

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

HYMN

*Peace, to Sooth Our Bitter Woes (LBW 338)*

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
 2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;

Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
 and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.

peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Easter Toccata*

Richard Pantcheff

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***Please join us for a continental breakfast following 8:30 AM and a luncheon following 10:30 AM, both to be held in Christ Hall.***

Today we welcome the Reverend Steven Herr, Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA. We encourage all worshipers to stay for an opportunity to get acquainted with our new Bishop.



Following the 8:30 AM liturgy there is an Adult Forum and following the 10:30 am liturgy there is a Fellowship Meal and time for conversation.

### This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

#### Sunday, April 12 The Bishop's Visit

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 AM Adult Forum with Bishop Herr
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for children
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist —Live Stream
- 11:45 AM Bishop's Reception –Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

#### Monday, April 13

- 7:00 PM Finance Committee—Zoom

#### Tuesday, April 14 Council Reports due

- 9:30 AM Pantry

#### Wednesday, April 15 Newsletter Deadline

- 10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
- 10:30 AM Bible Study— Christ hall

#### Thursday, April 16

- 10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

#### Friday, April 17

- 4:30 PM York College Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, April 18

- 8:30 AM Women's Retreat

#### Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 AM 1st Holy Communion Instruction
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist —Live Stream
- 3:00 PM York College Concert
- 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
In Loving Memory of Linda Winey by Dave, Bret and Mike Winey*



**Serving the Lord with Gladness**

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean - up	Bread Bakers
4/12	8:30 AM	Harold Sargeant	Ken Hinkle	Laura Livingston	Ron & Norma Riese, Pat Scarborough	Team 2E: Ron Riese, Kathy Monk, Ken Hinkle, Alex Bastian	Pat Scarborough, Kathleen Lemke	Norma Shue
4/12	10:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Tim Yakim	Ed LeCates	Dick & Bonnie Keeports, Gail Kerchner	Team 2L: Kem Vaught, Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Tim & Melissa Yakim	Nancy Bennett

## Music concerts and programs Spring 2026

St. Paul's Church is pleased to host the following musical events. Please show your support with your attendance. All events are FREE and open to the public.

**Sunday, April 19      York College Choirs      3:00 PM**

York College Chorale and Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Erin Lippard will present a concert featuring "Gloria" of Vivaldi and American music.

**Sunday, May 3 Matinee Musical Club of York piano recital    3:00 PM**

Come and hear some of York's finest young pianists ages 8-18 perform in concert on the church's magnificent Steinway Concert grand piano. This is the annual Piano Competition and the caliber of playing is extraordinary.



Greeters will be needed for these concerts. You will **not** be required to set up or clean up before or after the event. Your duties are to guide people to the nave and/or restrooms, etc... You will need to arrive 1/2 hour prior to the event and stay until all the guests have left. If you are interested in representing our church as part of the Hospitality Team please contact Patee at the church office.

**Instrumentalists for Summer Worship**—A sign-up sheet for anyone willing to share their musical talent is located on the stand in the Good Shepherd room. We are planning to have instrumental ensembles provide leadership for our summer worship.

**2026 Flower Chart**—The 2026 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. **The cost of each vase is \$40 per vase.** Simply complete the flower form, make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers, and slip it under the office window. All information for the bulletin needs to be received by Wednesday morning of the previous week. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized.



**Mpuguso Bake Sale—Sunday April 26**  
**Proceeds Benefit our sister congregation, Mpuguso Lutheran Church, Tanzania**

St. Paul's own Mpuguso Committee is sponsoring a Bake Sale, April 26, to help the Mpuguso Lutheran Congregation. If you would like to help with the bake sale; bake, set up, oversee the sale, clean up, or donate financially please contact members of the committee; Anna & Scott Herdson, Martina Uffelman, Tom McKee, Keith Kates, Jim Mumert and Pastor Reep. Baked goods should be dropped off at the church on Saturday morning April 25 from 9:00 AM to Noon. In advance, thank you for supporting this important work.





**St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut Butter, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags, and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you to all who help!

### **Benevolence Committee Update and Call for Applications**

We are currently still calling for applications for 2026. Please have applications to the office by April 30. You can request the online application from Patee in the office or use the green application form available in the Springettsbury Entrance. The application has a place for the year the funding is requested. Remember, you may support local, regional, national, or international ministry opportunities. Each applicant should have a connection to the project or ministry. Contact Jamie Palmer, cell 717-451-3415, and email [jlsip202@yahoo.com](mailto:jlsip202@yahoo.com).



### **Will and Estate Planning Seminar**

**Sunday, May 17, 3:00 PM.—by Saxton & Stump**

Members of St. Paul's who attend the seminar will have the opportunity for Saxton and Stump to prepare a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, and Living Will at no cost to them through the generosity of St. Paul's

Benevolence Fund. A sign-up sheet is in the Good Shepherd Room.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church is celebrating our 190th anniversary as a congregation.**

As part of honoring this historic occasion, we are undertaking a special project to recognize the legacy of our founding pastor, Jonathan Oswald. His family's burial plot at Prospect Hill Cemetery stands as an important reminder of our congregation's roots.

To honor his contribution and celebrate the church's long history, a planning committee has begun organizing a restoration and beautification effort for the Oswald family cemetery plot.

This effort will rely on the support of volunteers from our congregation and community. If you would like to assist with this project or learn more about ways to help, please contact: Aaron Jacobs [ajacobs@scorecardsales.com](mailto:ajacobs@scorecardsales.com) 717-324-8133



***Soul Tending...for Life!***

**Women's Retreat**

**April 18, 2026 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**



Come for a day of rest, a time to get away from the business of daily life, to renew old friendships and build new ones, and to deepen your relationship with God. Sign up by completing the registration form you received in the mail. Forms are also located near church exits. Contact anyone from the planning committee with questions: Janet Fitch, Julianna Jones, Kat Lemke, Patty Snyder. Or call the church office.

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>22</sup>“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**Psalm 16****SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of

God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

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