

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2026**



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Easter Sunday

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger

*Music this morning will be provided by the Church Minstrels.*

**\*\*Chairs are provided for anyone who has difficulty standing throughout the service.  
Please feel free to use your own chairs or the chairs provided.\*\***

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Welcome to this morning of new beginnings!

**People: We come to celebrate the life that death could not hold.**

Pastor: Even if the clouds hide the sun, they cannot hide the Son of God.

**People: His glory fills this place; His peace fills our hearts.**

Pastor: The stone is rolled away! The earthquake of grace has shaken the world!

**People: We will not be afraid! We will go and tell the news!**

Pastor: From the top of Summer Hill to the ends of the earth, let the proclamation ring out:

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord! Death is defeated! Life has won! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN NO. 300.....“In the Garden”

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.*

**Refrain:** *And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]*

*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]*

ENGAGING THE WORD

READING OF THE WORD

First Reading: Matthew 28:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION.....The Grace of the Great Shake-Up

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 294.....“Christ Arose!”

*Low in the grave He lay--Jesus my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day--Jesus my Lord!*

**Refrain:** *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumphant o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!*

*Vainly they watch His bed--Jesus my Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep his prey--Jesus my Savior!  
He tore the bars away--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed.**

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

DEPARTING HYMN NO. 302.....“He Lives”

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever some may say  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him he's always near.*

**Refrain:** *He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast  
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

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-The bulletins are in memory of Arlan, Fern and Donnie Krause by Ronnie and Cookie Mengel.

- Special thanks to the Church Minstrels for providing the music for our Sunrise Worship service.

-An Easter Breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall this morning at approximately 7:15am followed immediately by a Worship Service with Holy Communion around the breakfast table (8:15am). Sunday School will be held at 9:15am, followed by the 10:30am Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

-Offering on Sunday, March 29, 2025: \$2,949.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2026: \$3,368.52

**-The April Communion Offering is designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, **Deb Clauser, Carol Boyer**, Addison Faith Dodson, Galen Conover, Bill Cleary, Cassie Wolfe, Amber Chick, Mike Fessler, Keith McKevitt, Nancy VanDeest, Ernest Towne, Cathy Krause, John Borchick, Ronnie Mengel, Dave Heim, Shirley Williamson

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**FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

7:15 AM -Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall

8:15 AM -Worship service with Holy Communion around the breakfast table

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30 AM -Worship with Holy Communion and the St. Paul's Minstrels

**Wednesday, April 8**

7:00 PM -Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 12**

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30 AM -Worship with the Celebration of Baptismal Anniversaries

-Fellowship time following worship

4:00 PM -Cub Scout Meeting

**\*Lectionary Readings for next week:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

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*Christ is Risen!*  
*Christ is Risen, Indeed!!*