

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**



**SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Vertrau Auf Gott!**  
**Trust in God!**



## WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

as we gather in person and virtually to  
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Bold portions** of the bulletin are read by congregation.  
**Our Mission**

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;  
Unified us in the waters of baptism;  
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;  
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;  
Praise and worship the Trinity;  
Grow our membership with faith and love;  
And share our blessings with all God's people.

### **Holy Communion at Saint Paul's**

In the Lutheran tradition we invite persons baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit to come forward to receive Holy Communion. In the mystery of this most Holy Sacrament, we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. On your way to the altar rail, please pick up a communion cup from the small table.

A note for parents – we also welcome all baptized children, regardless of age, to receive Holy Communion. Some parents wish for their children to wait until a later age to receive. If you do not wish for your children to receive, please make sure the Pastor knows that. It is not Pastor's practice to deny children Holy Communion at the altar, unless parents indicate otherwise. Welcome and hospitality are very important at this altar.

For those who have need of gluten-free hosts or unfermented grape juice, please indicate that to the Pastor and the assistant.

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## The Service of the Word

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

A Hymn – “*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*”

Hymnal #384

### The Invocation

*Officiant* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Officiant continues*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

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

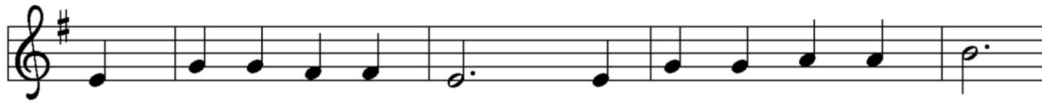
*The Officiant and People together*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## The Kyrie Eleison – “Lord, Have Mercy”



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant continues*

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## A Reading of Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19** *Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my  
bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## A Reading of 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.    *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Verse** – *The people may remain seated.*



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

## A Reading of Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But 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 took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Officiant*

The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## A Meditation on the Readings

The Hymn of the Day – *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”*

Hymnal #377

## The Apostles’ Creed

*The Officiant and People together*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Prayers of the People (*Response to each petition: “Receive our prayer.”*)

## The Peace

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The Officiant and People share a sign of Christ’s peace.*

The Offertory – *“We Come to the Hungry Feast”*

Hymnal #479

## The Thanksgiving for the Word

*Officiant* Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

*People* **We give you thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer and Sending

*Officiant* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*The Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*Officiant*

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**A Final Hymn – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**Hymnal #392**

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

**Today’s altar flowers are given in loving memory of our son, Brian, by Henry and Rosemarie Fuchs.**

**Serving This Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Acolyte & Lector: Joshua Lewis

**Serving Next Week**

Ushers & Tellers: Lee Moore

Lector: Beth Roesel

Acolyte: Ella Barletta



**2026 Delaware-Maryland Synod, Friday, June 5 through Saturday, June 6  
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**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26**  
**5:30 Dinner with VBS 6-8 pm**