



*St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Holstein, Iowa April 5, 2026 7:00 AM*  
*Easter Sunrise Service*

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

All the world rejoices because Christ is risen from the dead!

**We all shout, "Alleluia!"**

The resurrection of God's Son brings joy to every person here today!

**We all can say, "Hooray!"**

Angels at the empty tomb proclaimed, "He is not here! He is risen!"

**Alleluia! Hooray!**

Mary Magdalene ran to the disciples and said, "I have seen the Lord!"

**Alleluia! Hooray!**

"Peace be with you!" the risen Jesus declared.

**Alleluia! Hooray!**

Our sins have been taken away, as far away as the east is from the west.

**Alleluia! Hooray!**

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

**Alleluia! Hooray!**

Our lives are made new by God's goodness and grace.

**We praise you Lord, forever! Alleluia! Amen!**

♪ *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you give us joy - the contagious joy the women shared with the disciples...the joy that spreads even to us...even today. May our joy enrich our lives and move us to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



***You Are Holy***

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**Psalmody** (adapted from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

The Lord is our strength and might;

**Today, the Lord has become our salvation!**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**This is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message**

## Gospel Acclamation

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics: "A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya." and "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second system also has two lines of lyrics: "A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó." and "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed." The music features a steady rhythm with various note values and rests.

### John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

<sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Drama - "He Is Risen!"**

**Message** Vicar Emily Anderson



***Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

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**Statement of Faith**

We believe in God.

**We believe in God, the author of grace. Grace to heal, grace to save, grace that is stronger than our sins. Grace that works mighty deeds, awesome and glorious. Grace that has remained strong from ages past to present.**

We believe in Jesus Christ.

**We believe in Jesus, the heart and hands of grace. Grace that freely accepts us with love and compassion. Grace that liberates us by the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Grace that remains faithful and strong through the good times and the bad.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

**We believe in the Spirit, the very breath of grace. Grace that empowers us to stand and work for truth and justice. Grace that we share daily with our families, friends, neighbors, and the world.**

We are called to grace.

**We are called to grace. Amen.**

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**Prayers of the People**

Those who ate and drank with the risen Christ became witnesses to the world. May the members of the Church throughout the world be renewed this day in their witness to Christ.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

The stone the builders rejected became the cornerstone. May those who experience rejection for the faith be strengthened by the word and sacraments of Christ's love.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

This is the day the Lord has made. We remember our brothers and sisters who are sick or home-bound, and those in need of your comfort and healing touch...

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew the face of the earth with your Spirit, made known to us in Jesus Christ our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

Jesus' first words to the disciples after the resurrection were: "Peace be with you." Even as he showed them his wounds, the evidence of his pain, his words were: "Peace be with you." In the face of their fear, Jesus' words were: "Peace be with you."

It is with the spirit of the Resurrected Christ that we greet one another - even with our pain, with our fear, with our celebration - as we share the peace. Please share Jesus' peace with those around you. Peace be with you!

### **Children's Offering/Offering**

#### **Musical Offering**

#### ***You're the Word of God the Father***

#### **Offering Prayer**

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. May our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life.

**Amen.**

### **The Table**

We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

**We are here because Jesus is the Good News for all people.**

He took the sad news of our sin and guilt and turned it around through his dying and rising for us.

**Now, we are a part of the new people in Christ, and we come to celebrate his resurrection and presence.**

Jesus was broken for us and torn apart for us to be healed.

**He rose from the grave to unleash new life in the world. We are here to celebrate the Good News and the presence of Christ.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **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 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**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

#### **Distribution**

##### ***\*Distribution of the Sacrament\****

*All who trust in Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please tell the server if you desire grape juice as an alternative to wine, or if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

#### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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### **Blessing**

May the life-giving power of God free you to dare:  
to dare to live differently, to play and work as people who have been transformed.  
**We go as the people of God, taking the risk of following our risen Lord,  
accepting the challenge to love and be loved. Hallelujah!**

♪ ***Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises***

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### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go with the joy of Easter morning in your heart.

Go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **St. Paul Church Calendar**

### **SUNDAY, April 5 ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Easter Sunday**

**7:00 AM** Worship with Holy Communion

**8:00 AM** Coffee hour

**9:00 AM** Worship with Holy Communion

### **WEDNESDAY, April 8**

**5:00 PM** LOGOS ~ "Get Groovy"

### **SUNDAY, April 12**

**9:00 AM** Worship

**10:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:00 AM** Coffee & Fellowship

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