

You have been raised with Christ



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

Easter Day

April 5, 2026

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us on this Easter Sunday.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron, Pastor Brodie Taphorn.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by The Robertson's.

The family of Walter Schimpf will be hosting a cookie reception on April 12 for his many years of singing in the choir. The congregation is invited to stay after worship to help celebrate.

Easter Egg Hunt will held following worship this morning. Children up to grade 5 are welcome to participate.

If you want to send a card to Pastor Brodie his address is:
Ralph Brodie Taphorn
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Women's Bible Study will resume April 8 at 9:30 AM.

Church Council will meet next Sunday after worship.

God Squad will have a short meeting after worship on April 19.

Thank you to all those who provided our Easter Breakfast this morning. Also those who provided the Lenten meals

Women of the Church

Thank you so much for the donation of material and thread to our sewing group. It will be put to good use. Our sewing group meets twice a month to make quilts, walker bags and other items which we donate to various places where needed. Once again thank you. We really appreciate it.

*Linda Krueger, Trinity Lutheran Church Sewing Group
Monroeville, Oh*

Giving for The Lord's Ministry
March 29, 2026

Bell Choir	20.00
Benevolence	165.00
Current	2,482.00
Feed Crawford County	55.00
Filling Home	5.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	35.00
Missionary	40.00
NALC Seminary	85.00
NALC Disaster Relief	170.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	20.00
Special Projects	560.00
Women of the Church	5.00
Total	\$3,642.00
Attendance 122	
Anticipated Budget needs 1st QTR	\$47,365.00
Collected Current Expense	44,135.95

Lent Service 3/25 Attendance 52 Offering \$603.91

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon**. If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

Easter Flowers Given in Honor of:

Our Children, Wade & Lydia by Ben & Laura Ackerman
Kate Britton by John & Joy Britton
Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren by Kate Britton
Our Family by Dana M. Blankenship
Our Daughters Lennon & Brady by Nate & Nicole Brown
Grandchildren by Ron & Phyllis Hinamon
Nina Leitz by Dwight, Patty & Jackie Lust
Joyce Bloomfield by Henry, Charlotte, Ellie & Lucas
Shepard, Mandalyn and Emery by Jim & Helen Luidhardt
Kate Britton & Diane Hopkins by The Hopkins Family
Amber & our loved ones by Bev & David Robertson
Our Families by Amber Robertson and Brian & Abbie Shifley
Mary Huggins Monroe by Rich & Chris Krahling
Marvin Kocher by Eric & Shelly Kocher
Jim & Ruth Crabaugh by Jeff & Deb Karl & Family
Our Children & Grandchildren by Michele & Russell Breyley

Easter Flowers given in Memory of:

Roger Ackerman by Ben & Laura Ackerman

Ed Frost, Dad, Mom & Sisters by Joyce Bloomfield

Our Parents by Michele & Russell Breyley

Charles Britton, Jim & Nellie Staiger by John & Joy Britton

Loved Ones by Charles & Margaret Brinkman

Paul & Betty Ebbeskotte by The Family

Bob Huggins, Bill Krahling, Joyce Krahling, Nathan Krahling
by Rich & Chris Krahling

Charles Britton & Sam Hopkins by The Hopkins Family

Our Parents by Dave & Cindy Markley

Carrie & Our Parents by David & Bev Robertson

Carrie & loved ones gone before by Amber Robertson and Brian
& Abbie Shifley

Barb Kocher by Eric & Shelly Kocher

Grandpa Albert & Grandma Erma Crabaugh & Uncle Jeff
Crabaugh by Jeff & Deb Karl & Family

Our Parents and Grandparents by Veronica Vandayburg & Fred
Nolan

Our Parents by Ron & Roxanne Shipman

John Taphorn by Brodie & Andrea Taphorn

Loved ones by Jim & Peggy Gearhart

Our Parents, Eldon & Dolores Geiger & Francis & Jane Wurm
by Ken & June Geiger

My Parents, Louis & Margaret Carle by Sandy Erwin

Loved Ones by Jim & Ruth Crabaugh

Our Parents by George & Kathy Sheets

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Easter Breakfast 8:30 Worship /Communion 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt following worship
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM Church Council after worship

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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A Reason for Hope

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It is Easter Sunday, and we set aside this day to confess the bodily resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lilies scent the air, and alleluias are on our tongues. Yet these happy celebrations aren't reserved for only Easter Sunday. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, and as baptized children of God, our every moment finds meaning and hope in Christ's defeat of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Sometimes, however, those Easter memories fade, and we wonder if there's anything to hope for. Do we hope only in this life? Do we deserve the pity Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 15 because we lack faith in our death-defying, devil-destroying Savior? We often revel in our own pity parties. We wring our hands, get tension headaches, and worry about all the things in life we can't control.

Yet we have a Savior who has gone to the cross, destroyed death, and risen from the dead. Better yet, He did it all for us out of love and mercy. Now that is a reason for hope!

Lord Jesus, help us rejoice in Your Easter victory and live as baptized children of God, relying on Your mercy and abounding in good works. In Your name we pray. Amen.



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About the Cover: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ's resurrection has changed everything. By faith, we have died to sin, have been buried with Him, and have been raised with Him. This changes the way we look at this life, turning our eyes upward toward the things of God. One day, Christ will return. On that day, what we now hold by faith will be delivered before our very eyes as we appear with Christ in His glory at the resurrection of our bodies. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Word of God



Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)

April 5, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD,
my good above all other."

²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures evermore.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

For Spreading the News of Christ

Almighty God, you have fought to restore us to righteousness for these many generations, and in Christ Jesus, you have won the victory over sin and death. Help us, Lord, to tell the story of that victory and give thanks for it daily, that our daughters and sons may know your steadfast kindness and live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Easter Victory

Lord God, on this day you have broken the bonds of death, and have risen victorious over the power of the grave. Thank you especially for your gift of forgiveness and new life. By your grace, grant that each day the sinner in us may be put to death and the new self be raised to live with you in righteousness and faith. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Those New in the Faith

Heavenly Father, on this day when the celebration of your redeeming work in Jesus the Christ is at its fullest expression, strengthen and sustain those whose faith is tender and new. Help them to see in your church's witness a new vision of life in which grace and mercy hold sway. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Hope and Promise of the Resurrection

Good and gracious God, strengthen us, and especially all who mourn, by the promise of our joint life with Christ. May the hope of the resurrection to eternal life help us to live in confidence that we will see our loved ones again on that day when Jesus returns. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148;
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31