

*It is now the third day  
since these things happened*



St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.** We are glad to have you worship with us today.

**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 in memory of Kenneth & Marjorie Shealy by Tom & Pam Vann.

**God Squad** will have a short meeting after worship today.

**Services for Pastor Andrea's mother, Deborah Esala:** May 9, 2026 1: pm. Visitation prior to the service from 10:30-noon. Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Lytham Road Campus 2300 Lytham Rd. Upper Arlington Oh, 43220

**There will** be a meeting of the Women of the Church board on Monday, April 20 at 6:15 p.m.

**Graduates:** We need a brief write up about your high school days, future plans, hobbies etc. for the newsletter. It needs to be in the church office by April 26 so it can be put in the May/June Newsletter. Thank You.

**A sincere thank you** for the prayers, cards and concerns during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Pastor Andrea for her visit and prayers. Also, to Susie Sutherland for her great visit and bringing the delicious food from the God Squad. I am truly blessed and grateful

*Kate Britton*

**There is** a list on the bulletin board for recycling items. There is no charge and it is for Crawford County residents only. There are several different dates depending on what items you have. The location is 2540 E. Mansfield Street Bucyrus. Phone is 419-562-4169. The first date is April 25 for electronic items.

## Giving for The Lord's Ministry April 12, 2026

Benevolence	95.00
Current	2,631.00
Feed Crawford County	140.00
Filling Home	15.00
Good Friday	45.00
God Squad	20.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	25.00
Missionary	50.00
NALC Seminary	55.00
NALC Disaster Relief	10.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	45.00
Special Projects	25.00
Women of the Church	45.00
Total	\$3,201.00
Attendance 115	

Noisy Change Sunday \$68.12

**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!

**Those persons** interested in applying for the Robert & Ruby Schimpf Scholarship can pick up information from Joyce Schanzenbach in the church office or see John Britton. Qualifications include: currently enrolled as a college student (Fall of 2026), fulltime student (12 credits per semester), have a minimum 2.6 GP, an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs. If no education majors apply, the scholarship is open to other major fields of study. All forms should be returned by June 1.

## This Week at St. Paul

Sunday      Sunday School 9 AM  
                Worship 10 AM  
                God Squad meeting after worshiip

Wednesday      Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday      Sunday School 9 AM  
                Sunday School 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at [www.stpaulsulphur.com](http://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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## One Thing Needful

What would you say if someone you love told you the next day would be his last? That no matter how much pain and suffering you would see inflicted on him, you should trust that what he was doing was absolutely necessary to turn a world of evil into something good? That's what the disciples heard. Suffering is usually seen as interfering with our pursuit of happiness here on earth. What good could ever come from suffering and death? Some mightily object to the image of the manger standing in the shadow of the cross because it spoils the joy of Christmas.

In our reading, two of Jesus' disciples are struggling with that question as they walk the dusty road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On that road, they meet the resurrected Jesus, who talks with them and eventually opens their eyes to see that beyond the suffering He had to endure lies a glory that He has won for all who believe in Him. On this side of heaven, it is nearly impossible to see any good in the trials and troubles of this life. Faith, however, invites us to see beyond the pain and sorrow of this world and to look to Christ, who waits for us in all His glory.

Dear Jesus, help me see and believe that You wait for me on the other side of time. Amen.

### PORTALS of PRAYER

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Easter

**About the Cover:** When the two disciples encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord's death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living, breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34).

# The Word of God



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## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>36</sup>“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## Psalm 116:1-12\*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard  
the voice of my | supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I | called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;\***  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."

<sup>4</sup>**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;\***  
**our God is full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches | over the innocent;\*  
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup>**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,\***  
**for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup>**I will walk in the presence | of the LORD \***  
**in the land | of the living.**

<sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought | very low."\*  
In my distress I said, "No one | can be trusted."

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I re- | pay the LORD \***  
**for all the good things he has | done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup | of salvation\*  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD \***  
**in the presence of | all his people.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew 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 is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened.

<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even 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 him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Lessons for Next Week:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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**For the Baptized**

Heavenly Father, through your Spirit guide all the baptized, that they may daily discover Christ walking before, and behind them wherever their paths may lead. We pray for those preparing for baptism and those who have yet to learn of your abundant grace and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For Relief from Inclement Weather**

Creator God, all creation groans with labor pains awaiting your redemption. In this season of transitioning weather we pray for communities everywhere impacted by the vagaries of violent weather—tornados, spring flooding, high winds and lightning. Grant them safety. Be with relief workers and all who assist in recovery efforts. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For the Wisdom of World Leaders**

God of righteousness, grant wisdom to world leaders, turning them away from fear and distrust. Open their eyes to the ways of freedom and justice that reflect your reign. We pray particularly for people in those places where violence and oppression are a daily reality. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For Those in Need**

Merciful God, be present with those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who grieve, those who are ill or despairing. Make known to them the wholeness that only you can bring. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.