



**The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

**April 4, 2021**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

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## **Welcome, Friends and Guests!**

We would like to extend a special welcome to those visiting with us today. We invite you to join us again on any Sunday morning for 10:30 a.m. worship. During the COVID-19 pandemic we are offering in-person worship, with safety precautions, as well as livestreaming the service on our website.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a community that serves the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe we are called to serve the world as His disciples and love our neighbors as ourselves. We reach out to the community in a variety of ways, including supporting Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center in Lockland, as well as national and international agencies. We nurture members of our own community through prayer, study, and social activities for adults, youth, and children. New participants are welcome at all our activities and groups.

If you would like to know more about St. Paul, or need the help of a pastor, please call us at 513-821-0987 or email [mail@stpaulreading.org](mailto:mail@stpaulreading.org).

## **Notes on the Service**

*May our time together be a source of inspiration to you and praise to the Living God. Newcomers and visitors, you are especially welcome. We welcome children to worship.*

*Holy Communion will be celebrated today. We invite you to participate if you believe Jesus is your Lord. Individual communion cups containing a wafer and either wine or grape juice are available on the table just outside the sanctuary doors.*

## **Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God by:**

Taylor and Rev. Emily Beckering • Sherry Bronner • Mark Burg-Johann • John and Jeni Cathcart • Kathy Crosby • Nancy Erbeck • Jeff and Holly Ford • Ron and Shirley Harbaugh • Joe and Elain Heskamp • Kathy Hirt • Penny Huber • Dennis and Janet King • Carroll and Cindy Mayhugh • Terry and Joyce McDowell • Jim and Linda Miller • Denny and Joy Niefeld • Joyce Spelman • Jack and Mary Wagner

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### Gathering

Pre-Service Music: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon  
Handbell Choir

### Prelude

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

### Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Opening Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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| 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds<br>in praise of love that still abounds:<br>“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”<br>Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!<br>Repeat their song of glory here:<br>“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;<br>set heart and will on things above<br>that we conquer through your triumph;<br>grant grace sufficient for life’s day<br>that by our lives we truly say:<br>Christ has triumphed! He is living!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,<br>therefore our heart with rapture sings:<br>“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”<br>Now still he comes to give us life<br>and by his presence stills all strife.<br>Christ has triumphed! He is living!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!              | 4 Adoring praises now we bring<br>and with the heav’nly blessed sing:<br>“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”<br>Be to the Father, and our Lord,<br>to Spirit blest, most holy God,<br>all the glory, never ending!<br>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!                            |

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Word

### Blessing of the Lector

**P:** Let us pray. Bless, O Lord, your servant John as he reads to us the holy word. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### First Reading: 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup> **Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;**

**God’s mercy endures forever.**

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,**

**“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> **The Lord is my strength and my song,**

**and has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> **The right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

**The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”**

- <sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**
- <sup>18</sup> **The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.**
- <sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**
- <sup>20</sup> **“This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”**
- <sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- <sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

### *Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. 3 We have been crucified with Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. 4 God has proclaimed the just reward:  
He is the King of creation. *Refrain* life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: 5 Come, let us praise the living God,  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain* Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

## Gospel: Mark 16:1-20

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

<sup>9</sup>Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

<sup>12</sup>After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

<sup>14</sup>Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those

who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

<sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Special Music: “Christ is Risen”

Handt Hanson, arr. Henry Wiens

Kathryn Keith, Vocalist

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: “The Power of the Empty Tomb”

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br>our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!                  | 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!<br>our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!<br>where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br>who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br>sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!<br>praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

## Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*After the last petition:*

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## The Meal

### Invitation to Offering

Offertory: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

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| 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!<br>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br>offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br>at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!   | 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!<br>God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!<br>when contending death and life, Alleluia!<br>met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia! |
| 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!<br>sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! | 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!<br>all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!  |

### Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous**

**hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

## 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

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be raised from the dead.

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All eat bread and drink wine or juice at their seat.*

## Communion Hymn: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" v. 1, 4-7

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing<br>praise to our victorious king,<br>who has washed us in the tide<br>flowing from his pierced side.<br>Alleluia! | 5 Mighty victim from the sky,<br>hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;<br>you have conquered in the fight,<br>you have brought us life and light.<br>Alleluia! |
| 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,<br>paschal victim, paschal bread;<br>with sincerity and love<br>eat we manna from above.<br>Alleluia!      | 6 Now no more can death appall,<br>now no more the grave enthrall;<br>you have opened paradise,<br>and your saints in you shall rise.<br>Alleluia!             |
| 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!<br>This alone can sin destroy;<br>from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,<br>newborn souls in you to be.<br>Alleluia!     |  |

## Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" v. 1-2, 5-8

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, he lives, who once was dead;<br>he lives, my ever-living head! | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>he lives eternally to save;<br>he lives exalted, throned above;<br>he lives to rule his church in love.        | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there.                 |
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.       | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!                    |

### Easter Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

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

Postlude: "Christ is Arisen", from *Judas Maccabaeus* arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

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## Worship Leaders

The Rev. Emily Beckering, Pastor

Kris Keith, Music Director

Kate Wollenburg, Organist

Jarod Gallenstein, Trumpet

Nancy Erbeck, Assisting Minister

John Cathcart, Reader

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## Our Life Together

**For emergency pastoral care**, please call the after-hours line at 513-760-5884.

**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel**; **Louise Barry**; **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Beth** (Elinor Schieman's daughter); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Nicole Bucknam** (friend of Millers); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Ann Cathcart** (Laines' daughter-in-law); **Christian**; **Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Colin** (Millers' grandson); **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Lee and Jane Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **George and Sherry** (Shirley Harbaugh's cousins); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Steve Gollehon** (Elinor Schieman's cousin); **Hannah**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton**; **Mary Ann Hudecki** (Linda Miller's sister), **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Ruth Lohmeier**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Revea and Jim Mayhew** (Millers' sister & brother-in-law); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Ann Miller** (Millers' niece); **Mary Mills** (St. Paul Players); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton**; **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **Ervin, Carol, Jim, and Jeannie Oerther** (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin**; **Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brothers); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape**; **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper**; **Faith Pirrmann**; **Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends

of Riddle family); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter & son-in-law); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner; Jeanne Wagner; Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nade and Barry Wisecup).

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, April 4: Easter Day**

10:30 am Worship

### **Tuesday, April 6**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, April 7**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

### **Sunday, April 11: 2 Easter**

10:30 am Worship

### **Tuesday, April 13**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, April 14**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

### **Thursday, April 15**

7 pm Worship & Music Committee (Zoom)

## About St. Paul

*Most of our usual activities are currently meeting via Zoom, exercising special safety precautions, or waiting until a COVID vaccine is available to all ages before resuming meetings. Please see the calendar on our website at [stpaulreading.org/news-and-events/events-calendar/](http://stpaulreading.org/news-and-events/events-calendar/) for a current schedule of events.*

### **Worship & Education: Grow in Faith!**

- Sunday Worship 10:30 am
- Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Weddings & Vow Renewal
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study Weekly
- Special Topics Bible Study Series Throughout the Year

### **Ministries: Serve!**

- St. Paul Players – Four plays per year
- St. Paul Choir, Children’s Choir, Orchestra & Handbell Choir
- Dorcas Circle Quilting— benefits Lutheran World Relief
- Monthly Community Breakfast
- Operation Christmas Child
- Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center
- Tender Mercies (housing & services for adults with mental illnesses)
- Nursing home visits and greeting cards
- Matthew 25 Ministries

### **Social Activities: Connect!**

- OWLS Senior Group activities
- Teen Group activities
- In-House Dinner Theater Performances
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Breakfast
- Ice Cream Social & Games
- Fall Festival with Food, Games, & Costumes
- Live Outdoor Christmas Nativity

### **Find Us On Social Media**

*Facebook:* @stpaulcincinnati

*YouTube:* Search for “St Paul Lutheran Church, Reading”

*Instagram:* @stpaulreadingoh

*Website:* [stpaulreading.org](http://stpaulreading.org)

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