



“Did not our **hearts**
burn within us ...
while **he opened** to us
the **Scriptures**?”

Luke 24:32, ESV

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship, we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER/GREETER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices • Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023
Holy Communion ~ Holy Baptism

+Indicates to rise as you are able.
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter, the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves, and it is true... Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Our Lord is with us now and always, for Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ **SONG** “Let All Things Now Living” ELW #881

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

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

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Please read responsively by whole verses.*

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

**¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Only By the Blood of the Lamb”

“Only by the Blood of the Lamb”

Only by the blood of the Lamb,
Only by the blood of the Lamb;
We’ve overcome, in His grace we now stand,
Only by the blood of the Lamb.
Repeat

+GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Children’s Bible page # 488

The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹He 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes,

As you bring this child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to have her live among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Bryar Lorraine may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Bryar Lorraine and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **People: We do.**

As parents, sponsors, family and members of this congregation, the family of God, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We do.**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took

delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Bryar Lorraine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Bryar Lorraine with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Bryar Lorraine, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever in this baptism!

Pastor: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!

Pastor: Let us welcome this child into God's family by singing one verse of "Jesus Loves Me", twice.

All: Jesus loves me this I know For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes! Jesus loves me. Yes! Jesus loves me. Yes! Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so. (twice)

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

SPECIAL MUSIC By Organist

+OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying “This is my body, given for you.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb'ring I died for you.**

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins."

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.**

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.**

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

+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 and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

Our mission statement reminds us of our collective calling as St. Paul Lutheran Church in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is the mission we share together?

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG *“Thine Is the Glory” ELW #376*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- We welcome into our family through Holy Baptism, Bryar Lorraine Uhlich. Child of Jordan and Christian Uhlich.
- May Calendar: is on the table in the church entry.

Outreach

- **St. Paul at Camp of the Cross Spring Clean Up Day!** Can you help out with CCM? We are having a workday next Sunday, April 30th from 12Noon-5PM. Lunch provided. Please see Pastor Sloka or Holly for questions or to sign up!
- **Camp of the Cross: The Camp is having a ““Chair”ing is Caring!”** fundraiser to buy new chairs for the fellowship hall. See the new chair, in the gathering space, that they are planning to purchase. Each chair is \$25. There are Camp envelopes for the donations on a table in the church entry.
- **Baccalaureate:** The community will celebrate all our Garrison Graduates here at St. Paul on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00PM.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Fellowship Hosts:** We need hosts for April and May.
- **Readers:** are needed for April and May. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Acolytes:** We need hosts for April and May.
- **Recycle:** we have a box full for recycling if anyone is available. Thanks!

Upcoming

- **Church Picnic:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 10th at 6PM for the annual congregational picnic. Food, Games and Fun for all ages!

General

- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Directory:** We are going to update the church directory. Loree would like everyone's phone numbers and addresses updated before she runs the new directory. Please email, text or write a note and leave on Loree's desk. She will be using the information that is listed in Breeze, our church management system.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

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*Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!*



In Our Prayers...

Kristi Devitt, Daniel Devitt, Hayden Ogilvie, Edythe Rustad, Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennett, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz. Judy Proffit and family at the death of Dennis, The Iglehart family at the death of Linda.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Chad Wimer	April 23
Wade Kolden	April 24
Mark Retterath	April 24
Harold Lindsey	April 25
Rachel Hett	April 27
Ben Hudgen	April 27
Aspyn Thelen	April 27
Vanona Rime	April 28
Nashton Wimer	April 28
Naomi Bovkoon	April 29



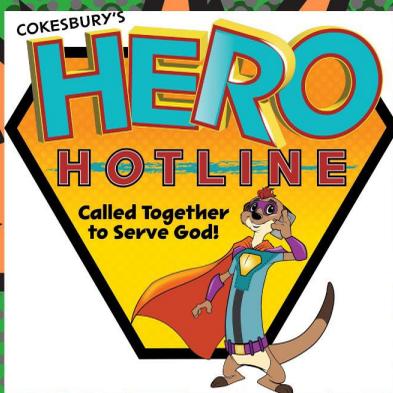
**WHEN: MON, MAY 22ND -
THUR, MAY 25TH**

**WHERE: ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GARRISON, ND**

**WHO: ANY CHILD
KINDERGARTEN -
6TH GRADE**

**PRE-REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: MAY 8TH**

**PROGRAM IS OFFERED AS
FREE-WILL DONATION**



THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Today, April 23rd

9:45 a.m.	Worship- Holy Communion
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
1:00 & 3:15 p.m.	Stained Glass Classes
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Mon. April 24

Office Closed

Tues. 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon
10:00 a.m.

Office Hours
Men's Bible Study

Wed. 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. -12 Noon

Youth Breakfast 9-12th
Office Hours

1:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Chapel on the 3rd Floor
3rd-6th gr. Sunshine Friends
7th Confirmation
8th-9th Confirmation

Thurs. 10:00 p.m.

Community Bible Study at The Meadows

Next Sunday, April 30th

9:45 a.m.	Worship
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9-12 LOL meet-up
11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
12:00 p.m.	Church and Youth CCM clean-up day

PERMANENT PROJECTOR AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY

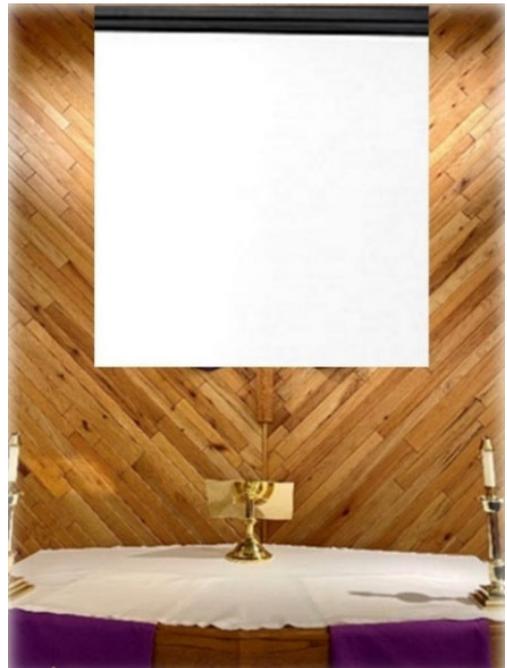
The Church Council after many years of discussion made the decision to put in the sanctuary a permanent projector and *retractable projection screen*. They believe it will enhance our worship experience and be helpful for children and youth ministries. After receiving a bid, they would like to move forward with your support. However, they will not install them until the monies are raised. So, we need your help! The cost is \$20,000 for the equipment, installation, and the work of an electrician.

We have raised \$7,590 so far. Can you help us meet our goal?

Please prayerfully consider helping make this possible! Please see a council member if you have questions.



Retractable not permanent



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Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial & Church Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Ushers</i>	Vickie Frothinger & Darren Kolden
<i>Greeters</i>	Sharon Schwarz
<i>Acolyte</i>	Mason Hanson & Chandler Hanson
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Lisa Haugen & Tami Engel
<i>Communion Set-up and Clean-up</i>	Tami Engel
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	Haugen's & Splichal's
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

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