

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

### OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin. **Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death. **Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God. **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Almighty God, we confess that like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our faces are often downcast and our hearts are slow to believe. We wander like strangers in a strange land, placing our trust in perishable things and empty lifestyles rather than in your enduring Word. We walk right beside you, yet our eyes are kept from recognizing your presence among us. Forgive us, O God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, open our eyes and set our hearts on fire with your truth. Comfort our ruins, and free us from our fears, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of your everlasting salvation. Amen.**

Followers of Jesus: The heavens may vanish like smoke and the earth wear out like clothing, but God's salvation will endure forever. We have been liberated not by perishable things, but by the precious life of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given new birth.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: #384 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright**

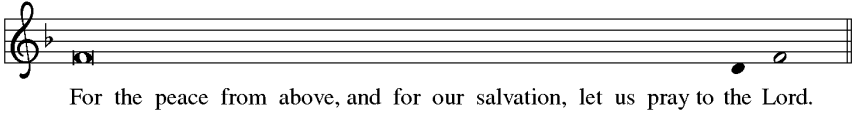
### GREETING (p. 203)

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

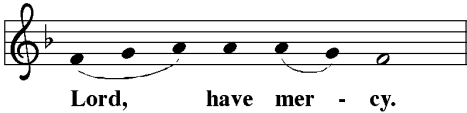
# KYRIE (p. 138)



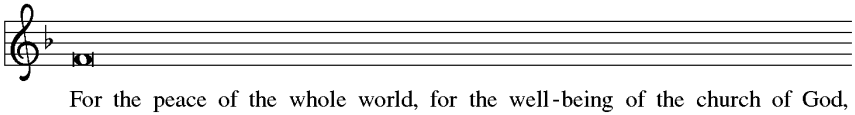
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



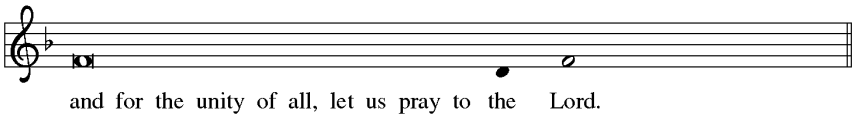
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



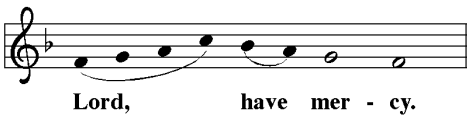
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



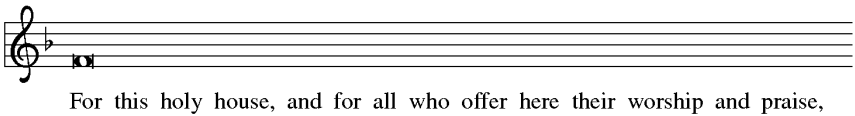
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



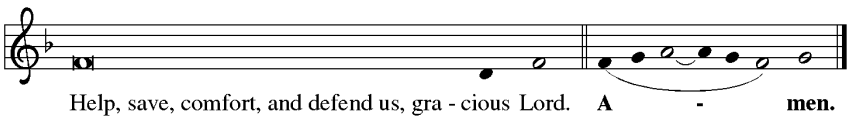
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,

glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, “The Lord has risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC St. Paul’s Choir, "Marvelous Mystery"**

**First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 (CEB)**

*The enduring foundation of God’s salvation*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me,  
 you who look for righteousness,  
 you who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
 and to the quarry where you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your ancestor,  
 and to Sarah, who gave you birth.  
 They were alone when I called them,  
 but I blessed them and made them many.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will comfort Zion;  
 he will comfort all her ruins.  
 He will make her desert like Eden  
 and her wilderness like the Lord’s garden.

Happiness and joy will be found in her—  
thanks and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup> Pay attention to me, my people;  
listen to me, my nation,  
for teaching will go out from me,  
my justice, as a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup> I will quickly bring my victory.

My salvation is on its way,  
and my arm will judge the peoples.  
The coastlands hope for me;  
they wait for my judgment.

<sup>6</sup> Look up to the heavens,  
and gaze at the earth beneath.  
The heavens will disappear like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like clothing,  
and its inhabitants will die like gnats.  
But my salvation will endure forever,  
and my righteousness will be unbroken.

**Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup> **I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup> Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who <sup>l</sup> fear  
the Lord  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> **Taste and see that the Lord is good;**

**happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,  
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (CEB)**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. <sup>18</sup> Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. <sup>19</sup> Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. <sup>20</sup> Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, <sup>21</sup> who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

<sup>22</sup> As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. <sup>23</sup> Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Before:* The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 (CEB)**

*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.*

<sup>13</sup> On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. <sup>16</sup> They were prevented from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup> The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

<sup>19</sup> He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. <sup>20</sup> But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. <sup>22</sup> But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

<sup>28</sup> When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

*After:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON: “Tasting God’s Goodness at the Ordinary Table”**

**HYMN: #376 Thine is the Glory**

## **NICENE CREED (p. 104)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under**

**Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

#### **OFFERING St. Paul's Choir, "He Set Us Free"**

Like the disciples at Emmaus, our hearts burn within us at the bountiful goodness of God, who comforts our ruins and makes our deserts bloom like Eden. In joyful gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

#### **Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Offering Prayer: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. As you comfort our ruins and make our deserts bloom, use these gifts to bring your light to the nations. Unite us with our risen Lord, who walks beside us on the road and lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)**

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.**

Blessing God, you walk with us from the Jerusalem of our failure to the Emmaus of your glorious revelation. You made us to be your companions, and you gave us food and drink that we might share your substance with you. You created us from the dust of the earth, and you re-created us by water and the Spirit. You called your

chosen people, you sent Moses and the prophets, and you came among us in Jesus that we might know you in his crucified and broken body and celebrate you in the everlasting joy of his resurrection. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (p. 145)**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)**

**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.**

### **LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. Let us sing:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Each group at the altar rail will be dismissed with a blessing. Please give a family Communion card to an usher. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as you come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

**Distribution Hymns: #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**#494 For the Bread Which You Have  
Broken**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Now the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life bless and keep you. **Alleluia!**

**HYMN: #539 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

## CHARGE

Go in the joy of resurrection: purify your souls; be obedient to the truth; be genuine in love, through the living and enduring Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

April 19, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

## PRAYER LIST

### **For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:**

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Loiland family	Trevin Monahan
Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson	Mark Peterson
Lenny Devos	Glorryne Casmey	Lucile Torkelson
Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau
Leah Knotek Ellefsson		

**For our missionaries:** Steve & Kelly Solheim  
City of Joy Rwanda

**For our servicemen:** Brandon Johnson      D.J. Brace

***Please keep them in your prayers this week.***

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, [marianbakken@gmail.com](mailto:marianbakken@gmail.com).

## MISSION

### To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

Carol Solheim and Bruce Arvidson

Communion Server

Marilyn Flateland

Scripture Reader

Betty Arvidson

Acolyte

Altar Guild

Judy Luettjohann

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Penny Blokzyl

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Stewardship

Livestream

### APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Thanks a bunch to April's Marvelous Worship Service Team for your faithful response to serving this month! **Thank you!** 😊

Carol Solheim

Bruce and Betty Arvidson

Marilyn Flateland

Gina Gunderson

Ron and Connie Haller

Pearl Johnson

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Psalms 100

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Readings for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am- 2pm**

**Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business. Worship via Facebook: [facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn](https://facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn)**

### ***Sunday, April 19***

**8:45 am**

**10:00 am**

**11:00 am**

**6:30 pm**

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**SS/Adult Bible Study**

**Worship/Communion**

**Fellowship-Volunteer Recognition**

**New Member Class**

**Women's Book Read**

### ***Monday, April 20***

**8:30 am**

**LWR Quilting**

### ***Tuesday, April 21***

**7:00 am**

**1:30 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship**

**Lydia Rachel Circle**

**AA**

### ***Wednesday, April 22***

**6:30 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**"Spring Thing" at CHS**

**Choir Practice**

### ***Thursday, April 23***

### ***Friday, April 24***

**Church office closed**

**Pastor's Day off**

### ***Sunday, April 26***

**8:45 am**

**10:00 am**

**11:00 am**

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

**New Member Welcome**

**SS/Adult Bible Study**

**Worship**

**Fellowship**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Attendance: 87**

**Our gifts towards Budget:**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,229.72
Loose Offering	\$ 398.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 169.64
General Fund	\$ 75.00
(Polk County Hist. Soc. Annual Meeting)	

**Other (non-budget) Receipts:**

Improvement Fund	\$ 45.25
Flower Bed/Tree Fund	\$ 50.00
Memorials	\$ 110.00

**Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:**

Total received towards Budget	\$4,675.42
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$3,912.36
Total Received	\$ 205.25
	\$4,117.61

The most recent Treasurer's Report was approved at the last Church Council meeting. You can review it in the bulletin or web bulletin from March 29<sup>th</sup> or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

We have incredible news to share; we have reached our parsonage siding fundraising goal of **\$29,385.96!** Thank you so much!

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

### **SYNOD WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING**

NW MN Synodical Women's Organization

2026 Conference 3 Spring Gathering

*Strong in Faith, Courageous in Love*

Saturday, **April 25, 2026** / Sand Hill Lutheran Church

**9:00 AM** - Registration, Egg Bake Brunch & Fellowship

**10:00 AM** - Program & Business Meeting

Guest Speaker: **Nola Smith**, SWO Board Member

Writer Nola Smith reflects on her travels with Women of the ELCA's Global Education Program and the powerful faith and resilience of young women in Tanzania.

*There will be a special offering taken for the Women of the ELCA's Global Education Program.*

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If you need or would like a ride, please give Carol Johnson a call: 218-280-9865. Handicap accessible

### **HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS – WOMEN OF ELCA**

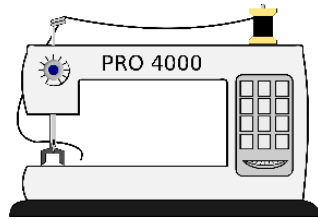
If you or anyone you know is a high school senior graduating this spring, and is planning to attend an ELCA College, you may be eligible for a scholarship through the SWO W/ELCA. A letter detailing the qualifications, plus a form to fill out can be found online at: [nwmnsynod.org/assets/High-School-Scholarship-Letter-andApplication.pdf](http://nwmnsynod.org/assets/High-School-Scholarship-Letter-andApplication.pdf) or contact the church office. The four criteria for eligibility are:

1. Be a graduating High School Senior with a "C" average or above.
2. Be a member of an ELCA Church.
3. Be a resident of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.
4. Be attending an ELCA College.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

## QUILTER'S WISH LIST

As people are doing their spring cleaning, the quilters would appreciate any of the following items: sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, bed skirts, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, drapes, curtains, tablecloths, fabric, and yarn. Many of these items are fillers for quilts; the age/use of them is not significant.



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Common Grounds “Spring Thing” for 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the High School
- **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Confirmation Sunday
- **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** Quilt presentations to St. Paul’s graduating seniors

## SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office hours have been updated. All remains the same except Tuesday hours will be 12:00 – 5:00.

Thank you. 😊

## LWR PACKING



The wonderful ladies of our Lutheran World Relief Quilting group will be packing and sending another shipment of quilts, baby kits and health care kits on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are able to help that day, beginning at 8:30 am, we would be very thankful. 😊

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK - APRIL 19-25, 2026**

“Shining a Light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve.”

Global Volunteer Month and National Volunteer Week celebrate the people who make change happen. Volunteers, you



are at the center of this movement, and all April we recognize the impact you create. Every act of service builds stronger communities and brings people together. When you act, you create connections, strengthen belonging, improve your own well-being, and move communities forward.

We are so incredibly grateful for the time and energy given to each and everyone who minister to St. Paul’s church, in big and/or small ways! Please join us for a **Volunteer Recognition gathering TODAY following service.**

***PLEASE ACCEPT OUR ENDLESS GRATITUDE!***

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday School:** This week, our kids are learning about the Great Commission! They discovered how Jesus gathered his disciples and encouraged them to "go everywhere in the world" to share his teachings and the good news.

**Confirmation:** Our Confirmation students have been expanding their understanding of the broader faith community. They recently spent time exploring the history and beliefs of other Christian denominations, as well as learning about other major world religions.

**Youth Event: 5th Annual Spring Thing!** All 6th–12th graders (including our Confirmation students) are invited to the 5th Annual Spring Thing on **Wednesday, April 22nd**. Hosted by Common Grounds—a partnership of local churches—this will be a fun-filled evening of games, worship, treats, and sharing faith stories.

**Where:** Crookston High School

**When:** Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30 PM to 8:45 pm

**Who:** All 6th-12th graders

Come hang out, have fun together, and grow in faith!

## **REFLECTION AND PRAYER**

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as he taught them the meaning of the Scriptures. However, they finally recognized him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.” How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Lord Jesus, your rising from tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal as the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of life anew. Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love, that I may with confidence sing “Alleluia.” Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Loving God, you have upheld me with your love even when I have not been aware of your presence. As I rest from my labors let me sleep without fear of darkness or death and rise refreshed to begin a new day in humble service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

St. Paul’s Church will be hosting a presentation about Online Safety on Wednesday evening, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. All parents, grandparents, and guardians throughout the community are encouraged to attend. More details coming soon.



### ***Psalm 34:8-9***

***8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in  
God!***

***9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,  
for those who fear the Lord lack  
nothing.”***