

I AM THE
Alpha



AND THE
Omega

Revelation 1:8

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the
Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

Second Sunday after Easter

April 27, 2025

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

* Indicates when to stand

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

Call to Worship

P. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

C. His faithful love endures forever!

P. The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

C. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!

P. This is the day the Lord has made!

C. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*GATHERING SONG: *"This Is My Father's World"*

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.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:12-32

THE PSALM: Psalm 148

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 1:4-18

*GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

P. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

C. And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

*THE SONG: *"Because He Lives"*

Assisting in Today's Service:

Lector: Terry Braden

Ushers: Autumn Sperski, Terry Braden

Communion Assistant: Monie Diller, Hobie Kenton

Tellers: Marlene Lacanic, Nancy Altman, Meridith McGinnis

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:

Vivian Beers, Charlotte Hostetler, Don Diller, Claire Jones, Janea, Joanne Toy, Tom Leskovik, Paige Swagger, Ted & Pat Kaminski, Scott Reyer, Ron Hanna, Rodney, Al Reyer, Dave Bochman, Joyce & Nelson Bastin, Michael Furer, Hobe Kenton, Dave Fotheringham, Monie's sister, Cami McDonald, Clyde Altman, Mark Love, Maddie Kirsch, Alexia, Rylynn, Rod, Mya W. & Family, Sidora Family, Walter Henkel, Gary Beatty, Reese Hanna, Kevin Hughes, Michelle, Nick, Clayton, Glenda, Barbara Mitchell, Baby Everett, Cy Janoski, Jr., Michelle Menees & family, Owen, Sarah Jones

Wanted for VBS: artificial Christmas trees (green only)

We are in need of borrowing Christmas trees for our VBS scenery this year. If you have a 4foot or larger tree that you would be willing to let us use for the week of June 16-20 please see Terry Carns.

Please bring them to the church no sooner than June 1.

Yard Sale Donation Drop Off

St. Paul's Preschool and the Women's Group will be holding a

Yard Sale on Saturday May 3 from 8:00am-2:00pm

We will be accepting donations on the following days/time:

Tuesday-Thursday, April 29-May 1

9:30am-12:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm

Please bring your donations only at these specified times.

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light the lily white,
Declare the makers praise.
This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world
Oh, let me not forget
That though the wrong
seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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*THE NICENE CREED

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. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 THE CHURCH

*Each petition will conclude with "Lord, in Your mercy,"
Please respond with "hear our prayer."*

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

P. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

C. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

P. Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering.

C. For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you.

*PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE LAMB OF GOD

P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C. Have mercy on us.

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C. Have mercy on us.

P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C. Grant us your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BLESSING AND RESPONSE

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

C. Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel.
(Luke 2:29-32)

*THE BENEDICTION

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*THE SENDING SONG: *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

*THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Because He Lives

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God sent His son, they called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He hold the future,

And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,

I'll fight life's final war with pain;

And then, as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the light of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee

God of glory, Lord of love,

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee

Opening to the sun above.

Thou art giving and forgiving,

Ever blessing, ever blessed,

Wellspring of the joy of living,

Ocean depth of happy rest.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,

Which the morning stars began

Father love is reigning o'er us

Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us Sunward

In the triumph song of life.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love.