

GOOD NEWS



2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

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Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;

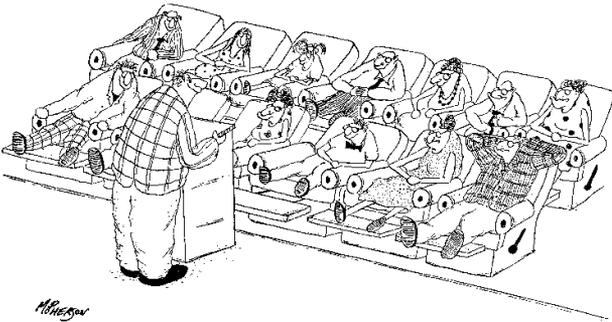
*As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshipping God.*

from the
PASTOR



HOWARD
STRINGER

Jesus didn't hav' to wear a
tie to church.



Albrecht

ATTENDANCE INCREASED BY 60 PERCENT AFTER THE
RECLINERS WERE INSTALLED.

Why all the cartoons? Many years ago it was the practice of some sects of the church to begin the sermons on the Sunday morning after Easter by telling jokes. It was to remember the biggest joke ever played: the joke God played on the devil on the first Easter morning. The punch line of the joke was, “Jesus is not dead, he has risen!” As a good joke grabs our attention and turns everything around, God has turned our world upside down from evil conquering all to a life of hope and promise.

Your Pastor,

Tim W Muehlbrad



DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Special Seder Meal during Sunday School hour

On Sunday, March 29th we will be holding a special re-enactment of the Passover meal called a Seder Meal. It will help us understand the meaning of the Passover Meal. It will be a very interesting and learning experience for all including the children as they play a special role in the meal. It will be held during the Sunday School hour after worship in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday. Please plan on attending.

Easter Breakfast

Our annual Easter Breakfast led by the youth will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday! Come with a good appetite and we will see you there!

CHANGE: Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday!

This year our annual Easter Egg hunt will be changing to Easter Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. following the Easter Breakfast. We will begin in the Basement with a short opening and then give instructions on the hunt and send you out to find the eggs! Don't forget to bring your baskets along with you on Easter Sunday morning! Good hunting!

Sunday School Helper Opportunities!

Palm Sunday: Palm procession during opening of worship service. We need as many children and youth to lead the palm procession during the opening Hymn for our Palm Sunday worship. Please try to be there by 8:45 a.m. so we can get the palms handed out and everyone lined up!

Easter Sunday: Alleluia Banner Procession during the 10:30 worship service. At the opening of the worship service we will bring back the Alleluia banner after its rest during Lent. We need children and youth to carry in the banner during the first Hymn. Please try to meet downstairs in the basement about 10:15 a.m. to prepare.

Decoration Day Is For All!

Each year the Sunday after Easter is the day we meet at the St Paul Cemetery for Sunday School and a brief worship service commemorating those who have passed before us and the victory Christ won over death for us the previous Easter Sunday! The children and youth begin the worship together with all but then break off to their own learning time. There is a special craft planned this year so we hope you will be there to see the reveal! Also, there are refreshments afterwards! Hope to see you there!

Camp Sign Up

We are fast approaching the final deadline of May 1st for signing up for camp. We need to get our campers signed up so we can start making plans and we do not lose our reserved spots. Our dates are July 12-17 at Camp Lone Star in Lagrange TX. If you still need instructions contact Terry for details on the way to sign up online. (Note: it is a little different for those who are 13 by the time of our camp. If your camper will be 13 by or during the camp dates, contact Terry for more info.). After signing up online the final step would be: Provide the church with a \$175 deposit that is refundable when your youth attends camp.

We look forward to a great week together in July!



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 10, 2026 @ 6 PM**

Empowered by the holy spirit to make Christ known; as we love one another, serve our neighbors, and grow in our faith through studying God's word and worshipping God.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Jeremy Kneese, President. Council members present for the meeting were Jeremy Kneese, Laurey Garcia, Larry Gohmert, Linda Hurta, Erin Koopmann, Calvin Bruns, Ashleigh Peyton, Kristin Schustereit, Susan Franke, Wade Bolting, Adyn Garcia, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael and Katie Serrano were also in attendance.
2. **DEVOTION-** Calvin Bruns opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **MINUTES-** Wade Bolting made a motion, which was seconded by Laurey Garcia, to accept the minutes from February 10, 2026, with the corrections to the date (January 13, 2026) and a name (Wade Bolting). The motion carried.
4. **REPORTS-**
 - a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
 - b. **Parish Education-** Erin Koopmann reported:
 1. On February 26th, I met with Terry to discuss the plans for sharing the Easter story and egg hunt that will take place on Easter Sunday during the SS hour. We reviewed and selected items to order for Palm Sunday and for the egg hunt, which includes items for the children to make that can be used to decorate for the Easter breakfast and then taken home afterwards. He informed me that he has already taken care of ordering the palms for Palm Sunday.
 2. Terry also shared an activity he would like to do with the children on Decoration Day, and he will need assistance with that.
 3. Terry went over the SEED Sunday School curriculum with me and the costs of it. We discussed different ideas for teaching through the summer, but we will look further into that after

Easter and after discussing ideas with the teachers to see how they wish to continue.

- c. **Youth Committee Report**-Laurey Garcia reported:
1. FFF was scheduled to play Bingo at the YKT Manor on Saturday, 2/28/2026, at 2 PM. Unfortunately, due to a miscommunication between the previous activity director and the newly employed activity director, we were unable to. Hopefully, we can reschedule and try again, as the residents enjoy it tremendously!
 2. Our Crazy Crafts on Sunday, 3/1/2028, had nine people attend. They all enjoyed crafting everything from t-shirts to wooden crosses and canvas art! We had a lot of fun!
 3. The Mother/Daughter Tea is cancelled, but we will host a Muffins with Mom during the SS hours on Sunday, 5/10/2026, in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the youth. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!
 4. During our Youth Committee meeting for February, Terry informed the committee that the Oromo Church youth would not be joining the St. Paul youth for church camp this year or in the future due to a lack of communication on the part of the Oromo leaders.
 5. Lori Kneese is heading up the Seder Meal and is looking for volunteers to assist in different areas. Please contact her if you or your youth would like to help out.
 6. Easter breakfast will be hosted by the youth. They've decided on breakfast tacos with a choice of eggs, bacon, sausage, cheese, potatoes, and hot sauce. There will also be donuts, toast, and bagels, with butter, jelly, and cream cheese spreads. Finally, we will serve yogurt with fruit and granola. For drinks, we will serve coffee, orange juice, milk, and chocolate milk.
 7. This year, the egg hunt will be ON Easter Sunday, 4/5/2026, during the Sunday School hour. The JH

will fill the eggs, hide them on the playground for the littles, and hide them all around the prayer garden for the older kids.

8. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, @ 6 PM.
- d. **Youth Representative**-No report provided.
- e. **DCE**- Terry Carmichael reported
 1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
 - a. Have been providing elementary Sunday school teachers with downloading, copying their new curriculum materials for the month, and placing them in their binders in the classrooms.
 - b. Have been providing the 1st and 2nd grade classes with some supplemental ideas to go with their curriculum.
 - c. Have been working with the summer camping registration process at Camp Lone Star with the Pioneer Group's registration. We have 10 campers confirmed attending.
 - d. Assisted Pastor with teaching the Confirmation classes.
 - e. Will be assisting Pastor with the guitar classes on Wednesday evenings.
 - f. Attended multiple age groups' basketball games to support our youth on those teams.
 - g. Attended the Yorktown Stock Show.
 - h. Have been slowly moving items back into the office now that the carpet is replaced.
 - i. Met with Erin Koopmann for an orientation on the education program and scheduling.
 - j. Attended several of the girls' high school softball games.
 - k. With the large help of Larry Gohmert have been working on re-establishing files and connections with a new computer he installed, as the old one in my office was running Windows 10, which Microsoft is no longer supporting or updating.

1. Have been providing weekly Lenten devotions on the church Facebook page.
- f. **Worship-** Linda Hurta reported:
1. I thank Jay for the wonderful transition to my new position.
 2. On April 11th and 12th, Jay and Terry are going to be heading the services.
 3. April 12th, on Decoration Day, Jay is going to lead the service while Terry takes the attending youth for activities.
- g. **Evangelism/Outreach-** Wade Bolting reported:
1. Sent out 2 visitor postcards.
- h. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:
1. Assistance was provided to 1 individual in February 2026.
 - a. Provided help for one individual with electric bill \$100.00.
- i. **Christian Life-** Kristen Schustereit Reported:
1. On February 15, 2026, a meal was served after the Congregational Meeting. Leftover meat, potatoes, and green beans from the Christmas Feast were served. The congregation brought additional sides and desserts. 35 people attended.
 2. On February 17, 2026, the Shrove Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms was held with 40 people in attendance.
- j. **Property-** Larry Gohmert reported:
1. As of this writing, I am still waiting to see if TKE is going to release its contractual claim on our elevator's maintenance. AmeriTex is ready to assume the maintenance duties, and I have sent them a signed contract dated February 1, 2026.
 2. The Learning Garden has reported mold in the air conditioning ductwork in the two's classroom. ServPro of Victoria has done this sort of cleaning for us previously, and they have quoted \$8,027.09 to do the work. They also require that an air conditioning technician remove the air handler from its closet so that they can clean it. The

technician would then need to reinstall it. I have contacted Schroeder Air Conditioning of Victoria about this. They were supposed to get here to look at the job on or about March 2nd, but as of this writing, I am still waiting.

3. Rafter J Construction is being delayed in the start of the youth facility by a City of Yorktown requirement of a survey of the construction site. All of the area surveyors are booked for several weeks out right now, so we are waiting for one from Cuero, who is familiar with Rafter J, to come do the work. Hopefully, that will happen in the next couple of weeks.
4. Pastor Tim discovered an artesian water well in his yard on Tuesday evening, March 3rd. Unfortunately, the source turned out to be a broken water pipe near the garage. A plumber has been contacted.
- k. **Cemetery**- No report provided.
- l. **C.E.M.** Tracie Fielding provided a written report.
- m. **Pastor**-
 1. Professional activities during **February** 2026:
 - a. 12 Worship Services
 - b. 3 Hospital Visits
 - c. 8 Home Visits
 - d. 9 Educational Events
 - e. 7 Church Meetings and Events
 - f. 1 Professional Meeting
 - g. 1 Community Event
 2. Official Acts during **February** 2026:
 - a. 2/1 First Communion of Levi Saunders, Corbin Bloch, Charles Flores, Nat Flores, and Bennett Rohan
 - b. 2/9 Burial of Helen Breed
 - c. 2/16 Burial of Erwin Landgrebe (nm)
 - d. 2/26 Burial of Alice Stacy (nm)
 - e.

A motion was made by Erin Koopmann and seconded by Linda to accept all the reports as presented.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The City of Yorktown is requiring a survey that will possibly add a couple of thousand dollars to the cost of our Youth Sports Complex. We are waiting for an available surveyor to complete the job before Rafter J is able to begin construction.
- b. The Hiring Committee, consisting of Karen Dueser, Bill Klaevemann, and Jeremy Kneese, met to discuss splitting the secretary job into two different positions: a financial secretary and an office secretary. Katie has been offered the financial secretary position, which is a 12-hour per week part-time position. There are nine applications for the office secretary position that the hiring committee will meet to discuss for the office secretary position. Linda Hurta made a motion, which was seconded by Kristin Schustereit, to accept Katie Serrano's application for financial secretary. The motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Susan Franke made a motion, which was seconded by Linda Hurta, to elect Erin Koopmann as Vice President of the Church Council. The motion carried.
- b. Ashleigh Peyton made a motion, which was seconded by Erin Koopmann, to accept Karl Dueser and Mary Catherine Morin as new members. The motion carried.
- c. Review Bank Signers:
 1. Current check signers for Citizens and Simmons bank accounts: Calvin Bruns, Susan Franke, Linda Hurta, Bill Klaevemann, Amanda Rodriguez, and Boyd Weise. Recommended check signers for bank accounts: Calvin Bruns, Susan Franke, Linda Hurta, Bill Klaevemann, Katie Serrano. A motion was made by Kristin Schustereit, which was

seconded by Laurey Garcia, to accept the recommended check signers for the Citizens and Simmons bank accounts. The motion carried.

2. Check signers for Weischwill account: Calvin Bruns, Bill Klaevemann, Amanda Rodriguez, and Boyd Weise. Recommended check signers for the Weischwill account: Calvin Bruns, Bill Klaevemann, Katie Serrano. A motion was made by Kristin Schustereit, which was seconded by Laurey Garcia, to accept the recommended check signers for the Weischwill account. The motion carried.

3. Current check signers for LPL Financial: Calvin Bruns, Bill Klaevemann, Amanda Rodriguez, and Boyd Weise. Recommended check signers for LPL Financial: Calvin Bruns, Bill Klaevemann, Katie Serrano. A motion was made by Kristin Schustereit and seconded by Laurey to accept the recommended check signers for LPL Financial. The motion carried.

d. Laurey Garcia and Larry Gohmert will begin to work on bids for the electrical work for the Youth Sports Complex.

7. **CLOSING-** Kristin Schustereit made a motion, which was seconded by Linda Hurta, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashleigh Peyton

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Jeremy Kneese
 SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton
 PARISH ED – Erin Koopmann
 STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns
 WORSHIP – Linda Hurta
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Kristin Schustereit
 PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke
 YOUTH – Laurey Garcia
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting
 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – Aydn Garcia

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2026	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2026
Beginning Balance	\$26,640.79	Beginning Balance	\$97,219.18
Income	\$94,116.41	Income	\$47,859.54
Expenses	(\$100,205.03)	Expenses	(\$106,432.48)
Ending Balance	\$20,552.17	Ending Balance	\$38,646.24

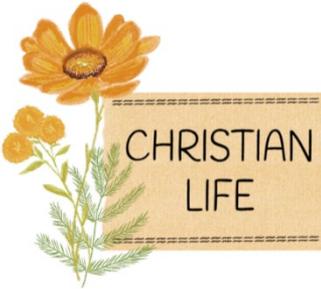
Totals as of 3/16/2026

Investment w/ LPL Financial:

\$36,147.79			
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DEADLINE

Reminder:
**DEADLINE FOR THE
May
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE IS
Monday,
April 20, 2026**



Upcoming Christian Life Events:
May 3, 2026 – Nacho Bar-
Fellowship Hall

We will be having a new member celebration on Sunday, May 3, 2026. A nacho bar lunch and a welcome reception will be at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Tim or the church office.

NEW MEMBER
SUNDAY



CLASS OF
2026
Senior Recognition

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Addison Corpus, Wade Dueser, Ty Fehner, Marley Hurta, Zoe Irvin and

Connor Saunders. Join us as we proudly recognize their accomplishments and extend our best wishes for their future! Each of these seniors will be eligible for a scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to contribute, donations/memorials can be made to the Sr. Scholarship Fund at any time during the year. Your generosity has and will continue to make a difference in the future of our youth! **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!!!** *If you do not see your graduating senior's name on our list, please contact Bonnie Riedesel or the church office.*



Dear friends,
I would like to thank Pastor Tim and all my friends, and family that called, visited, or sent cards to me. Many prayers. I'm so glad to be home! Thank you all!
Love,
Lana Krietsch

Weston Glenn Jennings, son of Marshall & Samantha Jennings, was baptized on March 1, 2026.



St. Paul Family,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported me and my late husband, Nick, during his fight with leukemia and after his passing. Your prayers, support, and acts of kindness have been a source of strength that I will never forget. I am truly thankful for your love and compassion during our family's time of need.



Your sister in Christ,
Johnna Picard



WITH
sympathy

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Wanda Rohan - who passed away March 15, 2026. Services were held March 21, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.

APRIL 11, 2026

1 PM- 5 PM

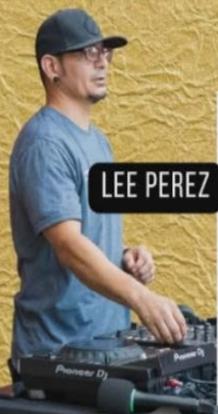
PRAISE &

YORKTOWN
CITY PARK

WORSHIP

Join us for a powerful time of praise, worship, and fellowship as we come together to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

IN THE PARK



LEE PEREZ



NORMAN FONSECA



PASTOR MARK COLLINS

PASTOR PABLO
GROVES



FREE FOOD & DRINKS

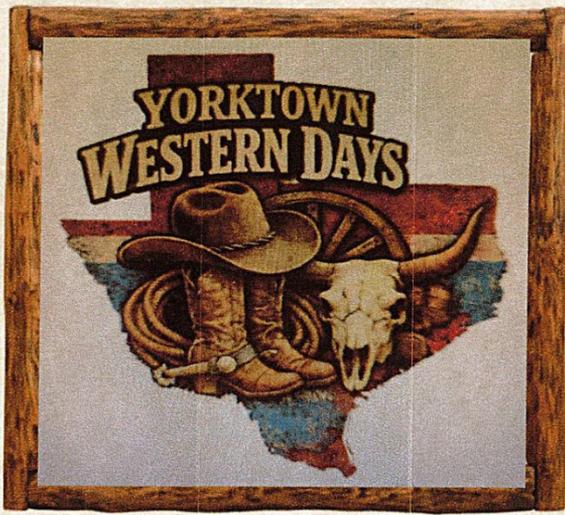
A COMMUNITY
WORSHIP GATHERING

COME AS YOU ARE

TESTIMONIES

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE I AM WITH THEM. MARK 18:20



On behalf of the Western Days Board of Directors - Thank You for allowing us to use your parking lot and facilities for the Grand Parade. You'll have supported us for so many years and we do appreciate it. Western Days would not be possible without the wonderful support received from so many like you. Thank You!

Reggy Savage, secretary

*Your kind and thoughtful
expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and
gratefully acknowledged*

Thank you
So much

Elida Cruz
+
family

THE LEARNING GARDEN NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

What We Are Learning

Toddler & Two-Year-Olds

This month, our toddlers are enjoying a Traditional Tales theme! We will be sharing familiar stories such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and The Gingerbread Man. Through storytelling, songs, art, and play, children will build early language skills, imagination, and confidence while having fun with these classic tales.

Preschool

This month, our preschoolers are exploring Amazing Critters! Children will learn about crawling, flying, hopping, and scaly & slithering critters through stories, songs, art, and hands-on activities. This fun theme encourages curiosity about the natural world while building early science skills, vocabulary, and both fine and gross motor development as we move, create, and discover together.

Bible

This Easter, we will learn that Jesus is alive and brings us hope. We will explore how Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors, showing kindness and compassion to everyone. We will also learn about God's great love for us through Jesus and how Jesus teaches us to pray and grow closer to God each day.

Enrollment/Staffing

Children: 52

Teachers: 11

Administrators: 2

Support Staff: 2

Upcoming Events

April 3rd: Good Friday; TLG Closed

April 5th: Easter

April 6th: Easter Monday; TLG Closed

April 22nd: Earth Day

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LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

April 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

April 3 – GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

April 4 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE

April 5 – EASTER

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:15 am Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 12 – DECORATION DAY

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during Decoration Day.



In memory of Janie Arguellez – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weiswill

In memory of Harold Borchardt – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weiswill

In memory of Helen Breed – Building

Alice Stacy

Steve & Kim Friesenhahn

Barbara Kerlick

In memory of Helen Breed – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weiswill

In memory of Jeanne Byerly – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weiswill

In memory of Beverly Clanton – Youth Building

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In memory of Danny Cruz – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Leon D. Dohmann – Building

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Wanda Franke – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Corey Goodale – Building

Dustin & Kelsey Kirchoff

In memory of Corey Goodale – Senior Scholarship

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Kaiden Hilbrich

In memory of Nelson Janssen – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Erwin Landgrebe – Building

Darrel & Elaine Foster

William Schulle

Melissa & Monte Salyer

Robert & Cindy Kainer

In memory of Erwin Landgrebe – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

Velma Lee Moritz

In memory of Idell Lude – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Jay Metting – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Michael Pattillo – Senior Scholarship

Oleta Pattillo

In memory of Charles Riemenschneider – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Wanda Rohan – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Alice Stacy – Building

June Buchhorn

Tim & Wanda Cornish

Linda K. Yanta

Peggy Opieza

In memory of Rose Marie Tam – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Carole Tessmann – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

In memory of Margaret Wollny – Youth Building

Mark & Betsy Weischwill

~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of March 16, 2026.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
APRIL 2026

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10



Sunday, April 12, 2026-2nd Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts 5:29-42

Psalm 148

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-14

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



Sunday, April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter



First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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