



8:00 AM WORSHIP

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE
THOSE LONGING FOR A DIFFERENT LIFE
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS *sts. 1, ref, 2, 4*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: John Stainer, 1846-1901
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

LSB 152

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant 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.

Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Congregation **Glory be to God on high:**



and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 6:10-27

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:13-25

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation purchase of God
 Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long
 This is my story this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
 Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy whispers of love [Chorus]

Verse 3

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love [Chorus]

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Sit

SPL KIDS WORD

SERMON

“LIVE FREE: Daniel 6”

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OFFERING CELEBRATE WITH GLADNESS (Handbell Ensemble)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

Pastor The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



☐ 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Congregation **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

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.

Sit

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Handbell Ensemble

752 BE STILL, MY SOUL

sts. 1-2, 4



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der
 fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-
 noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
 fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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 Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, adapt.
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570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

sts. 1-4



1 Just as I am, with-out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait-ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a-bout With man-ya
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind; Sight, rich-es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con-flict, man-ya doubt, Fight-ings and fears with-in, with-
 heal-ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 Tune: William F. Bradbury, 1816-68
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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

Congregation Amen.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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BENEDICTION

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Be sure to complete a First Time Guest Card and bring it to the Welcome Center in the West Fellowship Area for a special gift.

JOIN OUR TEAM - Apply by April 30

To continue to complete our team and meet ministry needs, St. Paul's is currently hiring for Director of Communications. This is a full-time position with oversight of all ministry communications and leadership of the communications team. Submit cover letter, resume, and references to pastorrob@spldecat.org by April 30th. More position details available at spldecat.org/joinourteam

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Trevor & Lindsay Dodson in celebration of the baptism anniversary of their children Leio, Willow, & Mila.

Flowers at the Pulpit are placed to the glory of God by Kenny & Vicki Baker in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

OPERATIONS

Last weekend attendance in person:	459
Last weekend attendance online:	128
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	719
Last Week's Offering:	\$35,598
2024 Budget Goal:	\$2,170,000
YTD Giving:	\$590,229 (27.20% of budget goal)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 4/21

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Kids)
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles

TUESDAY 4/23

- 10:00 AM Garden Club Workshop (Dining Room)
- 11:30 AM G.A. Meeting (Room 122)

WEDNESDAY 4/24

- 6:00 PM SPL Youth WEDNESDAY NIGHT! (The Loft)

THURSDAY 4/25

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study with Jack Barr (Conference Room)
- 1:00 PM Bible Study - Believing God (Room 122)
- 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Spring History Study w/Jerry Johnson (Room 122)
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY 4/27 CONFIRMATION SATURDAY

- 7:00 AM SPL Men Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Confirmation Brunch & Testimony Sharing (Dining Room)
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship (Worship Center)

SUNDAY 4/28 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online)
- 9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Kids)
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles