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# OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
- 3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
- 4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

## **CONNECT WITH US & SHARE YOUR STORY**

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Find us on Facebook at FACEBOOK.COM/STPAULSDECATUR
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Learn about our Early Learning Center at ELCDECATUR.ORG



# EASTER FREEDOM CELEBRATION

APRIL 20, 2025 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM PASTOR ROB GOODWIN PASTOR MARK GEARIG PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

# HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Welcome

Pastor: Hallelujah! Christ is risen! People: He is risen indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

Invocation

**Opening Praise** 

Forever The Anthem Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**SPL Kids Word** 

Doxology

#### Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Join us as the SPL Family in Prayer by becoming part of our group on Facebook. Go to facebook.com/groups/SPLPrayer and pray with us. You can also submit requests online - visit spldecatur.org/prayer

#### Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. You can return your Connect Card and Offering via the baskets when passed at Offering time or to one of the available boxes at the doors of the Worship Center. You can also click the Giving button at SPLDECATUR.ORG, or mail your offering envelope to SPL.



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Message

**Blessing** 

Closing Song Look At What The Lord Has Done

**Dismissal** 

Easter Blessings to You and Your Family!

**NEW HERE?** Welcome - we are so glad you are here! 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.

#### LET US KNOW YOU'RE WORSHIPING WITH US!

Complete a *CONNECT CARD* In-Person or Online Return cards in the basket at Offering time or to the boxes located at the doors of the Worship Center. You can also complete yours online at *SPLDECATUR.ORG/FORMS* 

# WORSHIP WITH US NEXT WEEKEND IN-PERSON & ONLINE

SATURDAY 6:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM\* & 10:30 AM\*

\*WORSHIP ONLINE AT SPLDECATUR.ONLINE.CHURCH

FIND ALL THE WORSHIP RESOURCES YOU NEED AT SPLDECATUR.ORG/INFO

## WHAT'S AHEAD @ST. PAUL'S

April 21

SPL Church Office Closed

April 25

New Life Pregnancy Center Spring Showdown

April 27

**Encounter Worship Sunday** 

April 28

SPL Kids Play Date

May 2

Unity Red & Black Gala

May 8

**ELC PreK Graduation** 

**May 15** 

Unity 8th Grade Graduation

**May 18** 

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting

Unity High School Graduation

**May 25** 

**Encounter Worship Sunday** 

May 26 Memorial Day

SPL Office & ELC Closed

May 31-June 7

Mission Trip to North Carolina

#### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of our resurrected Lord Jesus by the family of faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last week attendance in person: 489
Attendance online: 100
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 562

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY MARCH 2025**

	4/6 to 4/12	APR TOTAL	2025 YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$87,308	\$654,808
RECEIVED	\$35,402	\$81,234	\$606,590
DIFFERENCE	(\$8,252)	(\$6,073)	(\$48,218)

