

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 17, 2022

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church **Sunday Service at 9:30AM**

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We are happy to be open for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am.

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current visiting pastor, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. Jesus comes to us with forgiveness independently of our human understanding. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **Please welcome Pr. Woody Hall and his wife, Suzan, as they join us in worship this Easter.**
- **Welcome back to Coffee Hour!** We invite everyone to join us after service in the lounge for fellowship & refreshments provided by Jean and Ed Sais. Feel free to take your refreshments out onto the front porch if you'd like and enjoy the spring flowers. For those who would like to participate, we will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Mitchell family.
- **Celebrate Earth Day:** Pasadena Community Garden invites the public to its Earth Day Open House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 23. Talk to garden experts, tour the garden, walk the labyrinth and find out about composting and how to become a member. Street parking available. Admission is free. 721 S. Pasadena Ave., Pasadena. For more information, email: pasadenacommunitygardens@gmail.com.
- **Cherry Blossom Festival:** The event, organized by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, includes traditional dance and music presentations, Taiko drummers, martial arts demonstrations, food and vendors, noon-6 p.m. April 23. The Cherry Blossom Festival marks the beginning of spring, with the new blossoms representing hope, beauty, and new life. Free admission but registration is required to attend: plazawestcovina.com/events. The festival is held at West Covina Plaza, 112 Plaza Drive, West Covina. For more information, email Grace Phan at gphan@esgvjcc.org or 626-960-2566. www.esgvjcc.org. More details here: bit.ly/3twN0Hi
- **American Legion Post 397 still needs our help! Please take a look at the flyers on the Narthex table and Community Bulletin Board for ways we can help our neighbors!**
- **Save the Date - May 7th at 6:00 pm - when the All American Boys Chorus** will present their tribute to Mothers' Day at St. Paul's. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken during the concert. Flyers & more information coming soon.



The Easter Lilies beautifying our worship space today were provided by: Ed and Jean Sais ("To the glory of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ"), Lilly Fukui ("I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."- Phil. 4:13) and the Mitchell family ("In memory of Laurie & Ernest Mitchell and Joanna Erdos")

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Celia Torres; Hazel Booth; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Mai Madrigal and her family; Phil Stanton; Meher Montessori School; and all who are sick from COVID-19 in our nation and across the globe; for those who face discrimination; and for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine. May all families be reunited and let there be a peaceful resolution.