

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day, Year C

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Jesus Christ Is Risen Today by Robert J. Powell

Please quietly reflect and prepare for worship during the music.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

This holy and blessed day is the first of the week, the king and master of all days, the feast of feasts and the season of seasons.

On this day we bless Christ forever and ever.
O faithful, come, celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia!

Now that we have seen the resurrection of the Christ,

Let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One.

We bow in worship before Your cross, O Christ.

We praise and glorify your resurrection for You are our God and we have no other.

We magnify Your name.

All your faithful come.

Let us adore the holy resurrection of the Christ.

Behold, through Your cross joy has come to the world!

Let us always bless the Lord.

Let us sing His resurrection.

By enduring for us the pain of the cross, He has crushed death by His death.

He is risen and dies no more.

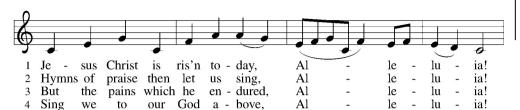
- P CHRIST IS RISEN!
- C CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
- P O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?
- C Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!
- P Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!
- C He is Risen Indeed!
- P Why do you seek the Living among the dead?
- C Alleluia! He is Risen!
- P This holy and blessed day... He is risen and dies no more!

The prelude's purpose is to prepare your heart, your hands, and your mind for worship. The Lord is worthy of our preparation and the prelude provides us a time to do just that.

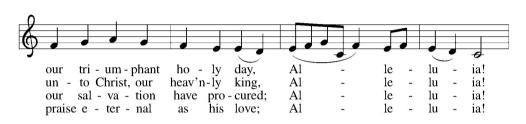
Gold paraments on Easter symbolize joy, light, and the resurrection of Jesus.

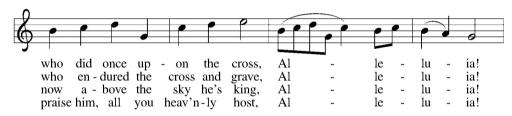
GATHERING HYMN #365

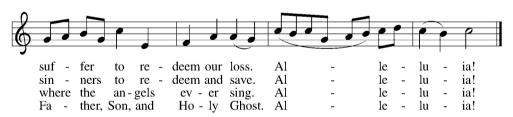
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



The Hymns proclaim the Gospel in song. We sing a variety of hymns to help us tell God's story.







Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Apostolic Greeting is given by the Pastor using the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor 13:13. In this greeting the assembly is rooted in the Triune life of God.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE This Is The Feast...



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.



First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The Word part of our liturgy, is where we hear "the living voice of the Gospel." We experience this in the Biblical readings, a sermon based around these readings, and the hymn of the day.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

The Lord is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord. R

The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

"This is the gate | of the Lord;

here the righ- | teous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me

and you have become | my salvation. R

The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the Lord has | this been done;

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But 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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #376

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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thou o'er death hast won!

Son;

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, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially Martha, Judy, Greg, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Phyllis, Larry, Bob, Ellie, Mary, John, Pat, Anna, Pat, Susan, Charlie, Wendy, and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. May all know they are not alone. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

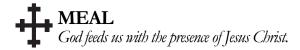
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another

The assembly sits.

The passing of the peace is traditionally part of the liturgy, so that anyone in the gathered assembly may have a time to be reconciled to one another before sharing the meal.



OFFERING

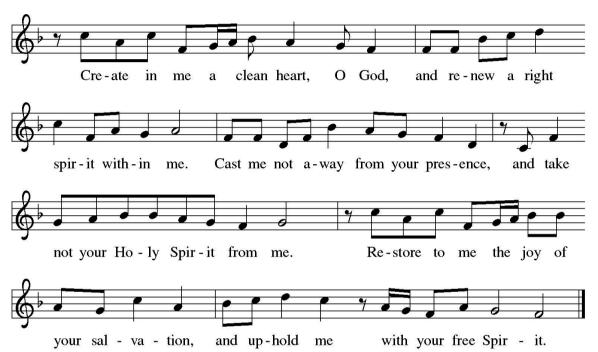
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Electronic giving may be done by simply scanning the QR Code and making a donation.



OFFERTORY

Lord God of Abraham by Felix Mendelssohn Soloist Soren Strom-Jensen(8:30) This Joyful Eastertide by Jeremy J. Bankson(11:00)

OFFERTORY HYMN

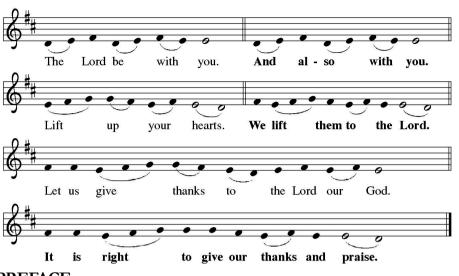


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring fourth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn out hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



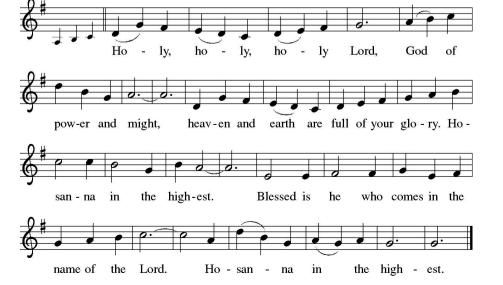
In the meal part of our liturgy we prepare to come to Christ's table. In the Great Thanksgiving we focus on being thankful for all God has done and for all God has given to us. In the Eucharistic Prayer, we ask God to send the Holy Spirit to this meal and we ask that Christ will fulfill his promise to be in the bread and wine.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,

and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,

healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,

we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

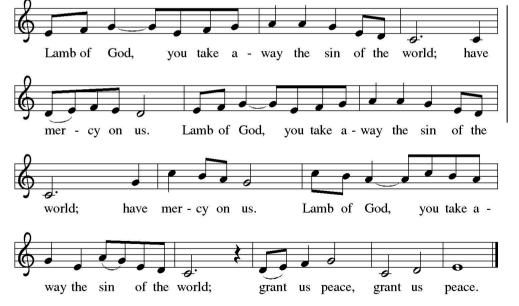
All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are Christ's guests. Jesus welcomes everyone to come, to eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. The pastor and communion assistant will come to the pews of those unable to come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen. The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



The Lamb of God is a title for Jesus that appears in John 1:29. It is here that we are reminded that our Lord is present and we are to behold his glory.

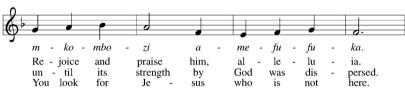
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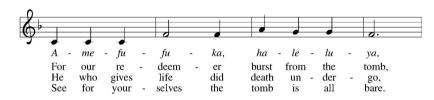
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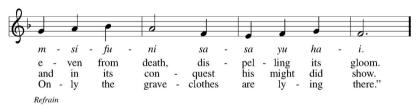
until the organ stops.)



Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia















- "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN ELW#373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

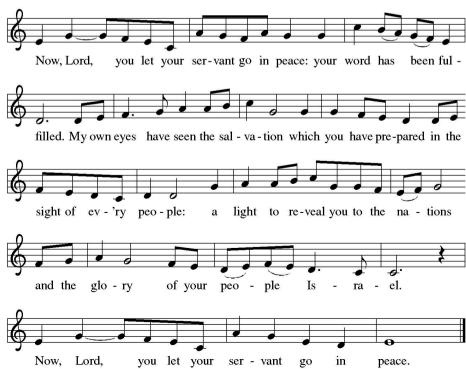


- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

The assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ⊕ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

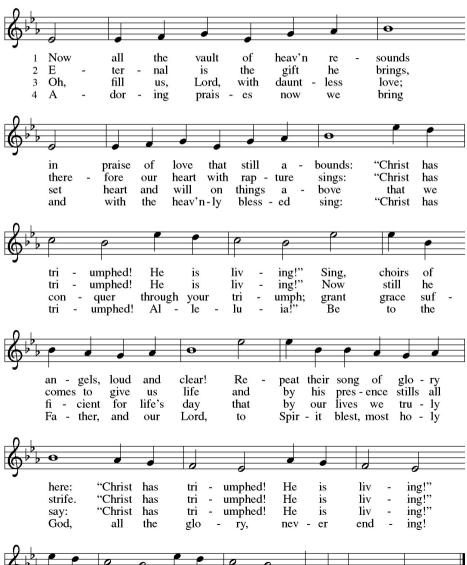
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Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW#367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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DISMISSAL

The assembly is sent into mission.
Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Thine Is The Glory by Emily Maxson Porter

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EASTER DESIGNATIONS

We thank everyone who donated Easter Designations- the lilies share their beauty in our sanctuary this morning (owners can pick up after the late service) and LWR funds will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help throughout the world.

Easter Lilies

In memory of Allison Hart from Phil & Sally Hart In honor of Matthew & James Dahl from Sue & Gary Dahl In memory of David Dahl from Sue & Gary Dahl To the Glory of God from Katherine Trexler To the Glory of God from Robert Fogel In memory of Marian & William Lavery from The Lavery Family In memory of Frances (Fran) Moffitt Whitfield from Doug Whitfield

In memory of Marjorie & Peter Humphrey In memory of Donald Taylor from Dean Taylor

To the Glory of God, in memory of Carson Sturgeon & Addie Sturgeon Felkel from Mary Sturgeon To the Glory of God from Martha Dahl

To the Glory of God, in memory of loved ones from The Foreman Family In memory of Christine Davis from Bess Line

Donations to Lutheran World Relief

In memory of Anita Johnson from Betty Hinshaw In honor of Sandy Chi from Curtis & Maria Chi In memory of Hong-Yup Chi from Curtis & Maria Chi In memory of David Taylor from Curtis & Maria Chi In memory of Jane Taylor from Curtis & Maria Chi In honor of The Rev. Wendy Waugh from Pamela Kildahl In memory of Karl J.N. Kildahl from Pamela Kildahl To the Glory of God from Rachel Harter & Hitch Havill In memory of Richard & Ellenore Sutter from The Lavery Family

To the Glory of God from Martha Dahl

In memory of my husband, Tony, and our daughter, Lisa Bearden from Penni Perrotte To the Glory of God, in memory of my parents, Anna & Herman Mensing from Margaret Henning Simis

To the Glory of God, in memory of George Henning & Robert Simis from Margaret Henning Simis



Welcome to St. Paul's

In celebrating God's beauty and strength created through diversity, we welcome, value, and include all of God's children regardless of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, ability, appearance, or citizenship. St. Paul's is committed to racial equality.

Admission to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is by invitation of our Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. If you are unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, please notify an usher to receive communion at your seat. All are welcome at the table for a blessing. We use red wine and bread at communion, and offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Inform your server at the rail if you desire either.

Distribution of the Communion Elements takes place as follows:

Exit the pew to the side aisles. Empty cups are obtained from the trays located by the front exit. Proceed to the altar. Persons on the right side (lectern side) proceed to the back of the altar rail and fill forward towards the front. The left side (pulpit side) proceed to the front of the altar rail and fill towards the back. After communing, depart down the center aisle to your seat. Please place your cup in one of the baskets.

St. Paul's Live Stream Policy

Staff of St Paul's

- 1.St. Paul's Lutheran Church live streams the 11:00 AM service every Sunday. The service is posted to Vimeo and Facebook. In addition, special services may be live streamed.
- 2. The 8:30 AM service is not live streamed and is available for attendance by those who do not wish to be recorded. For live streamed services there will be a "No Video Zone" designated in the Narthex.
- 3. It is recommended that all livestream services include a disclaimer about the service being recorded, posted on a visible location at the entrance of the sanctuary and written in the bulletin.
- 4. Children must have a signed waiver from their parent or guardian before being recorded.
- 5. We will not share personal or identifying information while a service is being live streamed, this includes during announcement, prayer requests, or the sermon.

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