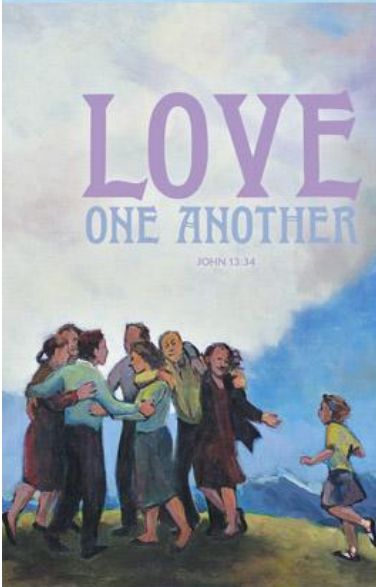


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- **Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- **Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- **Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- **Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- **Praising** God through music, word, and service
- **Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER +

May 18, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

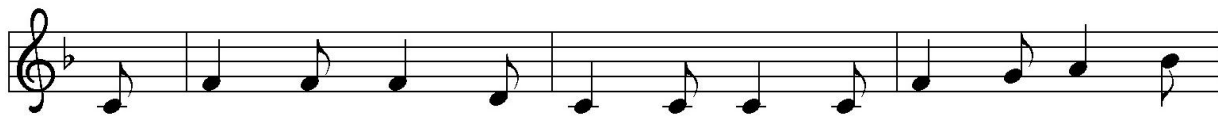
Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*GREETING

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

C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

verse



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved
We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here

(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole
(God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise

(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls — and we're singing
(to give praise) The love of God will not change — and we're singing

chorus



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

Oh — Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray,
O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

L The First Reading according to Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 148

read responsively

A ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C ² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² young men and maidens, old and young together.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.

Hallelujah!

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

L The Second Reading according to Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D DM7

Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G

O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A

Give us the strength to live your word each day

*GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The Holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

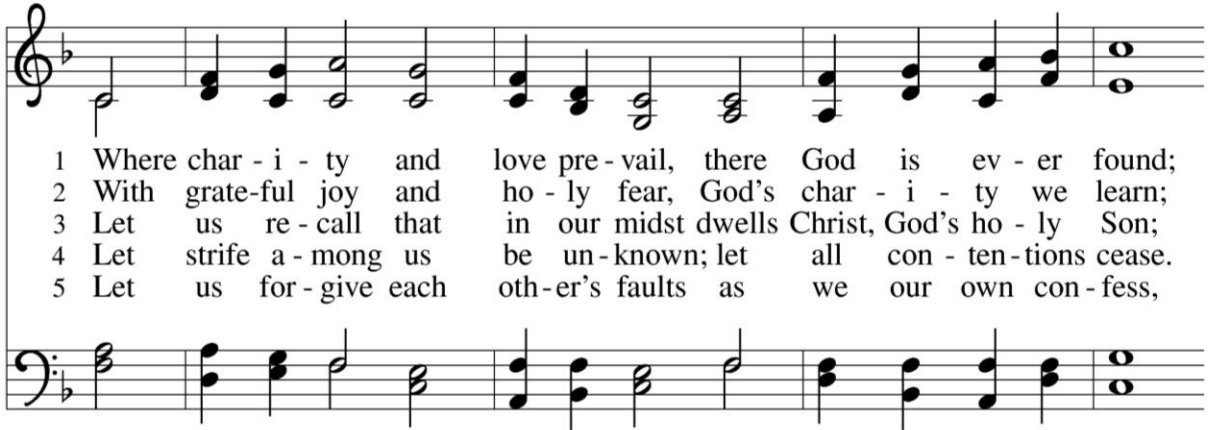
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

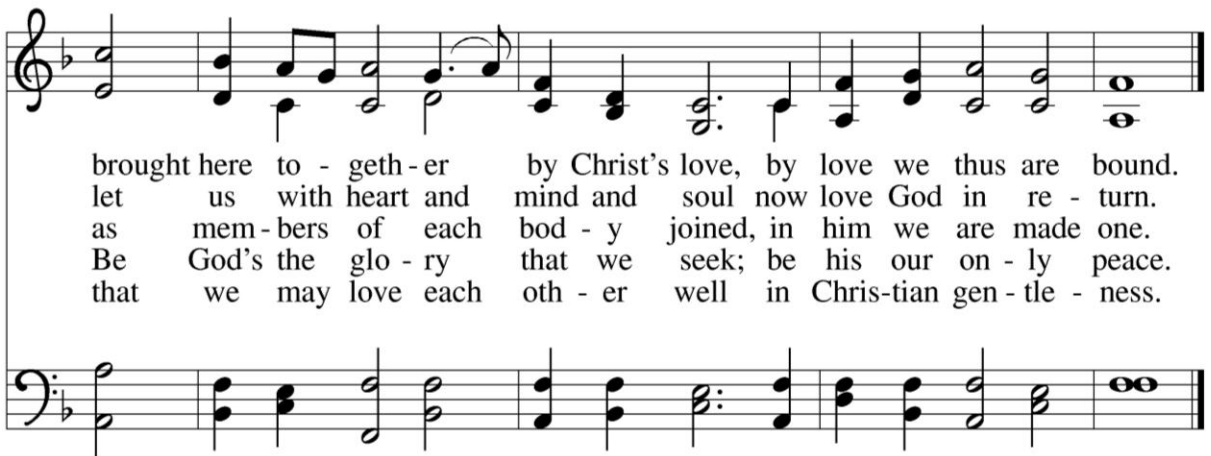
Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A 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.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Risen Today!" (An Easter Melody)

arr. Althouse

St. Paul's Adult Choir

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Today's Communion Anthem is sponsored to the glory of God
and in honor of Kitty Angel's birthday by her family.

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give>. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your

prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray,
Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

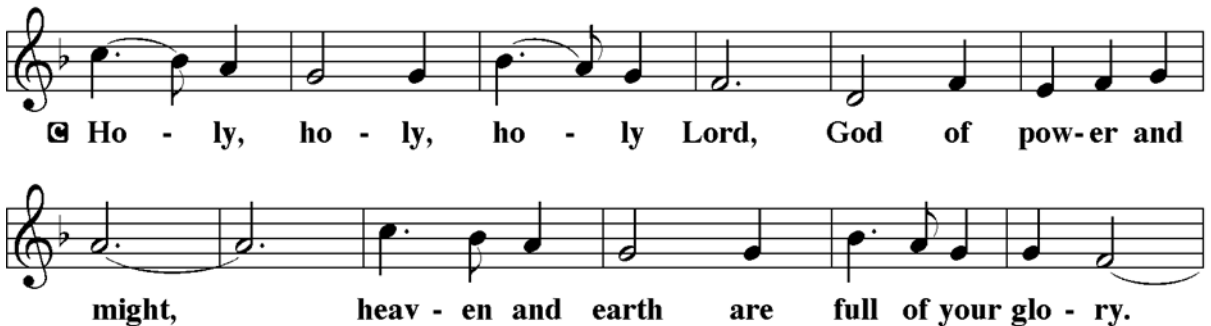
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

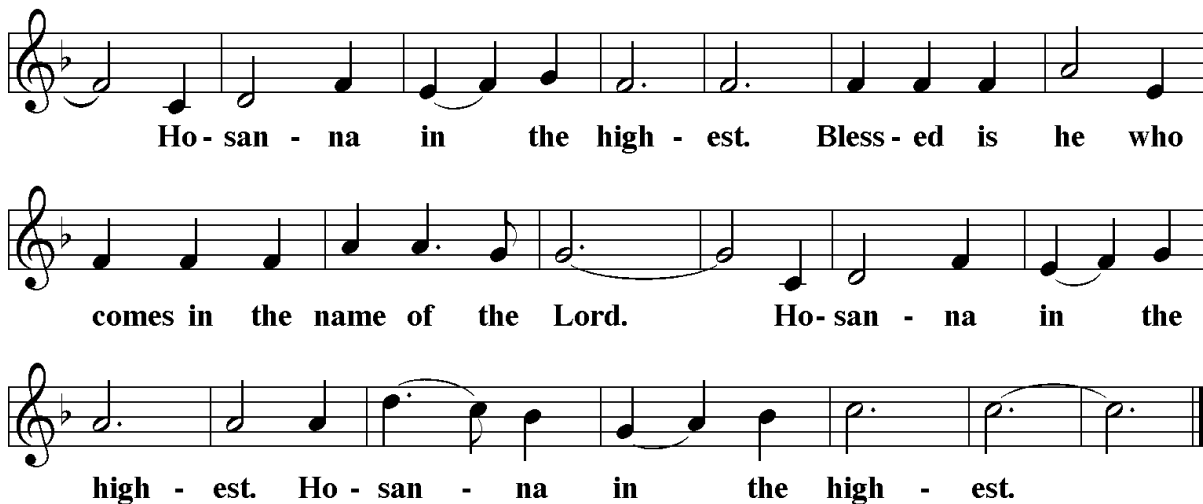
***PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
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.
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

C **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**

P Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

*All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.
Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

***AGNUS DEI**



☞ 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



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Because He Lives"

St. Paul's Heritage Choir

"The Lamb"

Gerald Coleman

Csus C C/B Am Am/G Dm/F G2



- (2. The) Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing. The
 (3. The) Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill. So
 (4. He) sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness. He
 (5. He) rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows. His



Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 still, His will on our be - half the law to fill.
 lives, for - gives, He gives me His own right - eous - ness.
 song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



3. The
 4. He
 5. He

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***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

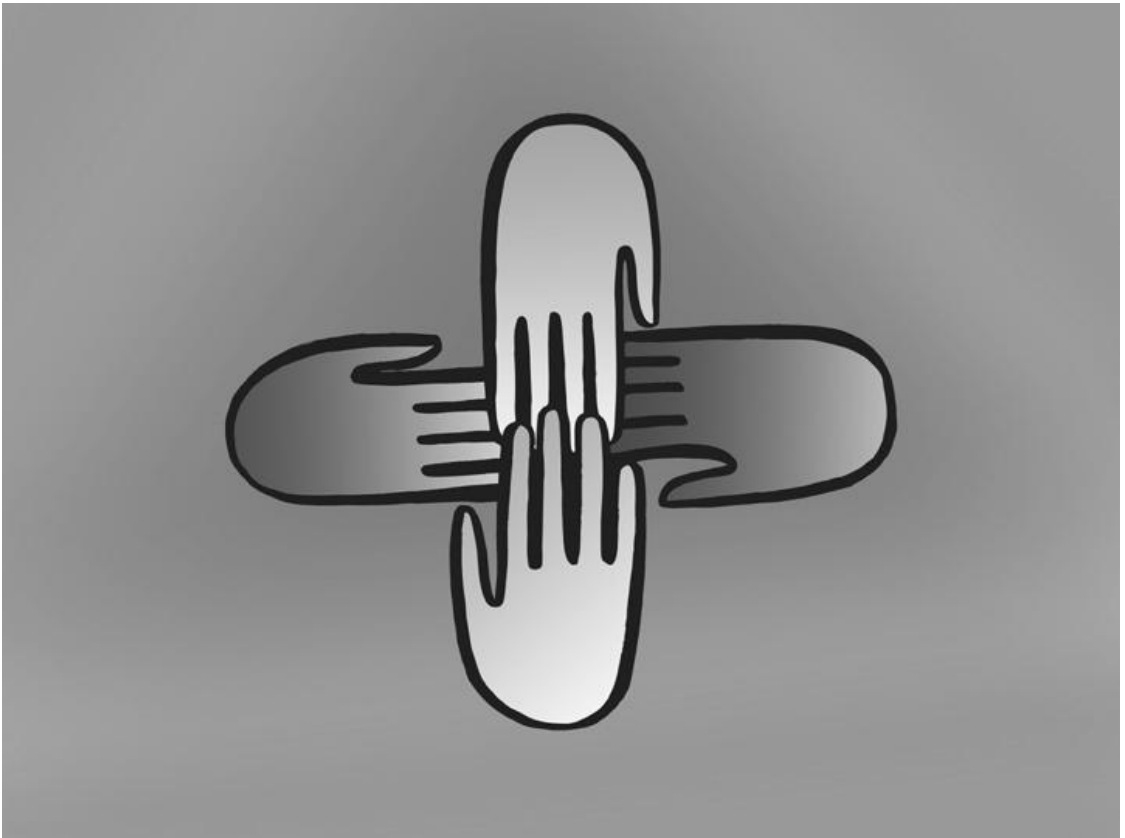
Living one, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P 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.

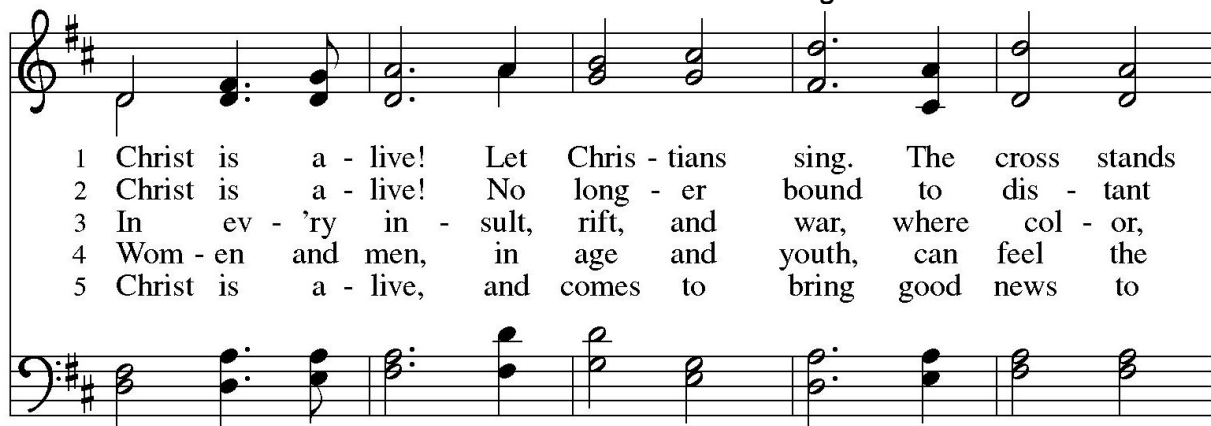
C **Amen.**



***SENDING HYMN**

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

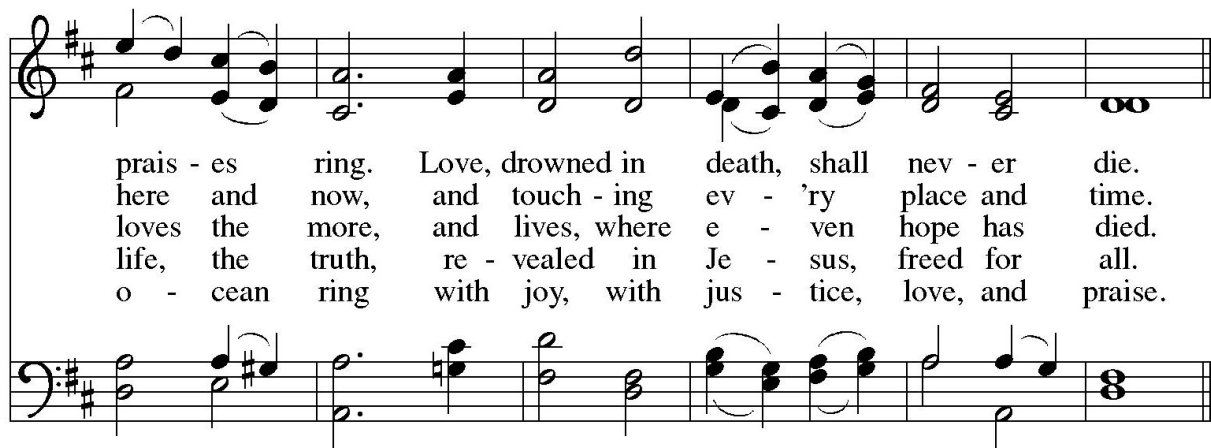
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

***DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONGREGATION MEETING BEGINS

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	<u>May 18</u>	<u>May 25</u>
Saturday night Worship	Frank Hueske-5/17	Linda Zellers – 5/24
Assisting Minister:	Deb Sowers	Bill Sowers
Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader:	Janet Haack	Lucille Farrington
Communion Distributors	Cindy Schmidt	Michelle Johnson
	Donna Lehman	Sally Lovelace
Ushers:	Bob Colehouse	Russ Johnson
	Justin Hicks	Christopher Johnson
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE, WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATION MEETING. The purpose is to vote on three building maintenance projects:

- Replacement of Sanctuary Roof = cost approx. \$43,700
 - Chimney Removal and Parapet Wall Repair = cost approx. \$17,650
 - Paving/Marking of Three Parking Lots = cost \$95,453.
- Total amount requested \$162,000. Projects to be financed with the remaining Raubenstine Fund, approximately \$50,000, and the balance, to be financed as a loan to the Congregation from the Endowment Fund.

THE RADIO BROADCAST sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Jack Hoffman and St. Paul’s Church as we celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 24th, by Ed and Sharon Braun.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Gary Martin's birthday, May 21st, by children and grandchildren.

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Makenna Martin's birthday on May 17th by Gary and Nancy Martin.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request) Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONGREGATION MEETING, everyone is invited to grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us for an intergenerational Faith Formation class (our final class for this school year). Someone will direct you as to where to go for this class.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Christian Ed. Committee is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! PA Clearances are needed to volunteer, but we'll help you apply for them at no cost to you. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor's Office or contact the church office to volunteer.

Today we thank individuals who have led Faith Formation classes and Bible Studies this school year. Well done, good and faithful servants!

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY has ended for the summer. We will begin again in September on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the church lounge. More details to follow.

PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

MAY'S DESIGNATED GIVING - Special Designated Giving this month will go to help provide camperships which are basically camp scholarships. Camperships will provide a week of camp for those wishing to experience God's beauty, peace and nature at any Lutheran camp, no matter their age. Your generous gift for St Paul's May Special Designated Giving goes directly to supporting these camperships.

Please assist in this mission of St. Paul's!

Laura Silver - St. Paul's CampPerson

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (Note the change of date)** at 12:30pm in the Conference Room to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The discussion leader will be Janet Haack. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink. Join us for good discussion and fellowship.

DIAPER DRIVE - Faith In Action is helping St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown with their Diaper Drive. We are collecting donations of disposable diapers (any size) and baby wipes for them during May. Please bring your donation into St. Paul's and place them in the baskets in the hallway near the pulpit. Thank you for thinking of others.

JUNE'S DESIGNATED GIVING - Special Designated Giving this month will go to help defray the medical expenses for Irelyn Sprengle.

Irelyn Sprengle is an 11-year-old girl and on May 1st, 2024 was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor. Wilms Tumor is a type of kidney cancer that occurs in young children. It is responsible for 95% of all malignant kidney tumors in patients under the age of 15 years old. Wilms tumor can occur in one kidney (unilateral) or in both kidney (bilateral and can spread throughout the rest of the body. There are about 650 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States.

Irelyn is a Spring Grove student in the 5th grade. She loves sports (gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and flag football.) She also loves music and is an avid Steelers fan. She loves the colors yellow and neon pink. Irelyn's parents are Kyle and Emily Sprengle. They have 6 children. Irelyn (11), Crimson (8), Champlin (8), Dempsey (6), Landry (6), and Anistyn (3) and they live in Spring Grove. Irelyn's grandparents are Lance and Diane Sprengle and Joe and Vonnie Mahon. Vonnie has been my friend for many years. Emily and my daughter Kortni were friends growing up. The Family attends Christ American Baptist Church. They have faith that God will get their daughter through this, and he will be with the entire family to give them the strength that they all need to help each other.

Irelyn has been going to Hershey Medical Center for treatments. Irelyn's journey started on April 22, 2024, with lots of testing. On May 1st, 2024, the family received her diagnosis – Wilms Tumor. On May 2nd, 2024, she received her first chemotherapy treatment. Irelyn has been going through many chemo treatments and surgeries in the past year. It has been a very hard year for both Irelyn and her family. The family has faith in God that he will be with them as they fight this disease and will heal her.

April 9, 2025, Irelyn completed her final chemo treatment, On April 11th Irelyn rang the "Believe" bell to signify the end of inpatient chemo! While this marks a very important milestone for this journey, Irelyn has 2-3 weeks of recovery, scans, and then she will ring the final bell. Praying that there will be no evidence of the disease in her body,

Irelyn will continue to have appointments at Hershey due to the blood clot that remains in her heart.

Please join me in praying for the Sprengle family asking God to give this family the strength they need and to heal Irelyn.

God's Peace, Sally Lovelace

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-June 1, 8, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); May 25 & June 15 (1 vase at \$20)

Communion Bread and Wine- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

SISTERS IN FAITH...mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

SUN., MAY 18	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 5th Sunday of Easter
Following the Children's Sermon Immediately following Worship		Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room
		Congregation Meeting
		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Intergenerational Faith Formation-location T.B.D.
MON., MAY 19	6:30 pm	Daisy Scouts Bridging Ceremony – Fellowship Hall
TUES., MAY 20	7:00 am	Primary Voting – Hanover Borough – Ward 5-F.H.
WED., MAY 21	12:15 pm	Mid-week Devotions – church lounge
	7:00 pm	Council meeting
THUR., MAY 22	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., MAY 23		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	7:00 pm	Gettysburg Choral Society Concert – sanctuary See main bulletin board for the poster
SAT., MAY 24	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service - lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MAY 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 6th Sunday of Easter
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour - Lounge
		Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., MAY 26		MEMORIAL DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)
TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 27 – 30 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		