

...repentance and
forgiveness of sins
is to be proclaimed

in

HIS

NAME

to all nations ...

LUKE 24:47, NRSV

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

“Purpose: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.”

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† Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

Cong.: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Cong.: Amen.

Psalm: 4 (*read responsively*)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

* 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.

* Song

"This Joyful Eastertide"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Response to the prayer: **C: Amen.**

First Reading:

L: A reading from Acts 3:12-19
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from 1 John 3:1-7
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36b-48

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Rotation Faith Formation

*Pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School.
Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.*

Sermon

Pastor Burkhart

* Song

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

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* 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 the People**

Each petition ends with these words:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.

Offering

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Setchell

Piano/Organ Duet

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

* **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

* **The Lord's Prayer**

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 baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

Continuous Communion Distribution

Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6 ft. distance in the aisle. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.

* **Blessing**

Response after the blessing: C: Amen.

* **Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Benediction**

Response: C: Amen.

* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: C: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

* **Postlude**

* Stand if you are able

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: “You are witnesses of these things.” – Luke 24:48

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them a mind-opening experience. As witnesses they are charged with telling the truth of their experience. We, too, are witnesses charged with telling the truth. How might you share the truth about creation care and climate change in our polarized culture?

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ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB IS MEETING on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing “*The Moment Keeper*” by Buffy Andrews. Join us for a good discussion.

ST. PAUL'S WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SENDING OUR KIDS TO CAMP. St. Paul's will pay for a child, an adult, or a family of St. Paul's to attend one week of camp at rate of \$440.00 with funding through a month of designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund. Please see or email Laura Silver, St. Paul's Camp-person, at silverlkw@hotmail.com to find out more.

APRIL SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING is St. Paul's Family Crisis Fund. This fund is for individuals or families of our congregation who may have emergency financial needs. Please prayerfully give generously.

ALL FUTURE PRAYER REQUESTS should come through the church office. Special thanks to Janet Haack who so faithfully stepped in and handled it for the past year. Please see page 10 of your April Evangel for more information.

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of James and Gladys George on the day of their great-granddaughter Saylor's baptism by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Robert H. Adams by Karen McDermitt and family.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of both our granddaughters, Saylor Lyn Lovelace and Dilynn Grace Long, by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert and Mary Lovelace, on the day of their great-granddaughter Saylor's baptism by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter Saylor Lyn Lovelace's baptism today by Toby and Sally Lovelace.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Radio – May 2, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – May 16, 23 & 30 two vases each (\$20 per vase)
- Communion Bread & Wine – April 25, May 2, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12)
- Bulletin – April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – April 25, May 2, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10)

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE PRIVATE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM following worship for Saylor Lyn Lovelace, daughter of Toby and Kacie Lovelace and granddaughter of Toby and Sally Lovelace. We welcome Saylor to our family of faith.

	<u>April 18</u>	<u>April 25</u>
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Russ Kaltreider
Sound System:	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
Offering Deposit Team:	Frank Hueske Russ Johnson	Russ Kaltreider Dan Kiser
Altar:	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers:	Team 1	Team 1

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

SUN., APRIL 18	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service Baptism Following Worship
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Daily Disciples (Zoom)
MON., APRIL 19	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
TUES., APRIL 20	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
WED., APRIL 21	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	Book Club (Fellowship Hall)
THURS., APRIL 22	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
FRI., APRIL 23		PAL Team 3
SAT., APRIL 24	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Council)
SUN., APRIL 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
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