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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.

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INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my siblings, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

C **Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

P Siblings in Christ, I invite you to confess your sins.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my siblings, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



*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 O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

L The First Reading according to Acts, the 2nd chapter.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.
- C ² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**
- A ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- A ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

L The Second Reading according to 1 Peter, the 1st chapter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Help us O Lord to hear your word
O - pen our hearts to feel your word
Give us the strength to live your word each day

*GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

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

P [Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.


⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.


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

CHILDREN’S SERMON & SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge




1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Sarah, Josh, and Hendrick, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Sarah, Josh, and Hendrick, our siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

BAPTISM

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Finley baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring Finley to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Finley may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Finley grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Finley

and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P Finley, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleansing them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
Sustain Finley with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Finley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works

and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Let us welcome the newly baptized and our new congregation members.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

yA Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **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

"This Little Light Of Mine"

Children's Choir

(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 RESPONSE

♩ = 108 D Em11 D/F# D7 G D/F# Em7 A7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;

5 D Em11 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 Gmaj7/A A7 D C/D D7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we

9 G F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D Em7 D/F# D7 G Em7

of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to

14 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D

You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

*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

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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, 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:

*SANCTUS

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

G⁷ C C⁷ F F/E Dm⁷ B⁷/D[#]
 Lord God Al - might-y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
 Em Em⁷ Am Dm G⁷ F/C C
 to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

C **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 table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*All are welcome to commune.
If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.
If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.
Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.*

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



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



COMMUNION HYMN

"The Lamb"

C^{sus} C C/B Am Am/G Dm/F

1. The Lamb, — the Lamb, — O Fa - ther, where's the
 (2. The) Lamb, — the Lamb, — one per - fect fi - nal
 (3. The) Lamb, — the Lamb, — as way - ward sheep their
 (4. He) sighs, — He dies, — He takes my sin and
 (5. He) rose, — He rose, — my heart with thanks now

4 G² C^{sus} C C/B Am Am/G Dm/F

sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, — be - lieves — God will pro - vide the
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, — the Lamb, — let earth join heav'n His
 shep - herd kill. So still, — His will — on our be - half the
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, — for - gives, — He gives me His own
 o - ver - flows. His song — pro - long — till ev - 'ry heart to

8 G² Am Em F

Lamb of price! — Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 praise to sing. —
 law to fill. —
 right - eous - ness. —
 Him be - long. —

12 C^{2sus} C C/B Dm/A Am Dm G

1, 2, 3, 4. C

5. C

own! The Lamb — is reign - ing on His — throne! 2. The throne!
 3. The
 4. He
 5. He

*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.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

*BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*SENDING HYMN “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

***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!

***POSTLUDE**

* Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>April 26</u>	<u>May 3</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Linda Zellers (4/25)	Pastor Jason Northridge (5/2)
Assisting Minister	Deb Sowers	Frank Hueske
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader	Betty Sheets	Melissa Shue
Communion Distributors	Glenn Alwine	Bill Sowers
	Ginny Murray	Deb Sowers
Ushers	Mike Kelly	Russ Johnson
	Sharon Kelly	Christopher Johnson
Altar Committee	Ginny Murray	Becki Davis
	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh
		Janet Haack (Linens)

TODAY WE WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAMILY through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Finley Eyler and through Affirmation of Baptism, Joshua, Sarah and Hendrick Eyler.

PASTOR JASON CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

APRIL'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to St. Paul's Family Crisis Fund. See the April Evangel for more information.

MAY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING goes to St. Paul's Sabbatical Policy Funding.

GERANIUMS SPONSORSHIP FORMS are available on the tables beside the bulletin baskets. Deadline to order is Sunday, May 3rd.

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

Radio-May 10, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-May 31 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-May 31 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-May 3, 24 & 31 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-May 3, 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, in the Conference Room after the 12:15 devotions, around 12:30. We will be discussing the second book in this series by Richard Osman, The Man Who Died Twice. We will continue with the same quartet of characters trying to solve another murder. They find themselves up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians.

Join us for good discussion, fellowship, and food. Remember to bring a brown bag lunch and a drink to the meeting. Everyone who enjoys reading is invited to come to the meeting.

CELEBRATIONS IN MAY! Join us as we celebrate and honor our teachers and Bible study leaders on **May 17** at worship. And then we'll have an "end of school year" intergenerational celebration during Faith Formation on **May 24**. Join us in Fellowship Hall for our celebration!

GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP! St. Paul's will pay for a St. Paul's member, or an individual sponsored by a member, to attend Camp Nawakwa, Camp Kirchenwald, or Mar-Lu-Ridge, for one week of summer camp at the tier 1 classic rate with funding by our February's designated giving and the Adventures in Ministry Fund; Check out the summer schedules here:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org> and **<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>**

For more information see Laura Silver, our CampPerson.

ST. PAUL'S NEWLY FORMED FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE SPONSORING A ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC at St. David's U.C.C. Grove Building on Hobart Road in Hanover on Sunday, June 14th, beginning with a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and broasted chicken with various condiments, and beverages. All those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet across from Pastor's office. Please sign-up to attend and mark your calendars for Sunday, June 14.

COOPERATIVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 - We are planning on having VBS for children ages 5 – 10 on Monday, July 27 thru Friday, July 31 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon located at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and is a cooperative ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (York Street) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The theme this year is "**Camping with God**". Registration will start on May 26 and is limited to 40 with a waiting list. We will need quite a few volunteers with clearances. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call 717-637-5941 or email assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org. Please consider volunteering to help with this important community event.

PLEASE BE INFORMED that our **Administrative Assistant, Carmen Buckley**, will be on medical leave starting May 1st. She is having surgery on her right elbow. We send Carmen all our prayers and our commitment to assist her through a peaceful recovery period. The physical church office will be closed for at least a one week period beginning May 4. During this time voicemails and emails will be handled by Pastor Jason. Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding.

4 Reasons to Tell Us About Your Gift

There are four words everyone loves to hear: *I have exciting news*.

It's a phrase that brings joy to the person sharing *and* the person listening. Exciting news is something best celebrated together!

You may be sitting on exciting news right now: your thoughtful choice to protect the people you love and support the causes you care about through your will or estate plan.

Including the ministries of St. Paul's in your estate plan is an impactful way to preserve your passion for the important and faithful work being carried out by the church. If you choose to support the ministries you care about through your legacy, please don't keep it a secret. It's beneficial to let us know.

Why tell us about your gift?

1. You can ensure your gift is used exactly as you intend.
2. The ministries you love can better plan for the future.
3. You can choose to join other like-minded supporters in making an impact.
4. We can thank you for your kindness.

If you're concerned about privacy, rest assured that your gift can remain anonymous. Also, if you'd like flexibility in your gift decisions, know that many estate gifts allow you to change your mind at any time.

We're in this together. Your dedication makes you a critical partner in our important work. The congregation would welcome an opportunity to discuss turning your dedication into your legacy.

You can start the conversation with four simple words: *I have exciting news*.

SUN., APRIL 26	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service –4 th Sunday of Easter
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor Adult Choir II rehearsal Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
MON., APRIL 27	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups - 2 nd floor
WED., APRIL 29	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – lounge
	12:45 pm	St. Paul's Book Club – Conference Room – 2 nd floor
THUR., APRIL 30	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir I rehearsal - sanctuary
FRI., MAY 1	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., MAY 2	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Council
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Pastor Jason Northridge
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MAY 3	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service –5 th Sunday of Easter
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor Adult Choir II rehearsal Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, May 5 - 7
The church office will be closed.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Just as a reminder, Pentecost Sunday is now just around the corner (May 24th), and it has been the tradition here at St. Paul's to decorate the church on that day with lovely red geraniums. Again this year, in addition to decorating the chancel on Pentecost, we would like re-purpose those same geraniums by planting them in some of the vacant spaces in our flower beds around the church. They bloom all summer long with only a little care and they are a lovely addition to our present landscaping. Please consider donating one additional geranium this year along with your regular contribution and let's brighten up the "church yard" and make our corner of Hanover a brighter and prettier place.

You have the opportunity to purchase a geranium to keep for yourself or donate back to St. Paul's to be planted outside on the church grounds. The geranium sponsorships will be listed in the Pentecost Sunday bulletins. Please fill in the form below, attach **\$6.00** for each geranium and place in the offering plate or return to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church" and marked "Geraniums" in the memo. Please plan on picking up the plant(s) after the 9:30 a.m. service on May 19th or consider donating them to St. Paul's to plant outside.

Return this form to the church office by **Sunday, May 3rd**

Enclosed is _____ for the following:
(total dollar amount)

I plan to keep _____ geranium(s)

I would like to donate _____ geraniums back to St. Paul's to be planted outside on the church grounds.

In honor or In memory of (circle one)

By _____

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By _____