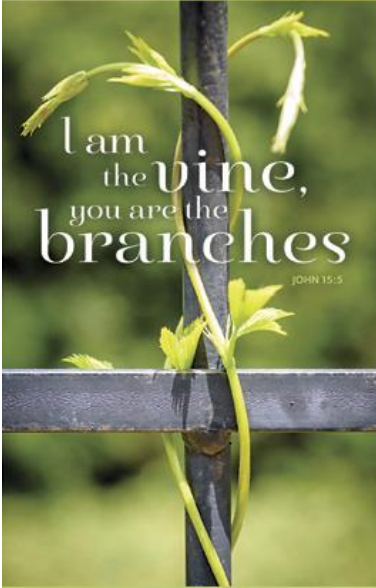


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET
HANOVER, PA**



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

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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

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

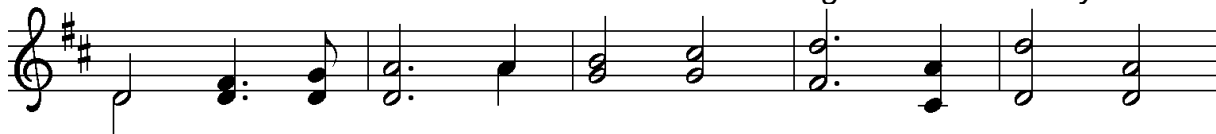
Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ Is Alive Let Christians Sing"

Hymn 389



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.



*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.**

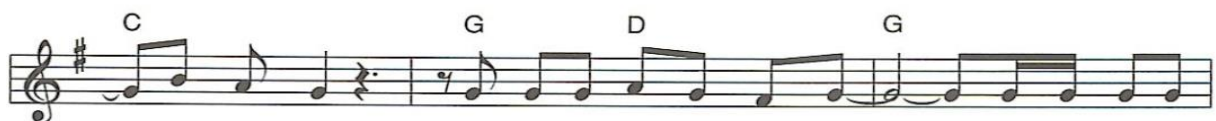
*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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 The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

L The First Reading according to Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

read responsively

- A ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

L The Second Reading according to 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this:

those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a D chord above it and the lyrics "Help us O Lord to hear your word". The second staff has a D7 chord above the first measure and a G chord above the second measure, with lyrics "O - pen our hearts to feel your word". The third staff has an Em7 chord above the first measure, a G/D chord above the second measure, and an A chord above the third measure, with lyrics "Give us the strength to live your word each day".

***GOSPEL**

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

P The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

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

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

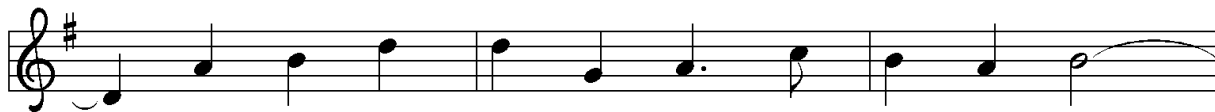
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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

*NICENE CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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**

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or

care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
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 *"My Heart Tells Me to Pray"* arr. Alley and Mutebi
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://stpaulsvorkst.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 call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

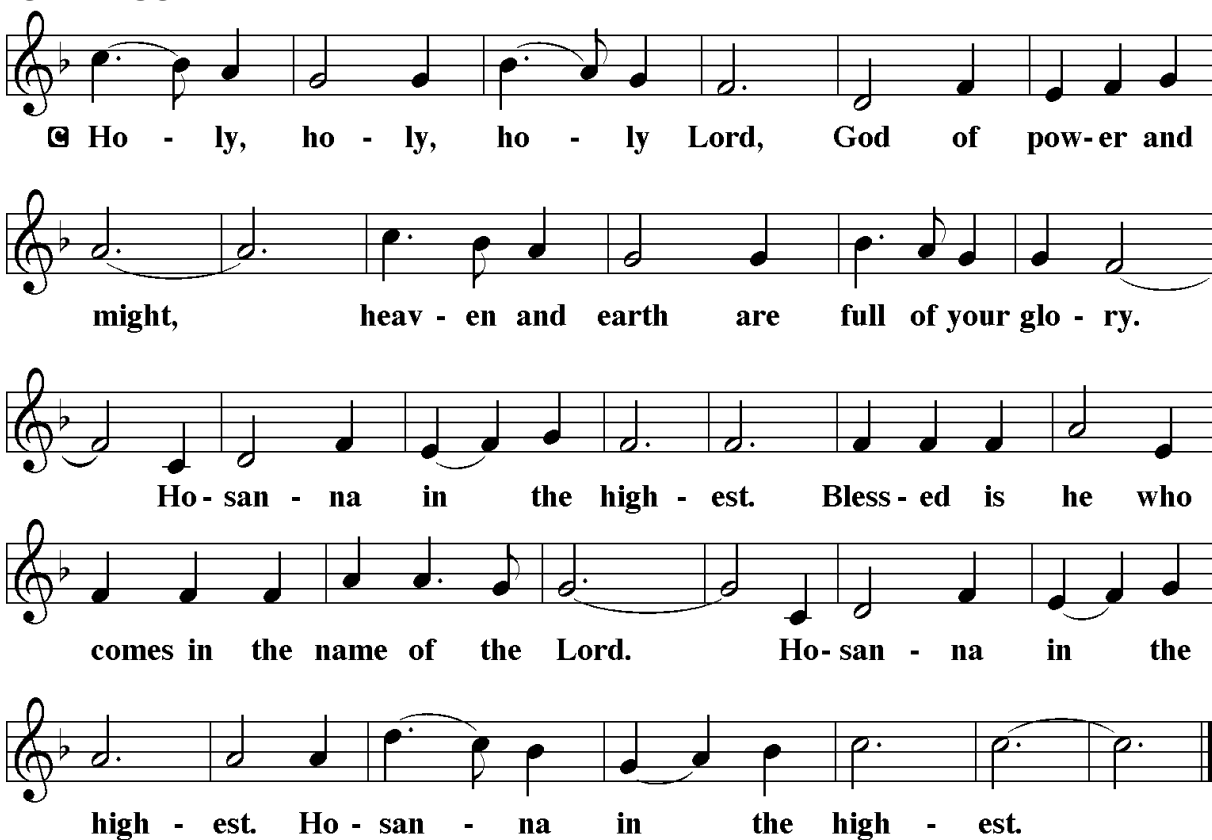
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*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



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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"Rejoice and Celebrate"

chorus C F G C

Re - jice in the Lord al - ways Ce - le - brate what

F G C F G C

God has done Re-joice and ce - le - brate we are one

verse C F G C F G

Some days we're gon - na feel lone - ly Some days we're gon - na feel
We were bap - tized in - to the pro - mise God's fam - ily we'll al - ways

C F G C

blue be Some days we're gon - na feel the help - less or We've got - ta
be We're born each day through the Sav - ior Who

F Fadd9 G

let God's sav - ing grace shine through!
hum - bly gave his life for you and me!



"This Is the Day"

sing 3 times

F

C⁶ C⁷

C⁶ C⁷



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;

5

B^b/F F

B^b/F F



We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

9

B^b

F

B^b

F/C

C^{7sus} C⁷



This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will re-joyce and be glad in it.

13

F

F/C

C⁷

F



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

***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.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

Amen.



***SENDING HYMN**

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



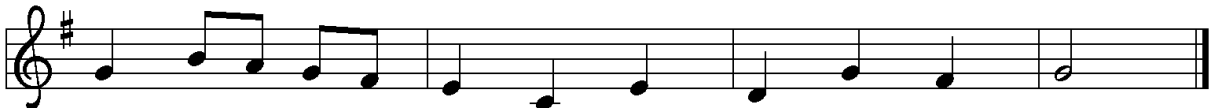
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

***DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE**

* Stand if you are able

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	Cindy Schmidt	Peg Sennett
Ushers:	Russ Johnson	Michael Kelly
	Christopher Johnson	Sharon Kelly
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Becki Davis
	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh
		Janet Haack (Linens)

APRIL DESIGNATED GIVING - WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME FOR GAZA - The United Nations World Food Programme has launched emergency operations to provide Gaza families with food assistance. More than 2 million people in Gaza urgently need food. 1 in 6 children under 2 are acutely malnourished. WFP is distributing fresh bread, canned food and ready-to-eat meals to those in shelters. \$75 can provide a family with food for an entire month; please give what you can. The WFP has received a 90% Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator. Make your check payable to St. Paul's with a footnote for WFP Gaza.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of our 26th Wedding Anniversary by Sharon and Michael Kelly.

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Worship Bulletins- May 5, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST – Order forms are located beside the worship bulletins. You can purchase a geranium(s) 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 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. **Order deadline is today, April 28th.**

COFFEE HOUR will be held in Fellowship Hall today, April 28, and immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. Join us for a time of fellowship.

CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following worship on Sunday, April 28 as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

SPYKids will meet briefly today following worship and then join the rest of the congregation for “Conversations” in Fellowship Hall.

SOMETHING’S BREWING BIBLE STUDY will continue to follow Max Lucado as he delves into the Gospel of John. **Join us in the Lounge, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm.**
JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY-The Gospel of Mark, A beginner’s guide to the Good News-Instructor, Linda Zellers–Tues. at 10:00 am in the Theater on the 2nd floor.

MAY’S DESIGNATED GIVING - St. Paul’s Family Crisis Fund - Many times in our life together we find that families within our congregation face monumental struggles. Families or individuals may have financial needs arise from medical emergencies, fires, long-term disabilities, or unemployment. They come seeking assistance from the church and many times they need more help than is readily available in the Discretionary Fund. Several years ago, our Congregation Council established the Family Crisis Fund and criteria for disbursement of funds to the families of our congregation. Building a fund such as the Family Crisis Fund enables us to help our families meet their needs and to hopefully get through the crisis. Please give generously to our Family Crisis Fund this month, so we can help those in need.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS HAVING A SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT on Sat., May 4th, from 9am till noonish. We will be doing gardening and cleaning up around the outside of the church building. Please join us as "many hands make light work".

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sun., May 5th, immediately following Worship to approve recommendations from the Building Renovation Task Force.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY will be held next Sunday, May 5th, following the Congregational Meeting. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge**, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We hope to see you there!

MANDATORY GATHERING PARENT MEETING will be held next Sunday following the Congregational Meeting. We'll meet in the THEATER.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: our children have been learning about the Lord's Prayer for the month of March. We've been learning how to pray it in American Sign Language and look forward to sharing what we've learned with the congregation at an upcoming worship service!

HELP REQUESTED FOR GARDEN CARE - Spring has arrived, bringing on the season of flower bed care. Maintaining our church flower beds gives the entire campus a welcoming and neat appearance, but it is certainly time-consuming for Mike Buckley, our Maintenance Technician. When parishioners volunteer to help Mike with these chores, it takes the burden off him plus saves payroll dollars. Would you like to help? Any time until late Fall? You can bring your equipment or use the church's equipment. If so, please contact Mike via email to make arrangements, mtechstpauls@gmail.com, or call the church office and ask for Mike.

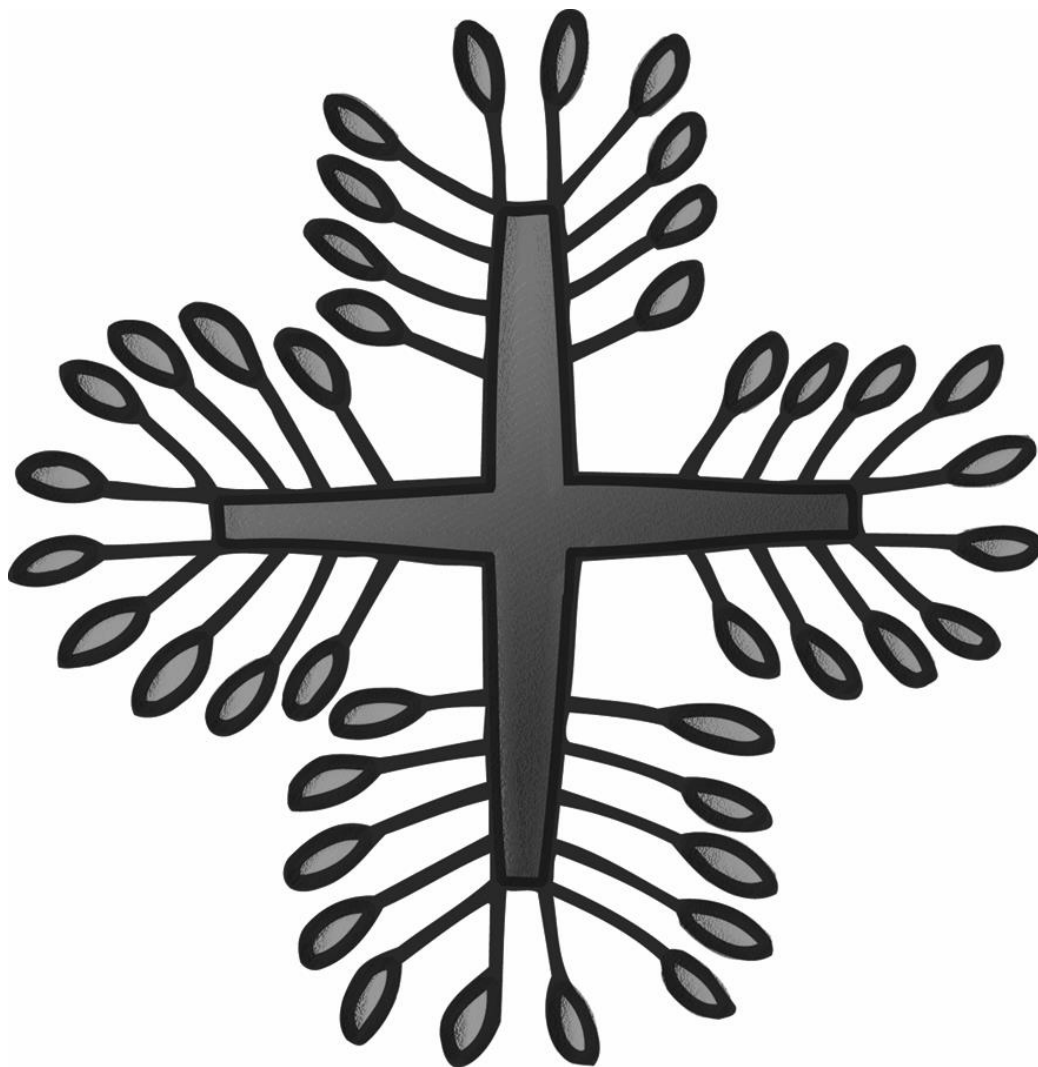
FAMILY CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL!! Camp is not just for our youth and families...it's for EVERYONE!!! A group of us is planning on attending Family Camp **Aug. 4-7**, and we wanted to invite everyone in our church family! Congregation Council has agreed to pay for each member to attend a week of camp, so your lodging, food, and programming will be free to you if you have not already gone to a week of camp over the summer. You are welcome to stay for the entire week, but please know some of us will only be staying for the first half of the week. This could be the start of a great St. Paul's tradition! All camp registration forms should be given to Carmen in the church office. Contact Laura Silver, our Camp Person, for registration questions at silverlkw@hotmail.com or Bill or Deb Sowers with program questions.

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER to having all of our "72 Envelopes" taken! Check out what numbers are left in our 72 ENVELOPES campaign for our youth attending the Gathering in New Orleans. Consider donating a number amount that speaks to you. See the Youth and Family bulletin board for more information!

SUMMER BOOK STUDY: *BLUE LIKE JAZZ* by Donald Miller. While *Blue Like Jazz* is driven by topics such as God, Sin, Belief, Faith, Redemption, Jesus and so on, the book is entirely narrative, told as one Christian's personal faith story. *Blue Like Jazz* speaks

of what it feels like to have a relationship with God, and what the nature of sin and desire to be forgiven feel like, without complicated theological jargon.

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Theater Room. The book study will run from **May 28 - August 6** (skipping July 2). We will discuss two chapters each session. Since each chapter of the book can stand alone, you don't need to attend every discussion. Please sign up or call the church office by May 19th so we can order your book!



SUN., APRIL 28	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday of Easter
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	SPYKids – Youth Room
	10:45 am	Conversations with Pastor Katrina – Fellowship Hall
MON., APRIL 29	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., APRIL 30	10:00 am	The Gospel of Mark Bible Study/Theater Room
WED., MAY 1	6:00 pm	Christian Education Committee meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music Committee meeting
THUR., MAY 2	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal–sanctuary balcony
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 102–Fellowship Room
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
FRI., MAY 3	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., MAY 4	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (volunteers needed)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MAY 5	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 6 th Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – 2 nd floor
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	Immediately following	Youth Choir rehearsal - sanctuary
	10:45 am	Meeting for Parent(s) of the Gathering – Youth Room
10:45 am	Daily Disciple class – nursery room	