



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

St. Paul Lutheran Church
April 11, 2021
8:15 am

PRELUDE

EASTER PROCLAMATION Alleluia! He is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Let us together confess our sins.

Jesus, you died on the cross for us and for the world. Forgive us for our sins against you and against our neighbor, in thought, word, and deed.

Jesus is risen. Sin and death have been defeated. Your sins are forgiven!

Jesus, we have not followed you as we ought. Give us strength to follow you.

Jesus is risen. Sin and death have been defeated. Your sins are forgiven!

Forgive us for our doubting your defeat of death. Give us faith. Fill our hearts with the joy and power of your resurrection.

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GATHERING HYMN #382

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

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Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for evermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Before the gospel is read:

The holy gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Emmy Schreiber

SOLO

"We Walk by Faith"

Marty Haugen

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,

beneath the bread and wine.
And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING RESPONSE:

*Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #376 “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

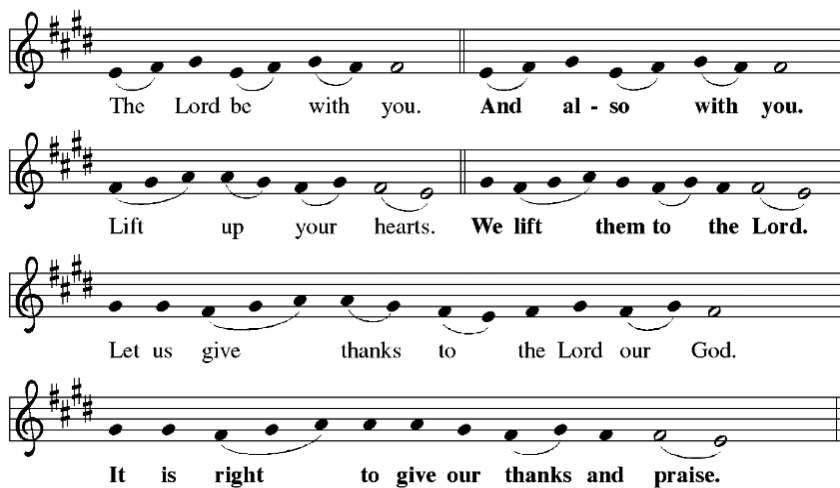
SENDING

Alleluia! He is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

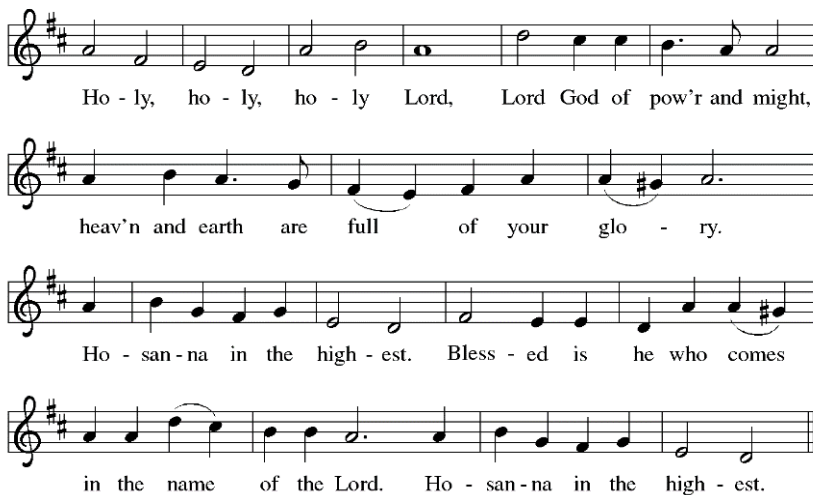
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

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

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION

MUSICIANS

Don Drenner – song leader

Pam Drenner – keyboards

St. Paul News

New members class: We will be offering a new members class after the 2nd service on April 25th for those interested in joining St. Paul. Please contact Pastor Rob or call the office 717-626-4709, for more information.

Antiracism and Faith for Educators: A small group for educators who seek to grow toward racial equity in schools will run from the weeks of May 2nd-June 6th. Exact dates and time TBD. Group members do not need to attend St. Paul to participate. Contact Briana Legerlotz (brianalegerlotz@gmail.com) or Kimberly Todd (ktodd@stpaulinitz.net) with inquiries or interest.

Splash Families: Parents of children through age 3 are invited to attend a new class meeting on the lawn each Sunday morning at 9:30a.m. from April 18th-May 23rd. Bring your little ones with you! Contact Pastor Rob or Kim (ktodd@stpaulinitz.net).

A variety of **Adult Faith Formation** groups are meeting in a variety of ways for the Spring. Contact your group leader for details, or contact Kim (ktodd@stpaulinitz.net) to find a group.

Earth Day Movie in the Social Hall: You're invited to come and watch Kiss The Ground, the 2020 documentary featuring Woody Harrelson that is fueling a movement of regenerative agriculture, the first viable solution to our climate crisis. **Thursday, April 22nd at 7pm.** Bring a comfortable chair. No cost or sign-up required.

Wittel Farm Growing Project: Volunteers are needed all season long at the Wittel Farm. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A9A72EA7FB6-planting1>
Contact Pr. Matt with questions: pastormattl@dejazzd.com

Lutheran World Relief Care Kits: The Totals are in! **163 personal care kits and 6 sewing kits** were packed and taken to New Windsor, MD for drop off. Check out the Lutheran World Relief website to track the kits across the globe (lwr.org/tracker). St. Paul Women of the ELCA thanks ALL who contributed to this vital ministry of giving!!

Camp Sunday is April 18! Kids, join a presentation by Camp Director Zach Weiss during your Sunday School hour. Ask him all kinds of questions about how awesome Camp is! Summer Camp registration is now open for kids, families & adults: www.lutherancamping.org. See Deacon Emily for cost information through St. Paul's camperships. This year, we're offering an **Invite a Friend** discount too! We want all kids to be able to attend camp!

Butterfly Project Returns to St. Paul! KIDS - on Sunday, April 25, we will re-launch our butterfly project (the one we started last Spring). Mrs. Cherie Lenahan will visit Sunday School classes to help us start planting a Monarch Way Station in our Sacred Grounds field. Don't miss this special, spring project of planting milkweed and making butterfly crafts!

THANK YOU! To the Turner Family (Mary, Billy and Maggie) for the festive Easter Decorations at the pavilion last week. We are grateful for your creativity, and the butterfly signs of new life!

Easter Flowers: Your Easter flowers are ready to go home to a loved one! Please pick them up from the sanctuary today. This will be the last day for pick up. Thank you!