



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ROOTED AND GROWING

April 14, 2023 8:15 am

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**Bold** print indicates congregational responses

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!  
We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. For those visiting, please fill out a *visitor card* located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand to a worship leader.  
Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Edward Broughton

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We worship in the name in which we baptize, in the name of the Father,  $\text{†}$  the Son and 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 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

#522 “As We Gather at Your Table”

**\*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”

Cantor 

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.



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**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **READING**

**1 John 3:1-7**

The reading is found on page 321 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## PSALM 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup>**When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL

**Luke 24:36b-48**

The reading is found on page 121 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles.

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Emily Myallis

## SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

#368 "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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. Amen.

*\*The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastors are happy to discuss*

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## \*PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Scan the QR Code for the Weekly Announcements.

*Hard copies of the Weekly Announcements can be found in the Narthex.*

*Weekly news can also be found on our website: [stpaulstitz.net](http://stpaulstitz.net)*

### Office Hours:

- Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1 pm

**\*OFFERING SONG**

#377 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" v. 2

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes.  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,

**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.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

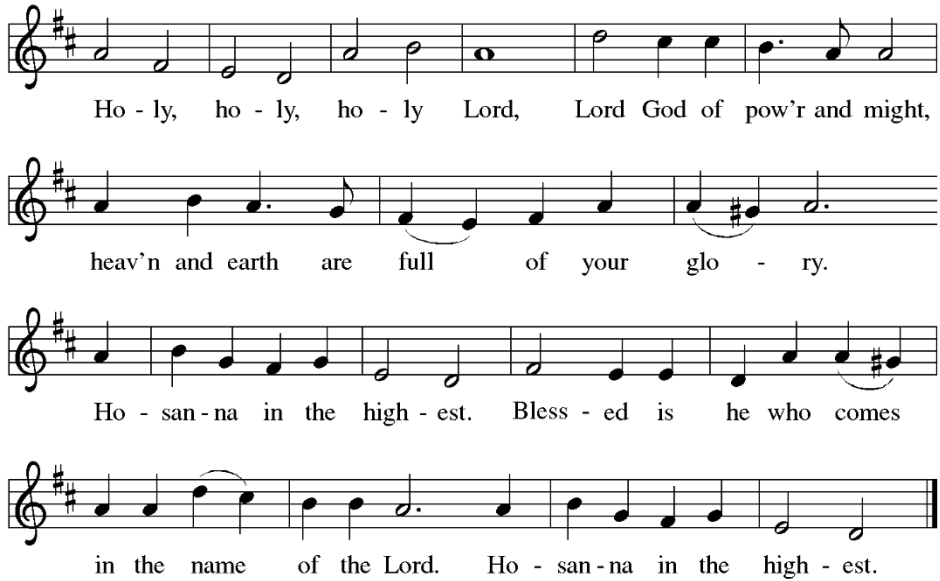
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## \*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

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: *The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.* If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.



COMMUNION MUSIC

#472 "Jesus Christ, Bread of Life"

Refrain-All, Cantor-Verses

*Refrain*

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

**\*SENDING**

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

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“A Joyous Alleluia”

Tom Birchwood

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**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Joyce Loercher from her family.

**The Communion Bread** is given to the glory of God by Marsha Campbell.

**Worship Volunteers -8:15 am / 10:45 am**

Acolyte – Pat Lamb /

Assisting Minister – Joanne Strunck / Wayne Gongaware

Cantor – Katy Clair

Coffee Host – Rick & LuAnn Hain

Communion Assistants – Mary Stophel, Signe Fink, Joyce Groff /

Kathy Ross, Margaret Strausser, Susan Long

Host – Pat Lamb / Steve & Kathy Carvell, Hazel Nestleroth

Lector – Jim Watkins / Kristen Oberholtzer

Lights and Sound – John Moffit / Nathan Hoffer

**Altar Guild**

Set-Up 8:15 – Nancy Weiss

In between Clean & Set-Up – Tami Ruckel

Clean-Up after 10:45 – Hovan Family

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