

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 am is live; 11:00 is live, streamed, and recorded**  
**Setting Five**

*Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book  
in the pew.*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** – *Piano sonata 5 by W. A. Mozart*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.  
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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

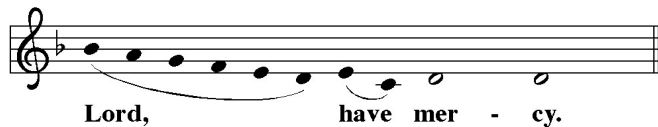
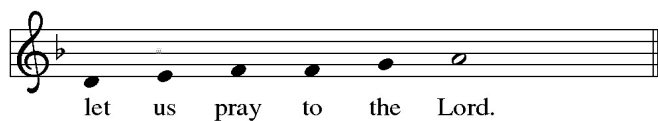
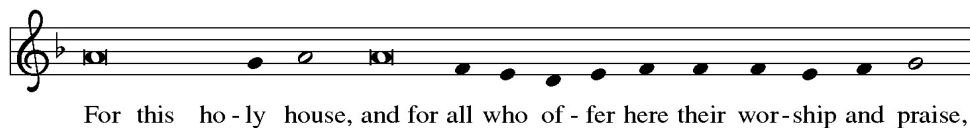
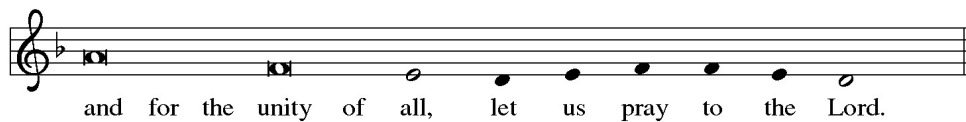
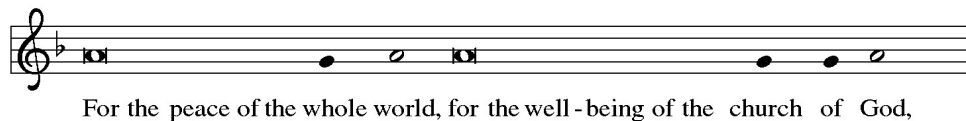
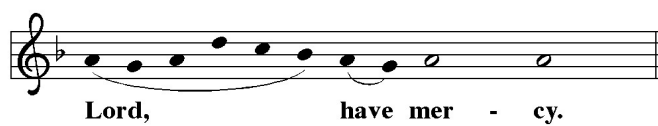
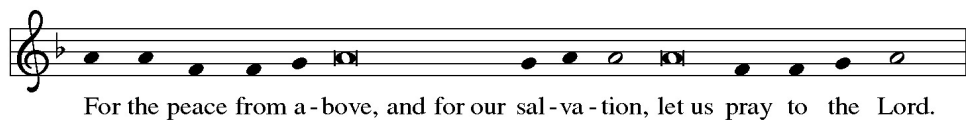
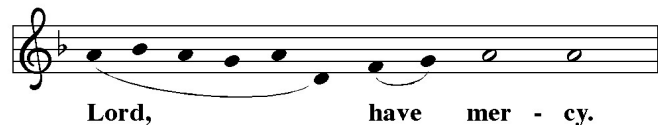
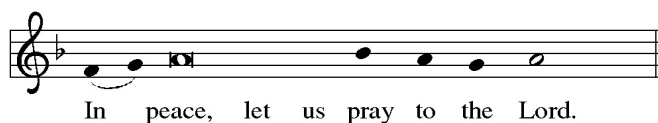
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 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

### 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.

# KYRIE



## ALL GLORY...

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

## First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

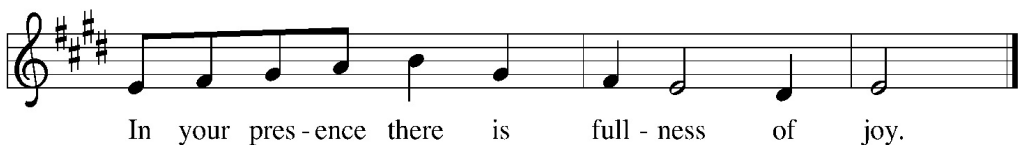
<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*Response – Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 16

*Congregation sings Refrain and bold verses*

### *Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref-<sup>1</sup>uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a-<sup>1</sup>bove all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are<sup>1</sup> in the land,  
upon those who are noble a-<sup>1</sup>mong the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after<sup>1</sup> other gods shall have their troubles<sup>1</sup> multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings<sup>1</sup> to such gods,  
never take their names up-<sup>1</sup> on my lips. *Refrain***

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion<sup>1</sup> and my cup; it is you who up-<sup>1</sup>hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a<sup>1</sup> pleasant land; indeed, I have a<sup>1</sup> rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who<sup>1</sup> gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night<sup>1</sup> after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al-<sup>1</sup>ways before me;**

**because God is at my right hand, I shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken. *Refrain***

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-<sup>1</sup>it rejoices; my body also shall<sup>1</sup> rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me<sup>1</sup> to the grave, nor let your holy one<sup>1</sup> see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the<sup>1</sup> path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-<sup>1</sup>evermore. *Refrain*

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

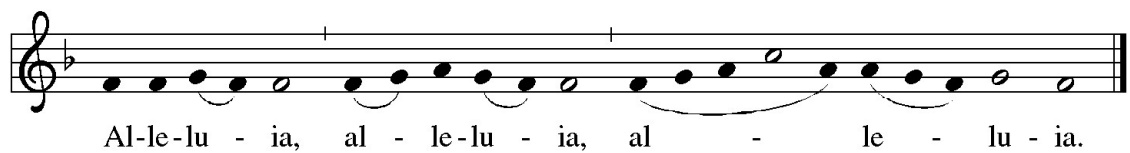
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

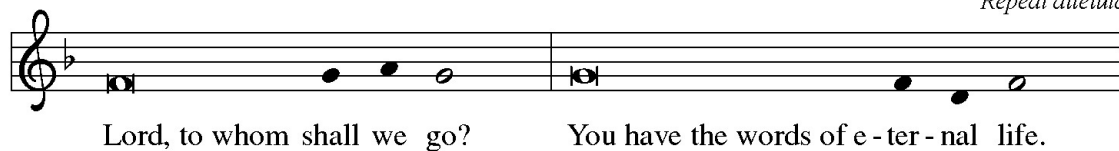
<sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Response: Thanks be to God*

## Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



*After the Gospel is announced, the people say: Glory to you, O Lord*

## Gospel: John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*After the Gospel is read, the people say:* **Praise to you, O Christ**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY - The Risen Christ

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### The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand

from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,

un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,

and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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## **NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders (*especially*). Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief (*especially*) Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis and Larry, Bob and Ellie, Naomi, Judy, Mary, John, Tom, Pat, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love (*especially*). Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** - *Improvisation*

## OFFERTORY – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning of the second measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

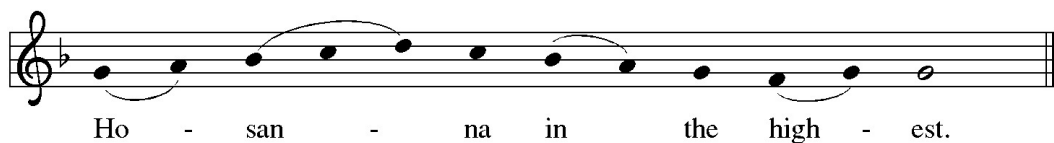
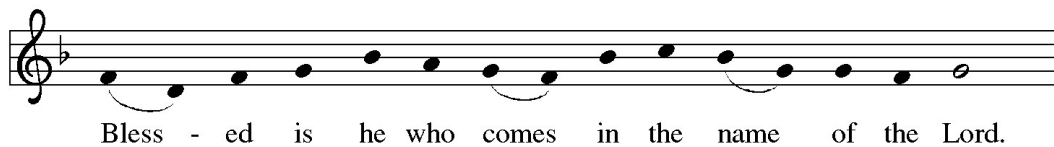
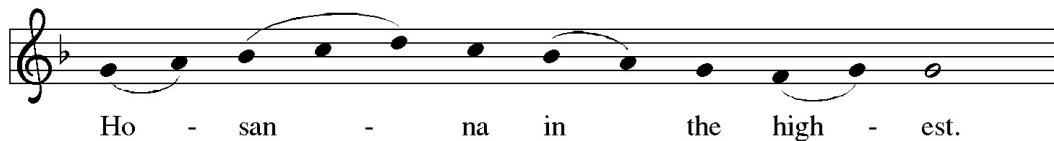
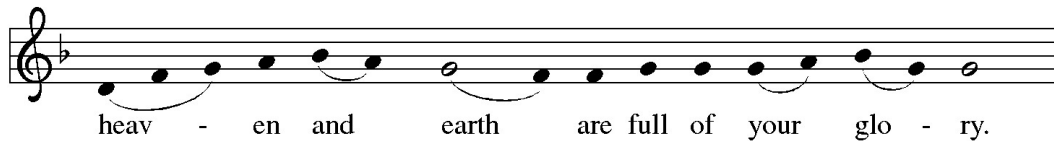
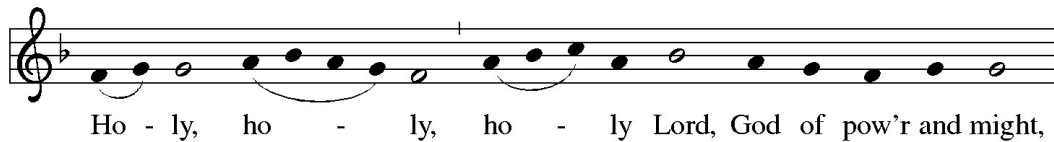
**ALL** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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.

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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:



### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.  
You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.  
That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.  
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.  
Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

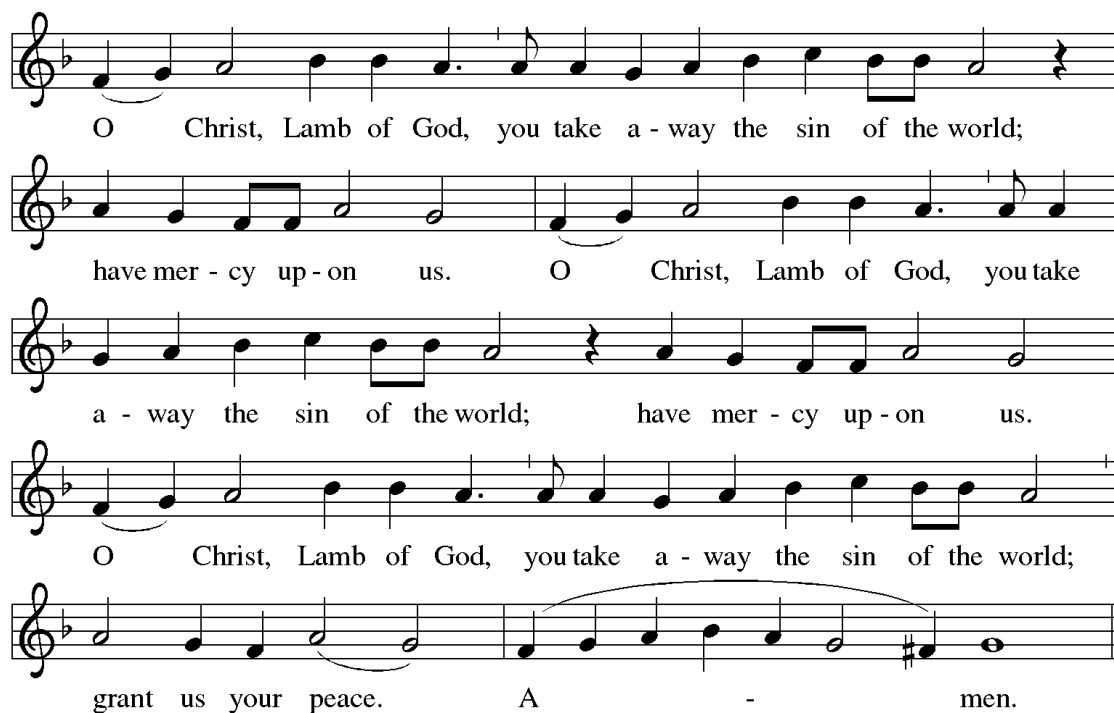
#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION SONG – O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

## O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,

3 An an - gel clad in white they see,

4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,

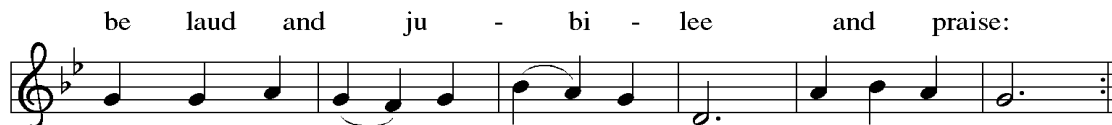


the faith - ful wom - en went their way

who sits and speaks un - to the three,

a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,

be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!

"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!

and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
that they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be."  
Alleluia!

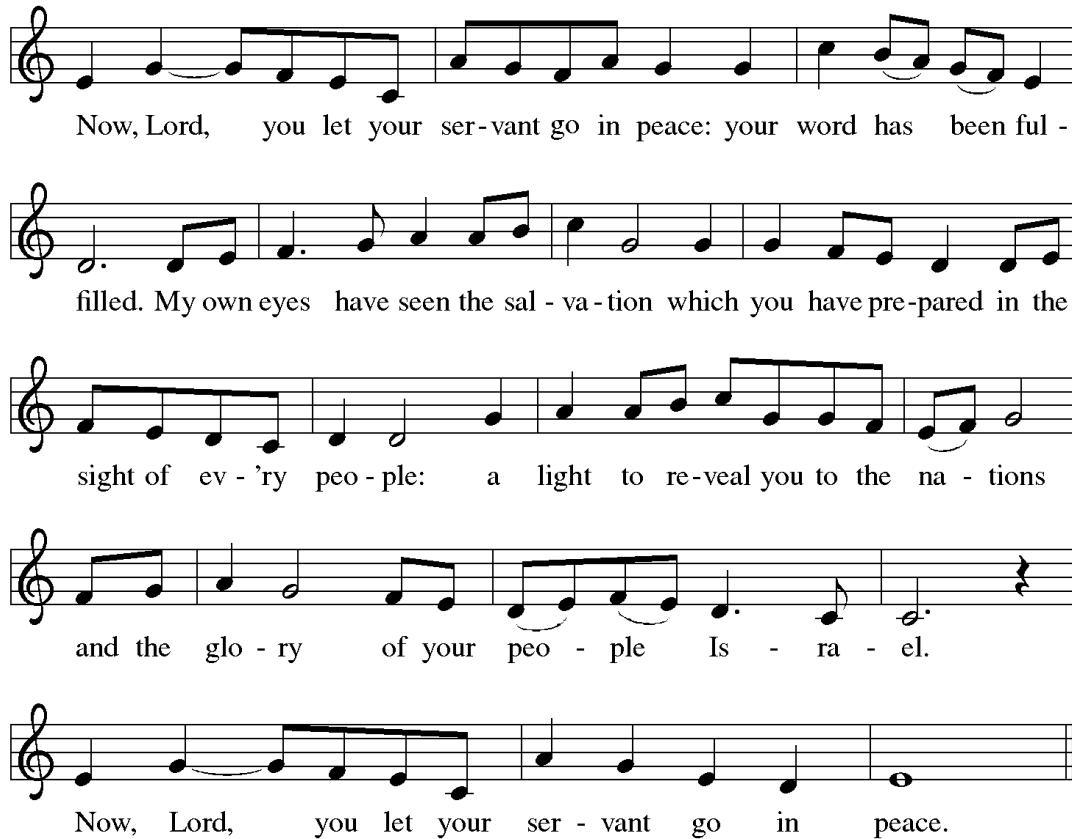
8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING

Blessing

*response: Amen*

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side; nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – *This Joyful Eastertide* by George Woodward

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**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God.

**Altar Flowers** – If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church (Members):** Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Naomi Watson, Judy Schlegel, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Tom Kraska, Pat Cashwell

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner [Tony Perrotte's mother and uncle], Vickie Ettinger, Lois Horn, Diane Johnson (Penni Perrotte's friends), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Josephine Economy and John Bigsby (friends of Bess Line), Wayne Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Debra Fletcher (sister of Bill Wilson), Marie Watts (cousin of Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Ashley Collins (niece of Deb Tabert), Holly (friend of Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (son of a friend of the Waughs), George and Pat Rose (friends of Debbie Fullbright), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Richard and Claudia Steele (friends of Dean and Marcia Redman), Kirk Temple (brother-in-law of Deb Tabert)

**Adult Sunday School Classes for the month of April** - meet in Trinity Hall 9:45-10:45 am:

April 16 – Acts and Paul's Journeys

April 23 – Early History of NC Lutherans

April 30 – 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Service and Meal (One service at 10 am, celebration meal after)

**On behalf of the Duke Lutherans**, thank you for serving as one of our beloved partner congregations. As I near the start of my fourth year as the campus pastor, I know that through God's grace and your faithful support, we are able to proclaim Jesus' unfailing love in word and deed on campus and help Lutheran Campus Ministry at Duke to flourish.

Above all, God calls us to share this truth with students: the ground and promise of who we are is in



Christ alone—not in grades or test scores, not in a prestigious internship or job, not in belonging to a selective campus organization—but in Jesus, who "gives us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that God's hand is leading us and God's love supporting us" (Holden Evening Prayer)

Thank you, St. Paul's, for the myriad ways you join us in this vital ministry we share. From serving as Adopt a Duke Lutheran Parents to providing meals for Sunday Evening Prayer services, from giving financial gifts to serving on the Duke Lutherans Committee,

your love for the students is clear and abundant.

Finally, if you'd like to learn more about the Duke Lutherans or become more connected with our ministry, please reach out; I'd love to have coffee or lunch together!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda Highben

[amanda.highben@duke.edu](mailto:amanda.highben@duke.edu), 612-418-4192

## Young In Spirit

- Young In Spirit activity for **May 10** will be St. Paul's resident art historian, Janet Seiz, sharing her insights to a work of art. Bring your own lunch and join us in Trinity hall.
- Baseball game, Sunday, **June 25 at 5:05 pm**. Syracuse Mets vs. Durham Bulls. Price is \$15.00 per ticket. **Please reserve your spot** and reimburse Redmans by May 14. (Redmans will be gone April 25 thru May 10).

**Duke Lutherans:** All are welcome to join the Duke Lutherans on **Sunday, April 16, at 5:30 pm** at the Fisher Amphitheater in Duke Gardens for our last Evening Prayer of the year. In addition to singing Holden Evening Prayer, we will recognize and bless nine (yes, nine!) of our students who are graduating (2 undergrads, 3 master's, 1 MDiv, and 3 PhDs). Then, join us after worship for a potluck dinner. Please let Pastor Amanda know if you can bring a dish or dessert to share ([amanda.highben@duke.edu](mailto:amanda.highben@duke.edu)). This is a wonderful opportunity to worship together with our beloved students and wish our graduates Godspeed; we hope you'll join us!

## Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars?

The Thrivent Choice program encourages eligible Thrivent Financial members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes its charitable grant funds. In 2022, St. Paul's received \$1,014 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. To direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul's, Duke Lutherans, or other qualified nonprofit, log on to Thrivent (<https://www.thrivent.com/>) and click on Get Involved and Thrivent Choice -- Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to select the recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Join us on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am where we are studying "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy Jill Levine. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Study notes will be emailed. **The class will return from break on April 20.**

## St. Paul's Readers Meeting – Thursday, April 20 at 3:00 pm

We invite all readers to join us as we discuss Native by Kaitlin Curtice. This book explores identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a member of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, the author writes of how reconnecting with her Native American roots both informs and challenges her Christian faith. Our meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 3 pm in the Library. Vicar Amanda Spangler will lead the discussion. Please consider participating in our monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 3 pm). We welcome all readers – men and women! Even if you have not read the book, we would love for you to come check us out. Please contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)) with any questions. We hope to see you soon!

**Our Growing thru Grief meetings** continue each week at St. Paul's. Meetings are on Tuesday, with registration at 4:00 pm. First time attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination and booster(s). Masks

are encouraged. We ask people to come at 4; the program begins at 4:30, and all will end by 6.

- On April 4 our spring "Introduction to Grief" series begins. "Truth-Telling and Grief Companionship" will be led by Katherine Henderson. This six-week series will be in dialogue with the book *It's OK that You're Not OK* by Megan Devine.

Everyone is welcome. Please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) if you have any questions.

**Note from former Vicar, Mac Mullins:** "By the grace of God, Vr. Mac Mullins has been called as Pastor in Residency to St. Paul Lutheran Church Quad Cities in Davenport, IA. The residency program at St. Paul is a two-year term call in which new pastors receive one-on-one mentoring, professional development, and the chance to work in a large, established church at the beginning of their ministry. Vr. Mac's ordination will be held on June 17, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Durham. He will begin at St. Paul Quad Cities in mid-August. All members of St. Paul's Durham are invited to attend and celebrate with Vr. Mac. A very special thanks to the Internship Committee and everyone at St. Paul's who have supported Vr. Mac in his ministry!"

**St. Paul's has a Habitat Work Crew and you are invited to join them!** Morris Casper is our contact person and coordinator. The best way to reach him is by email: [mcasper913@gmail.com](mailto:mcasper913@gmail.com) Our work dates are: April 22, May 13, and June 10. All genders are welcome.

The **Tongue and Thimble** group creates small quilts which are distributed to the nurseries at local hospitals for their critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/Music room off of the Genesis Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. If you have an interest in sewing, please stop by and see what we are working on.

The **Dropped Stitch Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the sofa area of the atrium. This group creates prayer shawls by knitting or crochet. Come join in.

**PASTA for PARKTOWN!! Help Stock the St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!** Please continue to add a package – or two – of dry pasta to your shopping cart to support this important community ministry and keep the St. Paul's Pasta Shelf well stocked. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze. **St. Paul's Shelf - dry boxed pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

### **The Durham CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Funds raised from the walk provide food and other resources for families in Durham and across the globe. You can still make contributions to Durham CROP Hunger Walk securely on-line at this site: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/durhamnc> You can search for a specific walker or team you would like to support with your donation. There is also an option to make a general donation in support of the 2023 Durham CROP Hunger Walk. You may also link directly to Megan Cunningham who is the team leader for St. Paul's at this link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/megan-cunningham-3>

### **Sign-Up Genius Links**

Please visit the Sign-Up Genius links which we use to enable volunteers to fill in where needed, for both services. Click on the link and fill in your name on the date(s).

#### **♦ Sunday Worship**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>

Sign up for: lector, worship assistant, and ushers. Staff will be glad to provide guidance for any of these tasks.

#### **♦ Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

#### **♦ Devotions –** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Send your devotions to Vicar Amanda Spangler- [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)