

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**April 23, 2023 - Third 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** – *Adagio cantabile from Piano Sonata no. 8 by L. v. Beethoven*

**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.

## Processional Hymn – With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to

songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by

bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So

set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and

all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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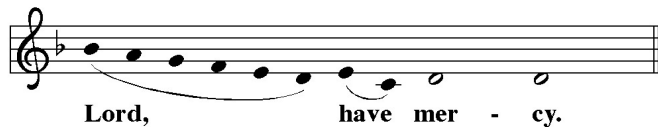
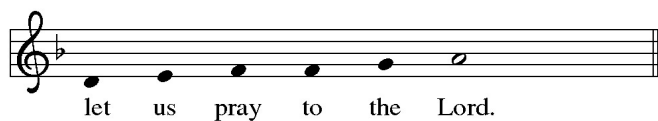
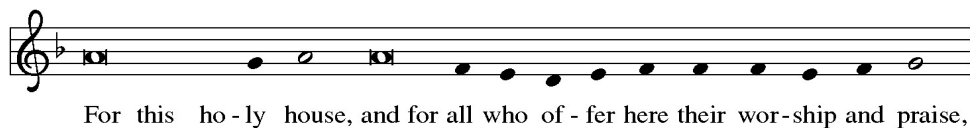
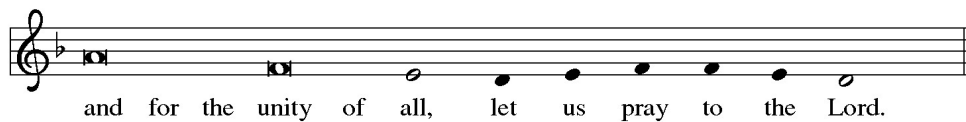
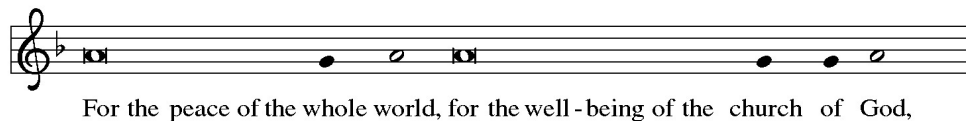
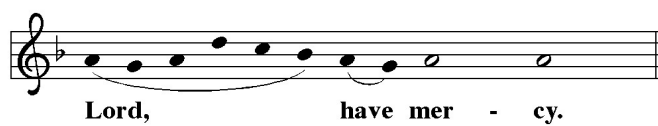
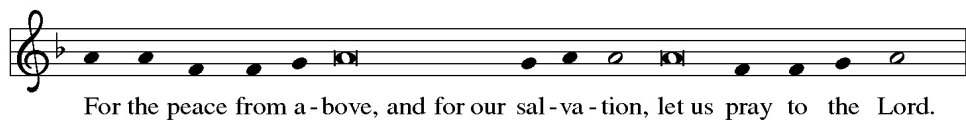
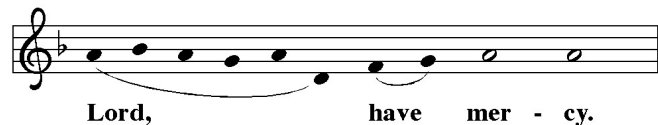
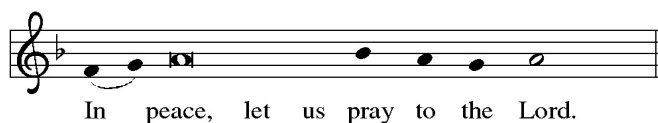
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### GREETING

**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 repeat dots. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

## First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Response – Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*Congregation sings Refrain and bold verses*

*Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” Refrain**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of | all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD, is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD. Refrain**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of | all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! Refrain**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Response: Thanks be to God*

### Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

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

### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their

companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*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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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.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives (*like Toyohiko Kagawa, whom we commemorate today*). Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*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.**

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. 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 - (8:30) Improvisation**

(11:00) Choir – *Since by Man Came Death from The Messiah*, by G. F. Handel

## 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a clear, legible font.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

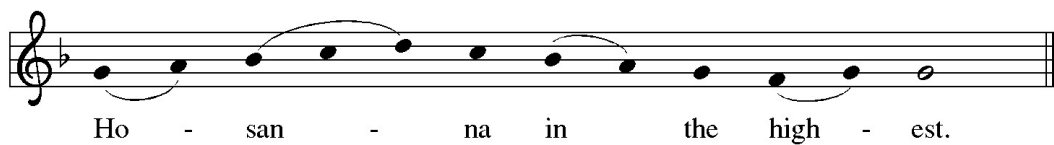
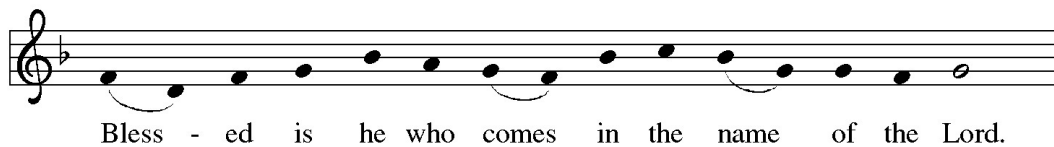
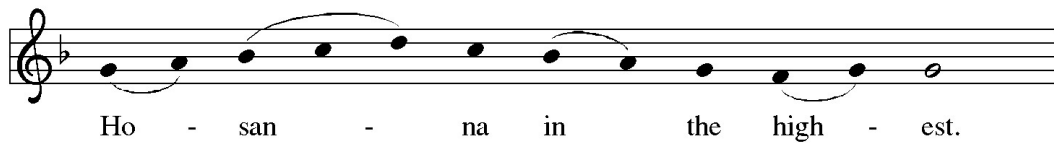
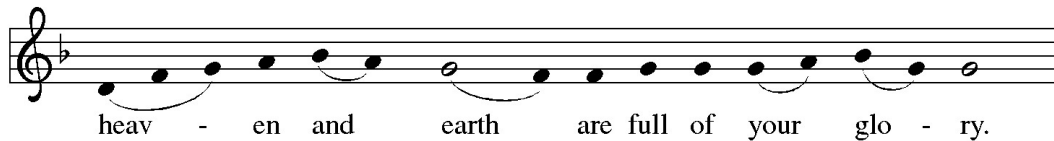
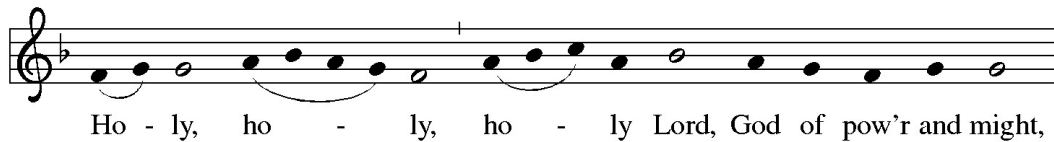
**ALL** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a clear, legible font.

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

## 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.*

# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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### 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*



## Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word  
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;  
 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
 and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
 your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.  
 grant stead-fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923  
 Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – *Minuet and Trio by Franz Schubert*

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**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in honor of our 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, by Pastor Scott and Kathy Anderson.

**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 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)

**Articles and information** for the May issue of Cross Connections are due Monday, April 24 to Susan Esposito. You may drop items in her mailbox in the reception office, or email to [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org). "Holy Folders" will meet on Friday, April 28 at 11:00 am to assemble the issue for the post office.

**On Sunday, April 30th, we will have one service at 10:00 am followed by a luncheon, to kick off our 100th Anniversary Year Celebration!**

- ▶ **We are very pleased to announce that former members,** The Rev. Ann Sundberg and The Rev. Kim Carlson, will be joining us for this celebration. Both were members at St. Paul's prior to attending Duke Divinity School and becoming pastors. There can be no better way to begin our celebration than rejoicing in their call to ministry and the congregation's role in their ministry. Pastor Ann will preach and Pastor Kim will preside. Pastor Scott and Vicar Amanda will be assisting them in worship.
- ▶ **Following the service,** we will gather for a meal in Trinity Hall. Bullock's BBQ will be providing the chicken and our own Martha Dahl will cater the rest of the meal. We have secured the services of a harpist to provide appropriate background music. Red and white wine and some beer will be available with the meal.
- ▶ **HELP NEEDED!!! A wonderful meal is planned and we need some assistance in the kitchen: especially 3-4 people during the worship time, we will also need help with some serving and refills as well as cleanup after the meal. If you can help in any way, please let Martha Dahl know: [mjdahlhouse@gmail.com](mailto:mjdahlhouse@gmail.com) or 847-612-6687.**
- ▶ During our time together, there will be a display from our Archives and our president, Maria Chi, is putting together some pictures from our past that will be projected on the big screen.
- ▶ 100th Anniversary Commemorative magnets will be available for all in attendance.

**PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF OUR MINISTRY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023.**

### **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).

**Thursday Bible Study** – Join us on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am where we will begin this week the study of Jeremiah. Books are available from Pastor or in the Atrium today. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Study notes will be emailed.

**Childcare Opportunity:** Rev. Beverly Struckmann, Associate Pastor of Living Lord Lutheran Church (Lake St. Louis, MO) has been accepted into Duke's D.Min. program beginning in August. Her husband is a truck-driver, and in order to participate in the three one-week residencies required each year by the program, Pastor Beverly will need to bring her children with her. They are ages 2 and 4. Pastor Beverly is looking for people who would be able to watch her children from approximately 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for one week in August, one week in January, and one week in May. She will pay. Approximate dates are

- the third week of August
- the second week of January
- the end of the third week of May through the beginning of the fourth week of May

If interested, please contact Pastor Scott or Vicar Amanda.

**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.

**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).

**I would like to say a big THANK YOU for your continued support with the Durham CROP Walk.** Our congregation met and exceeded our 2023 goal of \$3,000 by raising \$3,200. It is with your help we are making an impact in the support to fight against hunger in Durham County and around the world. Your team captain, Megan Cunningham

### **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)