

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

*Growing in faith. Growing in community.  
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*



## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion



When the women find the tomb empty, they are stunned by the presence and words of the men in dazzling clothing—and yet, they remember. Even in utter shock, they return to their deep knowing and allow themselves to receive the expansiveness of resurrection. Can we trust in the expansive promise of new life, and carry that promise with us wherever we go?

### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We believe all people are created in God's image.** Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socioeconomic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families are welcome to use the Playground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Playground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

**Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex. If you need any other help with worship, please speak with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.**

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

### PRELUDES

"Easter Medley"  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

"Thine Is the Glory"  
Sounding Brass

arr. Stephen Walters

"Christians, to the Paschal Victim"  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Cathy Moglebust

"Were We There?"  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

### POEM

"New Life Is Right Here"

Rev. Sarah Speed

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we slow down.**

**Today we take it all in.**

**Today we rest in good news.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we are singing.**

**Today we are full to the brim.**

**Today joy cannot be contained.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today the stone was rolled away.**

**Today the women saw the empty grave.**

**Today we know – death does not win.**

This day is not like any other day.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

## RETURN OF THE ALLELUIA

*Children are invited to follow Pastor Cris to  
the rear of the sanctuary to unbury the Alleluia  
and help carry it forward during the singing.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365 (harmony)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, it is our tradition to often have a prayer of confession in worship — not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet. We join in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening, and God’s grace is always full to the brim.

*Silence for reflection.*

God of new life,

**we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we’d rather stay the same than begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray. Amen.**

Family of faith, if there is life after death, then you can be certain—there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you. In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven, † loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response.

**Thanks be to God, and let it be so.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## THE PEACE

As forgiven and reconciled people of God,  
we offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ’s peace  
in word and gesture, saying,*

**Peace be with you.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than the hamster wheel life of to-do lists and errands, meal prep and alarm clocks. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. We want a life bursting with laughter. We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away. So today we pray — break the dam. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. We long for you. Gratefully we pray.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ✙ WORD ✙

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

**Acts 10:34-43**

*God raised Jesus on the third day*

A reading from Acts:

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in

Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>"Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*Antiphon: Ps. 118:24*

*Refrain*

This is the day that the Lord has made! Re - joice! Re -

joice, and be ex-ceed-ing glad! This is the day that the

Lord has made! Re - joice! Re-joyce! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Natalie Sleeth

Music: THIS IS THE DAY, Natalie Sleeth

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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

*Refrain*



<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation. *Sing the refrain, "This is the day..."*

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Sing the refrain, "This is the day..."*

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits*

A reading from First Corinthians:

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in the proper order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the dominion to God, the Father, after destroying every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today LLANFAIR

ELW 369  
Verse 1

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!





## HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 24:1-12

*The women proclaim the resurrection*

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son-of-Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then the women remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**CELEBRATING  
THE GOSPEL**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**  
LLANFAIR

**ELW 369**  
*Verse 2*

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!

sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Cris Frigm



*Please stand, as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**The Day of Resurrection**  
 HFW 1180



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in a God who can astound us—

**a God who created the mountains of Colorado,  
the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.**

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—

**an example of love for those on the fringes,  
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.**

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,  
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

**And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again —  
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us  
into an expansive life —

**a life not measured by wealth or accolades,  
but a life full to the brim with joy,  
overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope,  
and decorated with good news.**

Death has lost its sting.

**We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share  
the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new  
ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and  
mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth  
in all that grows this season. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring  
new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up  
leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God  
of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes  
or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all  
who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially Robin, Phyllis, Michael, Hugh, the

family of Marie, those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... *(brief silence)*. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community alongside our partners in ministry of the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## ✙ MEAL ✙

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

## ANTHEM

"Risen Indeed"  
Sanctuary Choir

Victor C. Johnson

*Please stand and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.*

## OFFERTORY

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

ELW 369

LLANFAIR

Verse 4

4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today' (Verse 4). It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating a four-part setting. The lyrics are: '4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues: 'all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!'. The third staff continues: 'Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!'. The fourth staff concludes: 'now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.

Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 the women 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:

Tune: ELW 382



Ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord most ho-ly, God of pow-er, God of might:



Heav'n and earth re-veal your glo-ry. Hail, ho-san-na, Lord of light!



Bless - ed be the com-ing Sav-ior. Hail, ho-san-na, Lord of light!



Christ has died and Christ has ri-sen. Christ the Lord will come a - gain.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: metrical Sanctus, Martin A. Seltz, Michael A. Bareham & John S. B. Monsell

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Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker

God of the garden, God of new life, God of the here and now, our hearts are full to the brim with gratitude, hope, fear, doubt, dreams, and belief.  
Settle us. Excavate us. Summon us out to what we shall be.

Lift our prayers from the rubble of our distracted minds and hold us close.  
Remind us that as we let go of all that ties us to the tomb, we gather with the  
Risen One, the Christ.

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.

We gather at this table so that we can move closer to the promise of the  
resurrection and abundant life in you.

Help us.

**Guide the way.**

Meet us in the garden.

**Roll back the stones that stop us.**

Give us the energy to run toward you.

**Gather us up into your expansive love.**

Until the promised day when swords are beaten into plowshares,  
and the prayers of the people are only prayers of joy,  
we ask that you pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup so that we might  
catch a glimpse of you here at this Table.

**Gather us into your expansive love.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Until that promised day, we will continue to pray. . .

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**



## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

On that first Easter morning, the women went to the tomb and found it empty. They returned to the disciples and told them what they had heard and seen, but Peter was the only disciple to believe them. The text says, “Peter got up and ran to the tomb.”

No matter how you feel today – whether you’re running to get here, whether you are desperate and hungry for a spiritual experience, or whether you are unsure and moving slowly – know that there is room for you here.

This is an expansive Table. There is food for everyone. There is a seat for everyone. There is love for everyone. There is no scarcity here, because this is God’s Table, so all are welcome.

It’s good enough news you might even want to run (but please don’t).

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

*Be seated.*



## HOLY COMMUNION

*In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

*All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.*

*Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing**

Tune: ELW 310

Found on p. 18



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious king,  
Where the pas-chal blood is poured death's dread an-gel sheathes the sword;  
Might - y vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs be-neath you lie;  
Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, this a - lone can sin de - stroy!



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his wound-ed side.  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
You have con-quer-ed in the fight, you have brought us life and light.  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, new-born souls in you to be.



Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas-chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;  
Now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Fath - er, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his bod - y for the feast - Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man-na from a - bove.  
You have op - ened pa - ra - dise, and your saints in you shall rise.  
Spir - it, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: Latin hymn, 17<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Robert Campbell  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

**That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

**ELW 384**

*Found on p. 19*

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

*After all have communed and returned to their places, **please stand.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

## ANTHEM

“Hallelujah” Chorus  
from the *Messiah*

Handel; arr. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir, Brass,  
Organ and Congregation

### Introduction



### CONGREGATION (Unison voices)



**A**

reign - eth. Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah!

for the Lord God Om - nip - o - tent reign - eth. Hal-le -

lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

**B** 12 **C** 7 **D** 10

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah. The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

**E**

King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_

**F**

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and Lord of Lords,

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and He shall reign for ever and  
ever, King of Kings, and Lord  
of Lords, Hallelujah,

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King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of

Lords, and He shall reign for ev - er and ev -

er. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le -

lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## ✠ SENDING ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.  
May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for

those around you. May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life, in the name of the Lover, † the Beloved, and Love itself.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385 (harmony)



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
- 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
- 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace, full to the brim.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“Worthy Is the Lamb”  
from the *Messiah*

Handel; arr. Wolff

Sounding Brass & Organ  
Joanne Hensch, conductor

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Jeanine Heath  
Lector: Belinda Johnson  
Crucifer: Janet Mease  
Bread Provider: Bob Weidman  
Altar Guild: Cheryl Johnson

*Alleluia.*  
*Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.*  
*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*  
*Alleluia.*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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A special thank you to the Sanctuary Choir, the Handbell Ensemble, and the Sounding Brass for their musical additions to our celebration this morning, especially our guest instrumentalists, Jerry Goldman and Karen Randall.





## *Easter 2025 Dedications*



### *Given to the glory and praise of God by:*

Eric and Janet Mease  
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### *In thanksgiving for:*

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# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025

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## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## EASTER BRUNCH

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following service today for our Easter Brunch. We will be collecting a free will offering during the brunch to aid those in our community who need our help. All the donated funds will help us to continue to care for those who are hungry through our participation in the Hope Dining Room.

## PASTOR CRIS OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Cris will be out of the office for Navy training from **April 21 - May 2**. He will have access to email and his cell phone for most of that time. If there is an urgent pastoral need, please contact the church office and you will receive contact information for Pastor Greg.

## ADULT FORUM

We begin a new series concentrating on the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. Our instructor is the Rev. Ronald Mease. Class begins at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room. Week one will ask the question, was Jesus real?

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Books and Banter** meets this Wednesday, April 23, at 1 PM in the Youth Room to discuss this month's book, "Horse", by Geraldine Brooks.

**Brewing Theology** will also meet on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM at the Delaware Saengerbund. The topic is "Christian Response to Climate Change".



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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
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### **Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast**

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

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