

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**



The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

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## 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 socio-economic 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.*

### PRELUDE

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

arr. Farlee

BLAENWERN

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font.*

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may asperge (sprinkle) the congregation  
with water during the singing of the opening hymn.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HFW 176



- 1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ser - vant, but a friend,  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the first and last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev-'ry - one!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

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## DIALOG AND GREETING

Sing, all people of God! Sing the good news:

**We cry ourselves to sleep and God comes in with the dawn,  
to awaken us with joy's embrace.**

Sing, in every land, in every tongue! Sing the good news:

**when our lives bottom out, God takes us by the hand  
to lead us into the light.**

Sing, in heaven and on earth! Sing the good news:

**Broken, hopeless, lost - we cry out to God, who hears our hearts.**

Sing, all people of God!

**We will sing the good news of Easter!**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we praise your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

## FIRST READING

**Acts 9:1-20**

*Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching*

A reading from Acts:

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so

that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

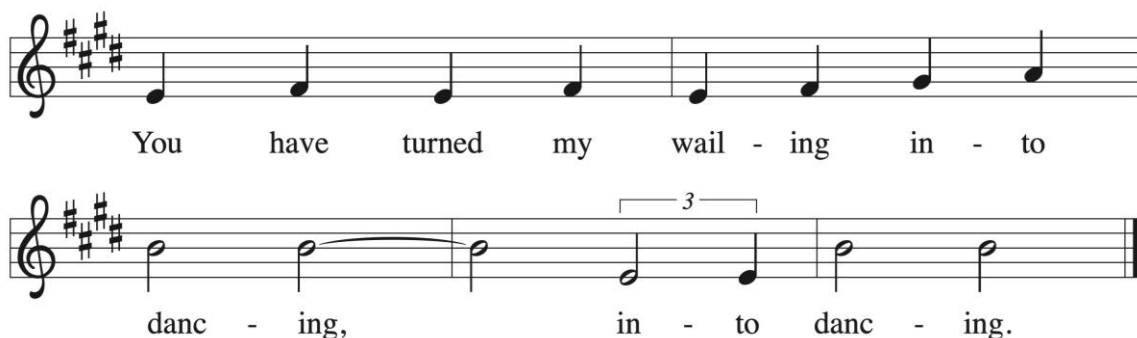
The Lord is risen! The Word is alive.

**God will meet us on our journey.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 30***Refrain: Ps. 30:11*

*The choir sings the Refrain; the congregation repeats it.*

*The choir then sings the verses; the congregation responds with the Refrain.*



<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.

**REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

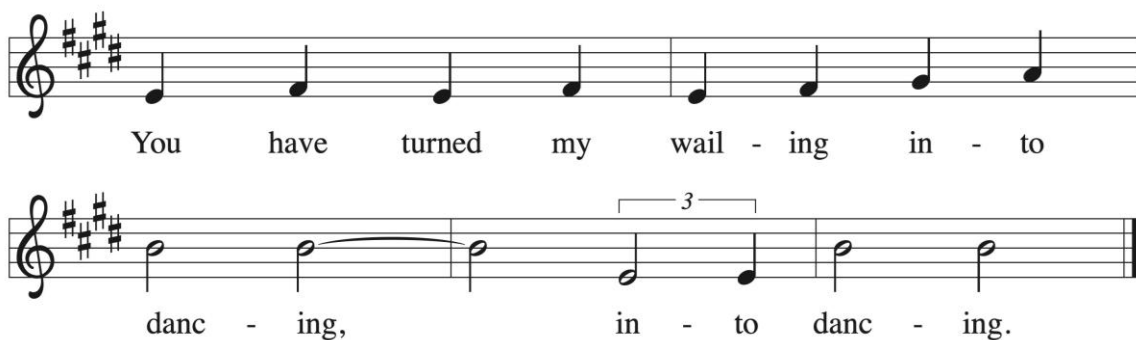
<sup>6</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."



- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
 you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
 O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

**REFRAIN**

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 5:11-14**

*The song of the living creatures to the Lamb*

A reading from Revelation:

- <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,  
 “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
 and honor and glory and blessing!”  
<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
 “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
 be blessing and honor and glory and might  
 forever and ever!”  
<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Lord is risen! The Word is alive.  
**God will meet us on our journey.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**WELCOMING  
THE GOSPEL**

**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**

IN DIR IST FREUDE

**ACS 933**

*Verse 1*



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;

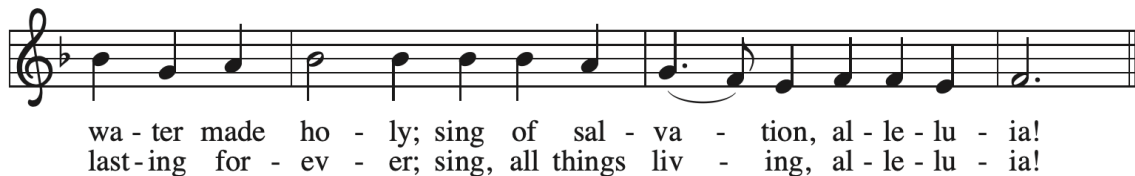


sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor





Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 21:1-19

*Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias*

The Gospel according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time Jesus said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to Jesus, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

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

## IN DIR IST FREUDE

*Verse 2*

*Found on pp. 8-9*

*Be seated.*

# SERMON

Pastor Cris Frigm

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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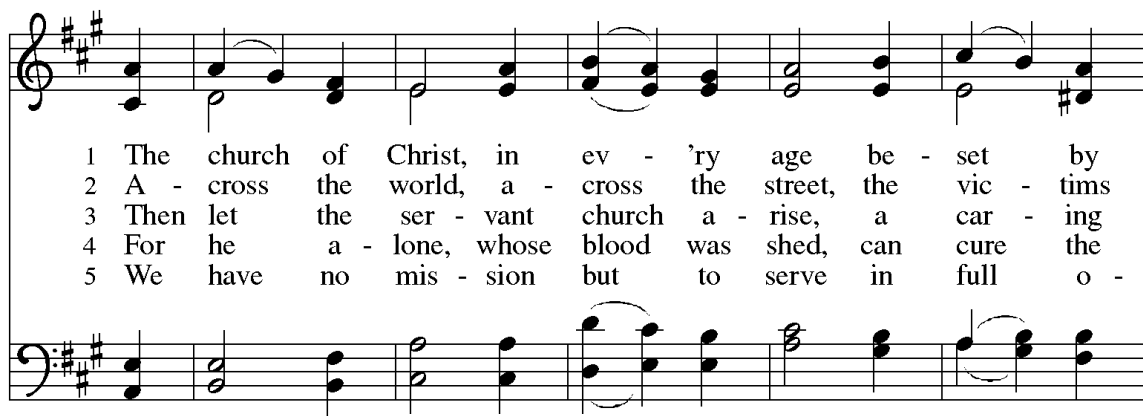
**Verse 1: *All in unison***

### Verse 2: *All in harmony*

**Verse 3: Treble (high) voices**

**Verse 4: *Bass (low) voices***

**Verse 5: *All in unison***



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## Nicene Creed

Let us profess our faith:

**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

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.*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries, so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. We pray especially for Mary, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts... *(brief silence)*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us and our partners in ministry, especially Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Wilmington and Lutheran housing projects throughout Delaware, how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in these places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places, especially Monica, mother of Augustine, whom we commemorate today. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Comfort those who mourn, especially the University of Delaware community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*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.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace  
in word and gesture, saying, **Peace be with you.***

*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

"Forth He Came at Easter"  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Allen Pote

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

## OFFERTORY

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

*Creation Setting  
Marty Haugen*



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, —



— and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. —

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, \_\_\_\_\_ and give us a fore - taste

of the feast to come. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

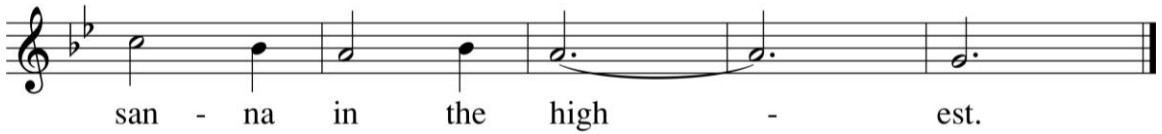
### **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 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:

*Creation Setting*  
Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -





## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ,  
who taught us 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.

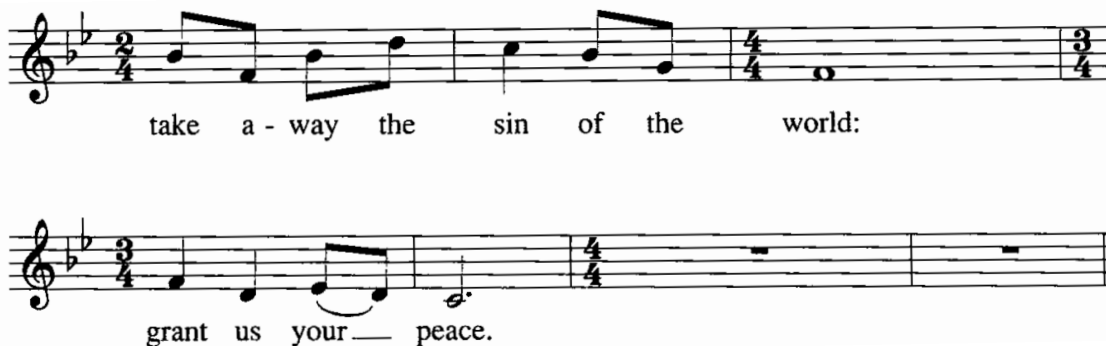
## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the table of grace.  
 We come to receive the gift of new life.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Creation Setting*  
 Marty Haugen

Je - sus, Lamb of God; \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the  
 sin of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on — us.  
 Je - sus, Lamb of God; \_\_\_\_\_ you



*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

### Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

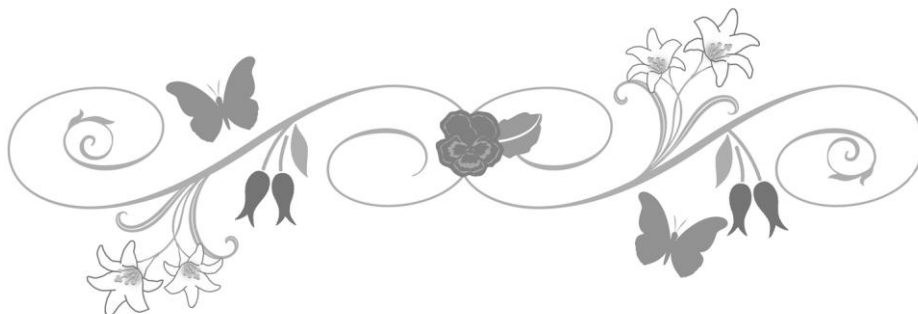
ACS 977

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### You Servants of God

ELW 825 (harmony)

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# Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945  
 Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947  
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## You Servants of God



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -  
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

*After all have communed and returned to their places, **remain seated.***

## BLESSING AND PRAYER

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, we 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.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

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

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## BENEDICTION

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Go to the World

ACS 991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

“Christ Lag in Todesbanden”

J. S. Bach



The flowers in the chancel are given  
to the glory and praise of God  
by Laurel and Cris Frigm.



*happy*  
**EASTER**

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Ping-An Tjoa  
Lector: Henry Chisholm  
Crucifer:  
Bread Provider: Bob Weidman  
Altar Guild: Linda Radwick

*Alleluia.*  
*Our hearts burn within us*  
*while you open to us the scriptures.*  
*Alleluia.*

Luke 24:32

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# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Resurrection always means reconciliation. In today's gospel Peter's denials are trumped by a threefold commissioning from Jesus. We, too, are reconciled to each other and to God as we join in the hymn of all creation with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"

## TODAY WE COMMEMORATE

Monica, the mother of Augustine, who died in 387. She brought her pagan husband into the Christian faith, then repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

## FLUTE CHOIR IN CONCERT

Come hear the First State Flute Choir as they present their Spring Concert **this afternoon at 4:00 PM** right here in the sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received, and a reception will follow.

## ADULT FORUM

**The Creeds – *Jesus on Jesus***, The Adult Forum series on the Creeds, Believe it or not...at your peril, continues next week with an examination of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds and what Jesus said about himself in scripture. Class begins at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.

## BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone 21 and older, please join us on Wednesday, **May 14, at 7:00 PM** at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "The Concepts of Grace and Salvation".

## HOLY HIKE

The next "Holy Hikers" event will take place on Sunday, **May 18**, at Carousel Park off Limestone Road in Wilmington. This is a four-mile trail, with mixed terrain and some hills.

## BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Youth Room. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

**May 28** "Tomorrow Will Be Different" by Sarah McBride

## OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

Join us on the Perfect Day Trip. The OWLS will be taking off to Hamilton, NJ on Wednesday, June 11, to visit the *Grounds for Sculpture*. You'll experience phenomenal art in a gorgeous park as well as enjoy a delicious lunch at the onsite Van Gogh Cafe.

*Grounds for Sculpture* is a magical place where art and nature are always at play. We'll experience more than 270 sculptures, each thoughtfully positioned on meticulously landscaped parkland full of thousands of exotic trees and flowers. We'll conclude our visit with some delicious salads and sandwiches (lunch on your own).

We'll be carpooling from the school side parking lot - leaving promptly at 9AM and arriving at approximately 10:30 AM. We'll stroll the grounds until about 1:30 PM, then enjoy our lunch. We anticipate heading home by 2:30 PM, arriving back at the parking lot about 4 PM.

Cost per person is \$25 for 18 and over, and \$18 for 65 and over. Please RSVP with your cash payment to Linda Grund no later than Sunday May 25. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Questions? Contact your host Linda Grund at 302-738-5491 or [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com).

## COMFORTING PRAYER POCKET CROSS

Know someone in need of comforting and a reminder of how much God loves them? Your Membership Ministry Team invites you to take one of the pocket cross sets found in the narthex on the glass topped table. Prayer Squares and Thinking of You cards are also still available.

## NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

If you are ready to take the next step and become a member of St. Paul's, you are invited to join us for two AMAZING GRACE discussions - the first discussion will take place just after our 10 AM service on **Sunday, June 1**, and last about 90 minutes. The second discussion will take place just after our 10 AM service on **Sunday, June 8**, and last about 60 minutes.

Then, on **Sunday, June 22**, the service of affirmation of faith is your moment to be welcomed as new members during the Sunday worship service.

**Please RSVP** your intention to join us no later than **May 18** by emailing coordinator Linda Grund at [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com). If this timing does not work for your schedule, we will be offering another opportunity in the near future. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at church!

## CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

Jesus serves a breakfast of fresh fish at the lakeshore. If campfire cooking and harvesting food are rarities for you, breakfast nevertheless can be a time to recognize your connections to creation. The gospel has a miraculously abundant catch of fish; miracles also abound in the oranges, grains, eggs, coffee beans, and whatever else has been grown across the planet to be your breakfast. If you haven't caught fish from a nearby lake and don't know the origins of your breakfast, try this: sing

the Cantic of Praise

adapted from

Revelation 5:13 as a

breakfast prayer to help

connect your food to

God's creation: "This is

the feast of victory for

our God. Alleluia! . . . join

in the hymn of all

creation" (ELW, p. 101).





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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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### **St. Paul's Online Prayer Ministry**

Send prayer requests to:

[prayonstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:prayonstpauls@gmail.com)

### **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

the church office at [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org)

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