

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday, May 11, 2025

10 AM Service of
Holy Communion



The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

PRELUDES "Savior, Shepherd, King of Love" - arr. Linker & McFadden
Handbell Ensemble & Organ

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

Blessing and Honor

ELW 854



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

DIALOG AND GREETING

We gather in the presence of God,
**where grieving people and children with skinned knees
have their tears wiped away.**

We gather with the people of God,
**to worship the One who provides what we need,
not just what we want.**

We gather at the Table of God,
**to feast on the goodness of God,
to drink from the cup of mercy.**

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.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead

A reading from Acts:

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, Peter showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Refrain: Ps. 23:1

The choir sings the Refrain; the congregation repeats it.

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



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

REFRAIN

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb

A reading from Revelation:

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship God day and night within the temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Lord is risen! The Word is alive.

God will meet us on our journey.

Please stand, as you are able.

**WELCOMING
THE GOSPEL**

**Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship
GLORIOUS NAME**

TFF 137

Verse 1



1 Lord, this day we've come to wor-ship; Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost,



grace us with your bless-ed pre-sence; bless - ed Sav - ior, be our host.



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



al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O risen Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

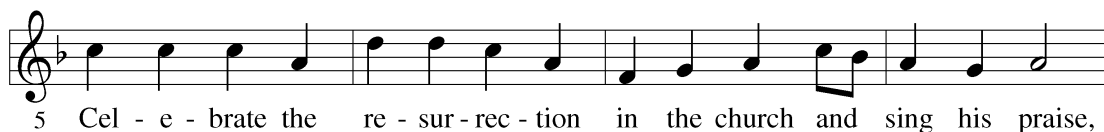
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O risen Christ.

CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL **Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship**
GLORIOUS NAME

TFF 137

Verse 5





Text: Richard C. Dickinson
 Music: GLORIOUS NAME, B. B. McKinney, 1886–1952

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cris Frigm

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
 ELW 847

1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 “Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially Vinny, Kristen, and Luis, those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud and in the silence of our hearts....(brief silence). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead us and our partners in ministry, especially St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware, to the water of life and the table of your bounty. May we who have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be strengthened by your grace to care for your flock. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Amen.

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.

*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.*

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir & Handbell Ensemble

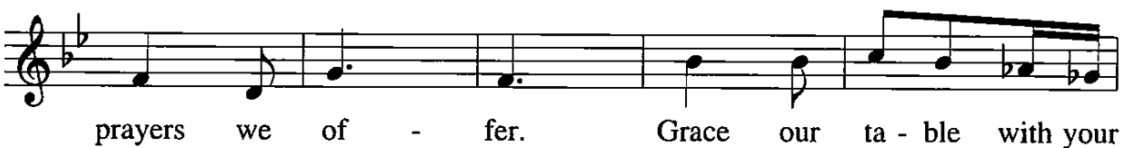
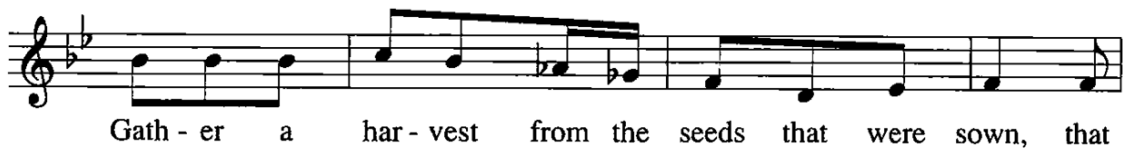
Please stand and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen



C Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, _____



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

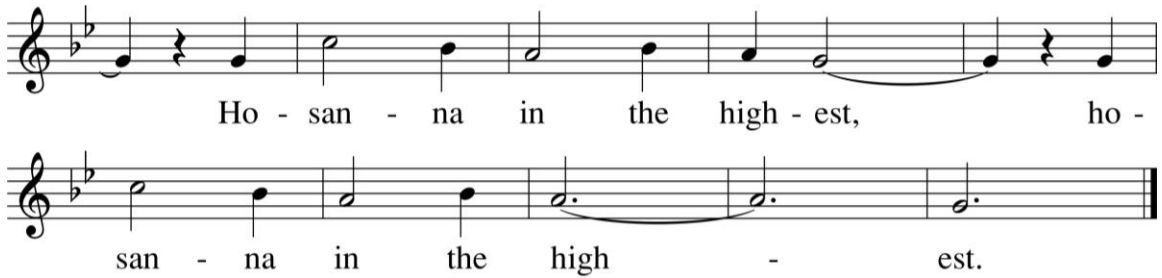
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.



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...

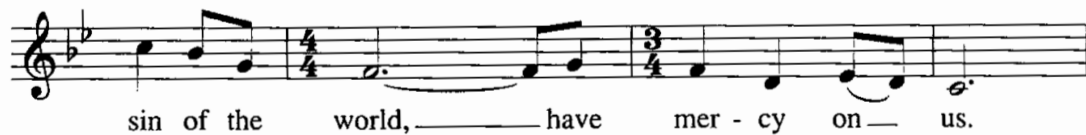
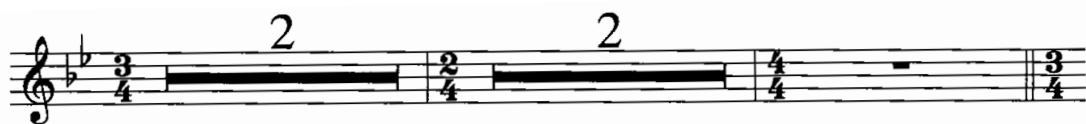
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

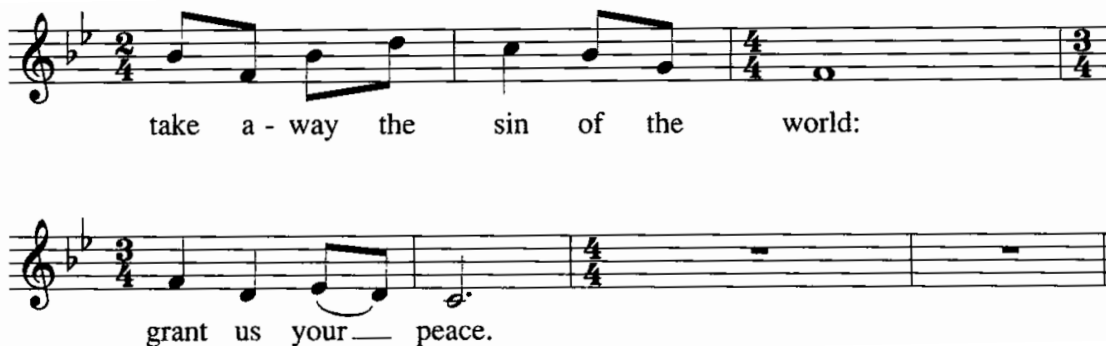
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen





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

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

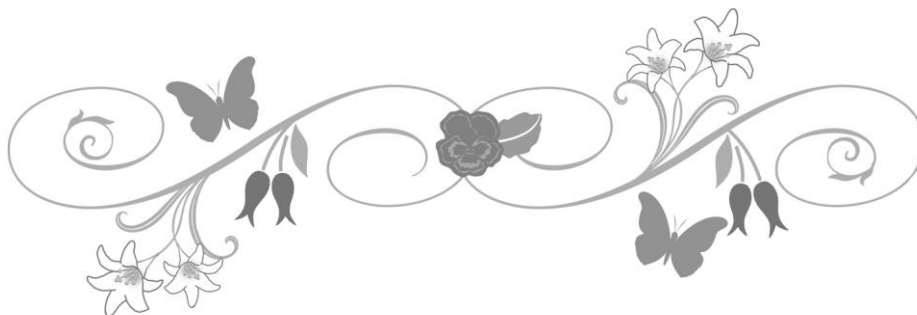
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The Day of Resurrection

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God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace



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| 1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter | soak - ing our dry - ness, |
| 2 Word of pro - claim - ing, | breath on the wa - ter, |
| 3 Oil of a - noint - ing, | fra - grant with pow - er, |
| 4 Bright light of Eas - ter | cleav - ing the dark - ness, |
| 5 Robe of a - dop - tion | grow - ing God's fam - 'ly, |



drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—
 plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
 “This is my child, my be - loved.”
 mark of the life that we gain.
 bea - con of hope on the way.
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

Refrain

The Day of Resurrection



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 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the 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,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the 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;
Let 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 glad re - frain.
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 Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ANASTASEOS HEMERA, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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*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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing ELW 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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

“The Day of Resurrection”

arr. Farlee

ANASTASEOS HIMERA



The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God.



happy
EASTER

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Marjorie Chin
Lector: Barbara Rhodes
Bread Provider: Sherry Mench
Altar Guild: Janet Mease
Flower Guild: Cheri Simons

Alleluia.
Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me.
Alleluia.

John 10:14

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THE SEARCHING SHEEP

Messages and information today are texted, tweeted, broadcast, e-mailed, phoned, lectured, announced, packaged, and repackaged. The means and avenues for communication are many. Yet when it comes to the person known as Jesus of Nazareth we are often left standing in the place of the Jewish people who gathered around Jesus at that portico (John 10:22-23). We long to know, Who are you, Jesus? and perhaps want to probe, What are you really about? Of course the qualification is for him to “tell us plainly” (John 10:24). As the church we have grown accustomed to the idea of Jesus seeking out the lost sheep and bringing them safely home – of knowing the sheep intimately by name. Today’s texts are rich in reframing who is searching for whom. Who is seeking after Jesus, and to what does that seeking lead? Still, will we be satisfied with any answer? The faith of Tabitha and the miracle-working Peter, the vision of saints and mythical beasts, and even Jesus’ works point to one who is in and of God. Yet we wonder if it can’t be spelled out for us more clearly. In this season of proclaiming a Christ who breaks the powers of death and whose realm is one of glory, we open ourselves to questions of exactly who this Jesus is – and see answers coming to life in story, miracles, and testimony. Today is an opportunity for us in weakness and glory, in doubt and in faith, in simplicity and awe to seek and embrace the one who is already in our midst.



CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

Though our gospel’s setting says “it was winter” (John 10:22), our minds and bodies are likely caught up in the new life of Easter and spring. Perhaps that invites us to consider how we hear and interact with the Bible depending on the season. With all the rich creation imagery of Psalm 23, how do you envision and understand the pastures, streams, and valleys, particularly during spring? How would the role of a good shepherd change with the seasons in your landscape? Moreover, how would you view Easter differently if this were autumn, as in the southern hemisphere? When have weather events and climate trends in your location affected how you receive God’s word?

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

With the fourth Sunday of Easter, the gospel readings turn away from resurrection appearances and begin to focus on echoes of Jesus' earlier words that had pointed toward his death and resurrection during his ministry. He meant to go this path all along. As we listen to Jesus' words from the tenth chapter of John's gospel, we learn that Jesus is both shepherd as well as the victorious Lamb. Peter is a shepherd like Jesus as he leads one of Jesus' sheep from death to life.

NOISY OFFERING

We will be collecting an offering for the DE-MD Synod's World Hunger appeal to be taken to Synod Assembly at the end of May. Please bring your spare change and drop it in the designated container on the narthex welcome table. We will be collecting change on **Sundays, May 18 and 25**. You can also place a check in the offering plate designated for "World Hunger" or give through Tithe.ly (QR code on the back of the bulletin).

ADULT FORUM

The Creeds - Putting it all together. Our Adult Forums on the creeds, Believe it or not...at your peril, conclude next week with a discussion around how the church combined all that scripture says about Jesus into the creeds we use in worship. Class begins at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room. Please note, this will be the last Adult Forum for this school year. We'll be back in the fall with more interesting topics for your consideration. Thank you for your participation this year and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

BUILDING SECURITY

A gentle reminder to make sure that the doors are locked as appropriate. If you are the last one leaving from worship, committee meeting, etc., please make sure that all doors are secure. This is also for the protection of our staff to keep the doors locked during the workday.

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN

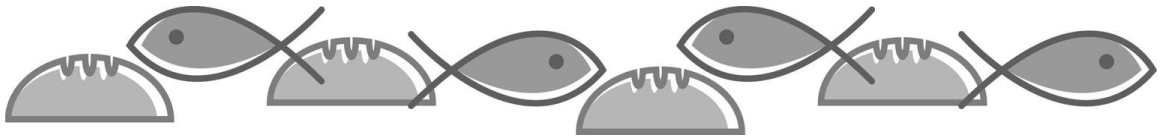
Please join the Memorial Garden Committee outside following the service this **Sunday, May 11**, weather permitting. Enjoy a morning cup of coffee, some breakfast bites, and fellowship in our beautiful outdoor space.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

We received a Thank You note from Chaplain Mindy and all the students of the Lutheran Campus Ministry for all the support from the congregation. The note is hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway if you would like to read it.

BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone twenty-one 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."



FISH MINISTRY

As the end of the school year approaches, the FISH Ministry needs some replacements for our student contingent as they head home for the summer – can you help out?

Come join us this month by volunteering on **Thursday, May 15** or **Friday, May 16**. Our Thursday events are at 1 PM (Food Bank pickup/sorting) and at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall (box packing), while the Friday distribution is from 2:30 PM until 4 PM. Call or email Keith Bart (302-345-6107/keith.m.bart@gmail.com) for more information.



QUILTERS

St. Paul's Quilters will be meeting on **Saturday, May 17**, beginning at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We usually meet until about noon. You can come for all, or part, of that time as your schedule allows. We will be assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Community Services. Please contact Lorraine Fett if you have any questions.

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 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

May 28 "Tomorrow Will Be Different" by Sarah McBride

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

MAY

On **Thursday, May 15**, the OWLS will tour the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover, Delaware. Our free guided tour begins at 10:00 AM. Following the visit to the museum, we'll have lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant in Dover (lunch on your own). The hosts for this activity are Sue and Rich Wallden. If you have any questions, please contact them at slwallden@gmail.com. Please let them know if you'd like transportation or can provide transportation to others.

JUNE

Join us on the Perfect Day Trip. The OWLS will be taking off to Hamilton, New Jersey 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 around 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.

Contact your host Linda Grund at 302-738-5491 or 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 **Sunday, May 18**, by emailing coordinator Linda Grund at 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!



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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

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10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

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