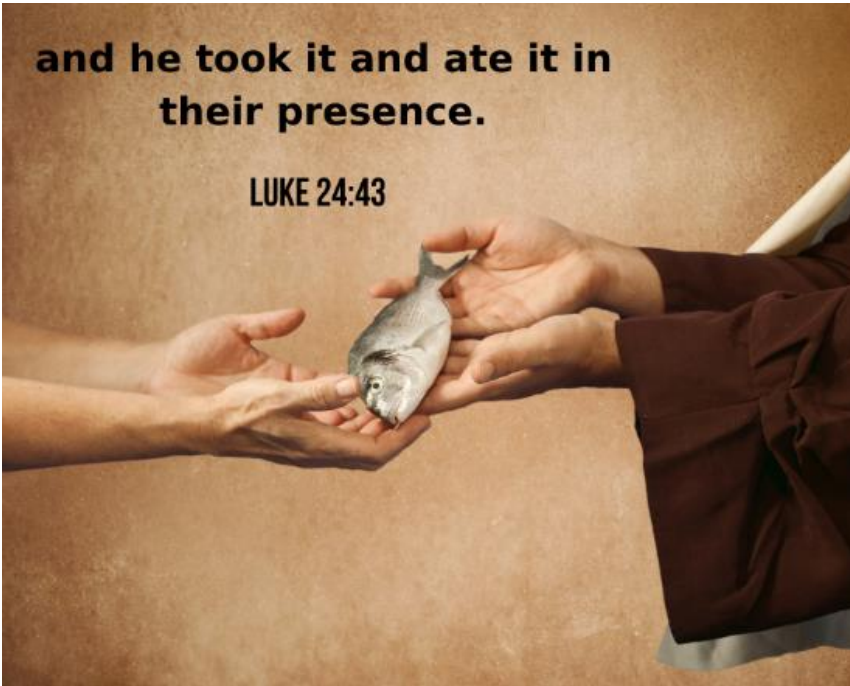


**and he took it and ate it in
their presence.**

LUKE 24:43



**April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
8:15 am**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church
250 Trinity Road
York, PA 17408
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024, 8:15 am

(P=Pastor, C=Congregation, *=please stand. Please silence all electronic devices as we give our attention to God's presence in this holy place.)

Gathering Music: Tuba Tune in D Major - Lang

(If you desire special prayer, you are welcome to kneel at the altar rail during the gathering music)

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns

Temple Talk – Veteran's Walk

(During the Prelude you may wish to reflect on the following prayer: Almighty God, thank you for bringing us together to hear the powerful news of Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Change my heart today so that I may be more alive with this good news and more eager to share it with others by the power of your Holy Spirit working in my life through Christ I pray. Amen.)

(Acolyte lights the candles during the prelude music)

Prelude: Alleluia No. 1 – Fishel Choir

*Invocation and order of Confession and Forgiveness +

P: In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel or stand and observe a moment of silence for self-examination.)

P Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.

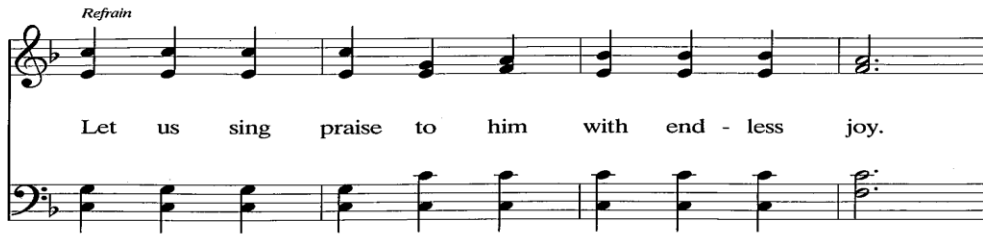
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing! la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

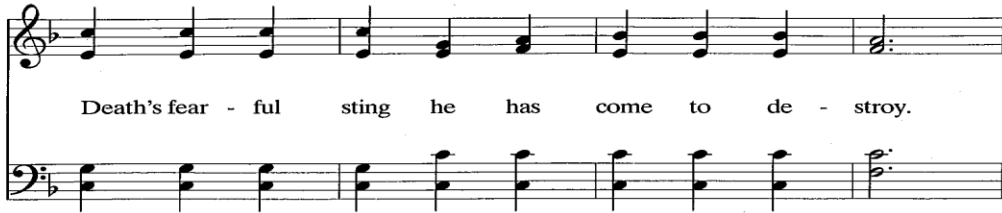
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

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Refrain



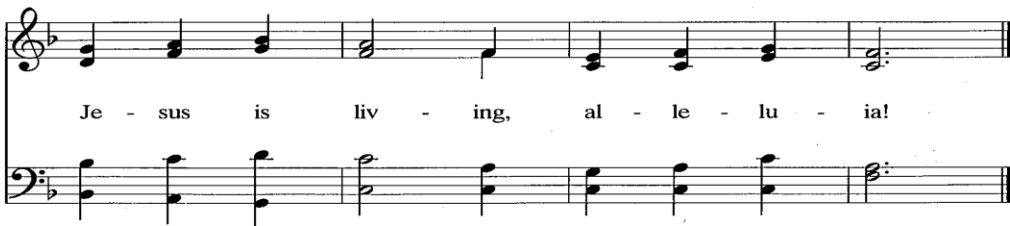
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938, tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: Traditional Tanzanian
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MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
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*Apostolic Greeting §

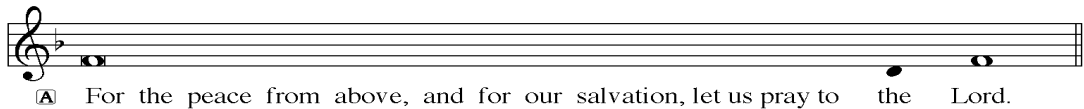
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie



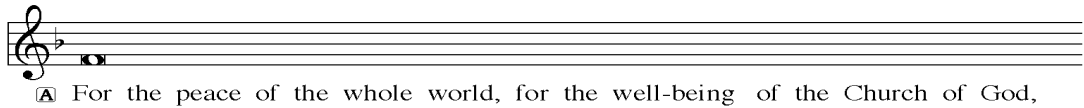
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



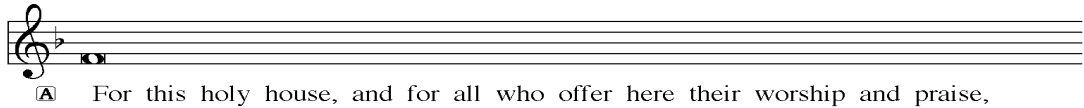
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



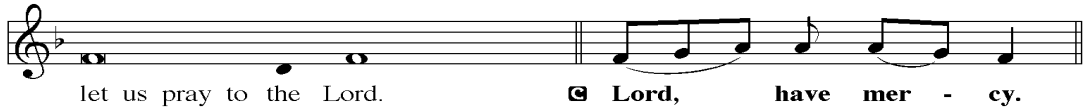
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast I=Women, II=Men



♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



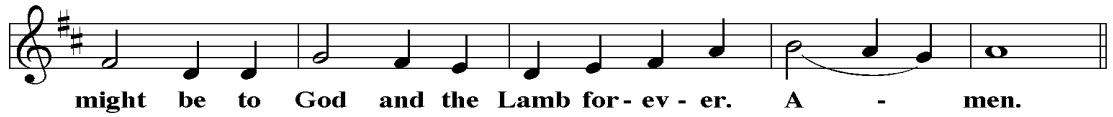
♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.



☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

*Salutation



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.... Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (sung)

First Lesson: Acts 3:11-21

(Following a miraculous healing, Peter attracted a crowd and seized the opportunity to interpret what happened in light of faith in the name of Jesus. Giving glory to God for the healing, Peter then preached the good news that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah. Peter called those gathered that day to repent and turn to God.)

¹¹While {the man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he

had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

(Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself, the psalmist wrote. Trusting in God, we can lie down and sleep in peace, for he will keep us safe in his loving care.)

L:¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C:²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

L:³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

C:⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

L:⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

C:⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

L:⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

C:⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

(John declared the immense magnitude of God’s love by telling his readers they were God’s children already. This adoption and new identity were not things for which they must wait. Nor were they things they could earn — they were God’s lavish gift to them in their present reality. While what we will be at Christ’s return is still unknown, this new reality as children of God is an unalterable, defining fact of our identity.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who

abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia Verse

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

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

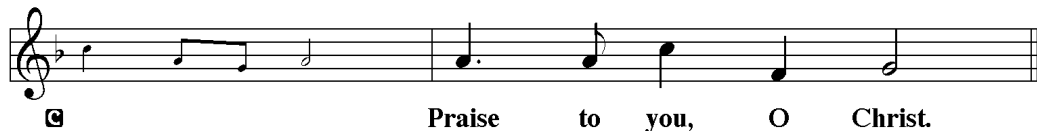
Gospel: **Luke 24:36-49**

(The resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples, bringing them his peace. He opened their minds to the Scriptures so they could understand that what happened in his death and resurrection was a necessary fulfillment of God's Word. Jesus then promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses in all nations, both near and far.)

³⁶As {the eleven disciples and those who were gathered with them} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should

be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

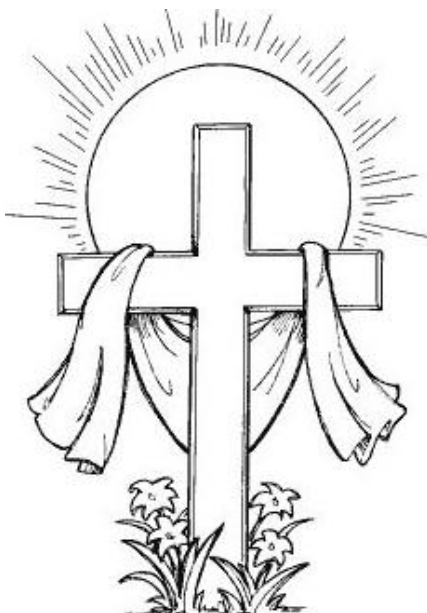
P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Sermon: Pastor Steve and Simon

Sermon: Pastor Steve

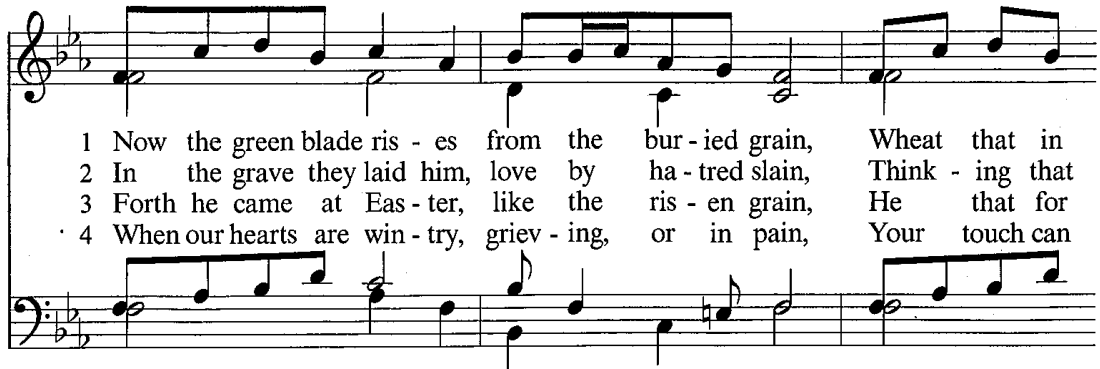
*The Votum




*Hymn of the Day:

Now the Green Blade Rises

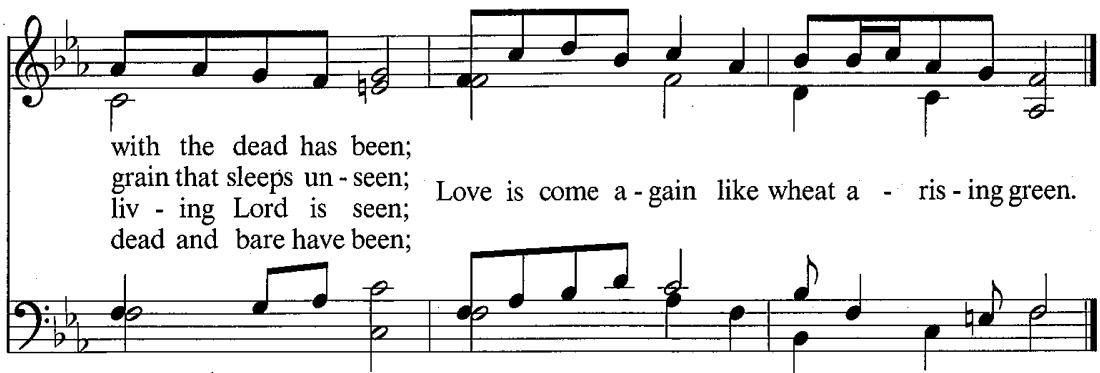
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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can



dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that



with the dead has been;
grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
liv - ing Lord is seen;
dead and bare have been;

*The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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; With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

P: *The Prayers (Please respond "Hear our prayer.")

C: Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (We share the peace with one another.)

Offertory: That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright - Wood

*Offertory Response:

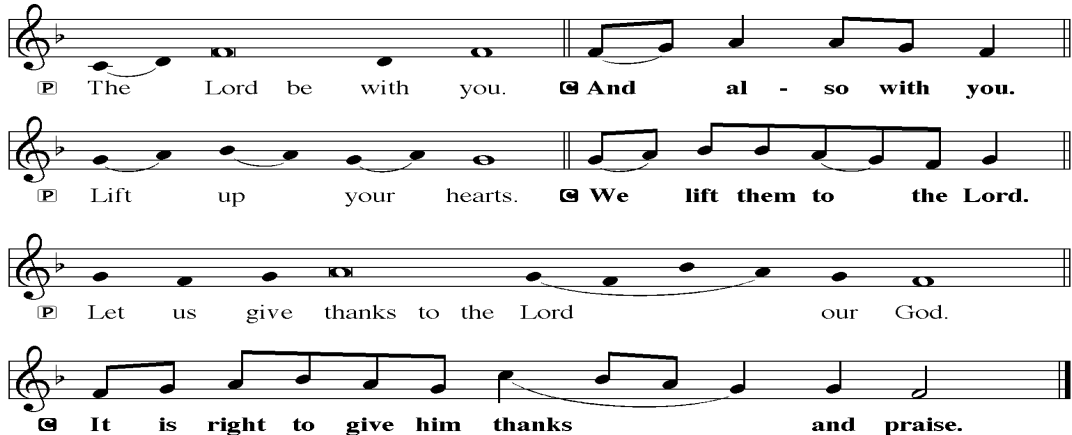
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, you have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light making us disciples of your Son. Grant that all that we are and all that we have may be dedicated to you and be used for the increase of your Kingdom. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

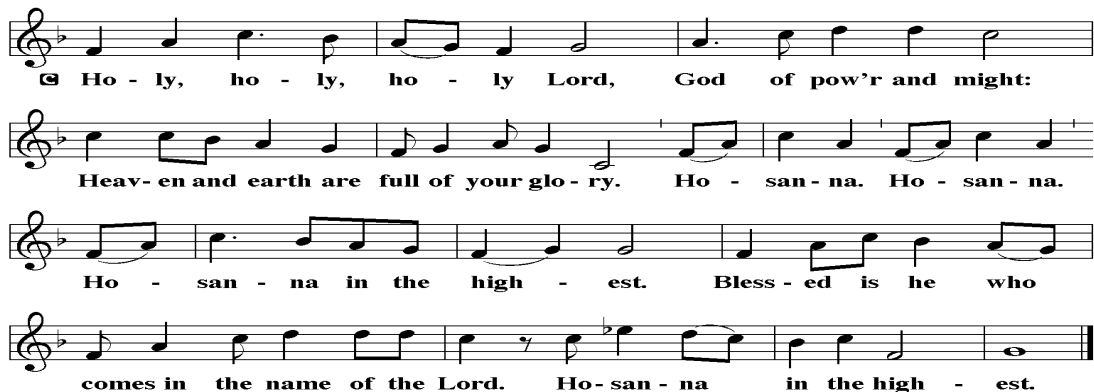
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

*The Sanctus



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Holy, living and loving God...

Let us confess the mystery of faith

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

P: ...both now and forever

C: Amen

***The Lord's Prayer**

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

P: Come, for all is now ready

Lamb of God

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion (at the altar)

Communion Hymn: I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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***Blessing**

*Post Communion Canticle:



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Post Communion Prayer: +

P: Let us pray:

C: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened our faith through the life-changing word of grace we have heard with our ears, and our Lord's body and blood we have tasted with our lips. Keep us strong in this faith until we join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising the Lamb who was slain, but who is alive forevermore; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Acolyte extinguishes the candles during the hymn)

*Recessional Hymn:

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This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill my

Refrain
sprung to life this mor - row.
wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain.

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But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent., arr. Charles Wood, 1866–1926

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchior Vulpus - Willan

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Theme of the day: Themes of wonder and amazement pervade the readings for the Third Sunday of Easter. There is power in Jesus' name, as is seen through the healing of a lame beggar. The power to heal did not come from Peter and John, but from God alone. The disciples are simply instruments of God's wondrous works among the people. John reminds us in his first letter that we are all adopted into the family of God which makes us bearers of the good news of Christ and instruments of his awesome power.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining for worship! **In the name of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul Lutheran Church is committed to praising, praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.** All baptized Christians who have received their first communion are invited to join us for Holy Communion, believing as we do that Christ is truly present in this holy meal. Please join us again.

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Acolyte: Ed Dunklebarger

Head Usher: Connie Dunklebarger

Sound: Matt Conn

Lay Reader: Ed Keefer

Altar Guild: Diane Workman / Joyce Hall

Communion Assts.: Jack & Joyce Hall

Assisting Minister: Becci Stair

Our Lord's Helpers on April 21, 2024

Greeter: Sharon Sell

Acolyte: OPEN

Head Usher: Ron Sell

Sound: Matt Conn

Lay Reader: Cindy Renehan

Altar Guild: Jack & Sandy Smyser

Communion Assts.: Linda Sherman / Cindy Renehan

Assisting Minister: Deb Smyser

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Activities for the Week of April 7, 2024

- Sun. 4/14 **Third Sunday of Easter**
8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion
9:40 am Faith Builders
10:45 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- Mon. 4/15 6:30 pm VBS Meeting
7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- Tues. 4/16 9:00 am Social Ministry Meeting
4:00 pm Harvest of Hope
6:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Weds. 4/17 10:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Women of the Word
6:00 pm Pickleball
- Thurs. 4/18 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 4/19 9:00 am Our Daily Bread Items Due
7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Sun. 4/21 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion
9:40 am Faith Builders
10:45 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR APRIL – GIDEONS

Distributing Bibles and New Testaments around the World

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others. For this reason, they focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people may be searching for answers. We are thankful that several of our members are a part of this organization which does vital work for the kingdom of God. Prayerfully consider how you can help support this work financially. Checks should be made payable to "Saint Paul Lutheran Church" with Gideons written on the envelope. Thank you!
Funds to date: \$360.

The Special Appeal for May will be for Tartu Academy of Theology (Siimon Haamar) – The green envelope was incorrectly marked as organ fund.

Pastor Shipman has agreed to offer a worship service at Kingston Court on the fourth Monday of each month at 2 pm. He would like some members to share in leadership of this service, especially since he will be unavailable in April and June and would like the service to continue. He will be happy to work with folks willing to provide leadership, especially on those two months.

Spammers are sending text messages and emails claiming to be from Pastor Shipman or NALC staff asking for a favor, and if you respond they will ask you to buy gift cards and give them the numbers. Neither the pastor nor NALC staff will EVER ask you to buy gift cards for them. Please delete and if possible, report any such texts or emails.

CHURCH COUNCIL has appointed the Call Committee. They are as follows: Lawrence Smyser, Cindy Renehan, Malinda Grube, Jessica Markle, Connie Dunklebarger, Sandy Albright; alternate Doug Eash.

CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER - We, as the congregation at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, humbly pray to you our Most Holy God to guide and lead us in searching for our new pastor, who has a strong faith and a mind like Christ. Please share your vision for our church and the desired leadership which you have already chosen for us. Keep our faith strong and hearts open to your future plans for our congregation, church, and community. Help us to continue to be your disciples and to be your shining light every day as we embark through this process. We pray for your wisdom and for the ability to discern who you have called to serve our beloved church for the foreseeable future. Father, we also pray for the Call Committee that will be giving of their time and effort through prayer and support to find God's chosen pastor for our church. Help us to accept and understand your timeline to determine the call for our next pastor, and to not rush the process through our sometimes-limited patience. We pray for all of this in Jesus Name, Amen.



Our call workshop will be held on Saturday, May 11, from roughly 9 to 2:30 (lunch provided). All members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to participate and share with one another and with the call committee which will be appointed the vision and qualities you discern St. Paul needs in the next chapter of our ministry. Please continue to pray for this entire process and for the person God has already identified and come prepared both to speak and to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit. For planning purposes please sign up on the paper in the library area.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION is available on the table in the library area.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

We are planning to meet at Hoss's Steakhouse Wednesday, April 17 for lunch at 11:45 am. Come and join us for lunch! Those that want to meet at church, we will meet at 11:30 am or you can meet us at 11:45 am at Hoss's Steakhouse on White St., York. There is a sign-up sheet in the library area.

HOLY



COMMUNION

Welcome to the Lord's table for the first time today at our 10:45 am Service:

Josie Markle, daughter of Tyke and Brianna Markle

May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus strengthen you in your daily walk now and throughout your lives.

Join us for a fun time around the campfire in the back yard on Fri., May 3 at 6:00 pm! We will enjoy food, fellowship, and games! Please sign up on the sheet in the library area, or email: parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org, **by April 30th.**



SAVE THE DATE - The Youth and Family Committee will be sponsoring a family retreat at Camp Nawakwa on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2024. Sign-ups and more information will be available over the summer.

OUR DAILY BREAD



Our dessert for April is rice krispie squares, 12/pan. We need 30 pans **by 9:00 am on Friday, April 19.** We are asking that you please individually wrap all Our Daily Bread snacks. If you can contribute, please sign up on the sheet in the library area. Thank you!

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Third Sunday of Easter — April 14, 2024

“And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’”

- Luke 24:41a -

This is such an odd statement. How can they be happy about something they can't believe is happening? Yet, haven't we all experienced that at some point in our lives? Have you ever been so joyously happy and yet at the same time questioned how you could be so lucky? Have you ever received an award you didn't think you deserved and yet accepted it with joy that you were the recipient? Have you ever seen a test result thinking that you surely failed only to discover that you did very well? Everyone can remember a time they have received something with joy but also disbelief.

That's what happened to the disciples after the resurrection. They were so grief-stricken over the death of Jesus that his appearances probably did not make a difference at first. Imagine the conversation that was going on at the beginning of today's Gospel lesson: “You saw Jesus? But He's dead!” “Was it a ghost?” They were probably arguing about what was seen and experienced. Perhaps the witnesses saw someone that looked like Jesus. The witnesses' testimony was rejected because it was ridiculous and downright impossible. One by one they began to see the truth when they witnessed Jesus with their own eyes. One by one they realized that they could no longer ignore the reality: Jesus was alive.

It is no surprise, then, that Jesus' followers were both joyous and disbelieving. After all, this was beyond their understanding. The disciples who had seen Him probably said “See! We told you so!” Yet, even those disciples were probably scared and confused. How do you respond to a physical being that is a man and yet not a man? Even though Jesus had promised that He would be raised from the dead, the disciples never expected this turn of events. They were worried about the future; they were worried about their lives. Jesus was back among them, but how?

The disciples' questions were answered with a simple request from Jesus, “Have you anything here to eat?” He wanted them to know that it was all true. He was alive again. He was different, yet He was the same. In joy as well as in happy disbelief, the disciples shared another meal with their Master.



TAKING FAITH HOME – April 14, 2024

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday Luke 24:36b-48 Eating with the risen Christ
Monday Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 The meal at Emmaus
Tuesday John 21:1-14 Jesus appears by the sea
Wednesday Acts 1:1-8 You will be my witnesses
Thursday Acts 10:34-43 The witness of the apostles
Friday Acts 13:13-31, 38-39 Paul's proclamation in Antioch
Saturday Psalm 150 Praise the Lord
Sunday John 10:11-18 The good shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Shout praises to the LORD!
Praise God in his temple.
Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress.
Praise our God!
His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe.

Psalm 150:1-2 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, please open our minds to understand the Scriptures. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: Child of God, may you be filled with the peace of Jesus, and made strong with God's power. Amen.



MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUM SALE

Sponsored by the Auxiliary of SpiriTrust Lutheran, York Center. **\$5.00 per plant** (Red, Salmon & White colors available.) **Order deadline is April 28th**. Order forms are located on the table in the library area. Make checks payable to "Saint Paul Lutheran Church." Please place your order form with payment in the basket in the library area or the offering plate. Contact person is Sue Dickensheets (717-586-7278).

Color: Red _____ Salmon _____ White _____

Total \$ Enclosed _____ Check No. _____

In memory / honor of **(circle one please)**

By _____