



**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:15 am**

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

April 21, 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: Psalm 23 - Burkhardt

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Concerns

*(During the Prelude you may wish to reflect on the following prayer: Thank you God for your loving care over our lives. Thank you especially for bringing us together today to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament. Fill my heart with confidence and peace knowing that you will provide for each of us for eternity through the gift of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Amen.)*

(Acolyte lights the candles during the prelude music)

Prelude: The Lord's My Shepherd – arr. Edwards (Handbell 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:

# Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

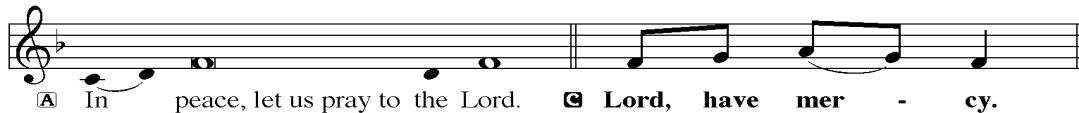
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\*Apostolic Greeting §

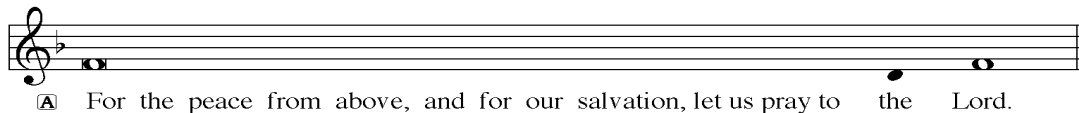
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*Kyrie



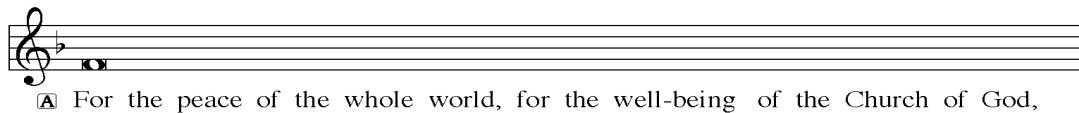
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



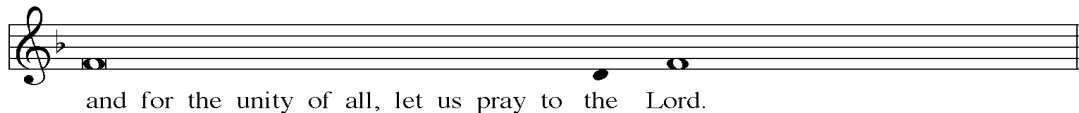
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



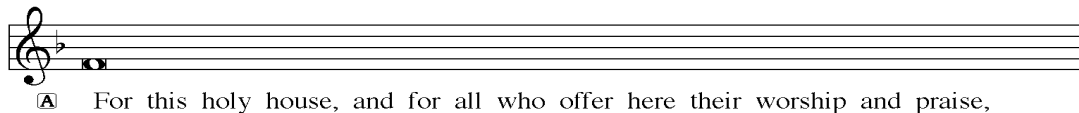
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



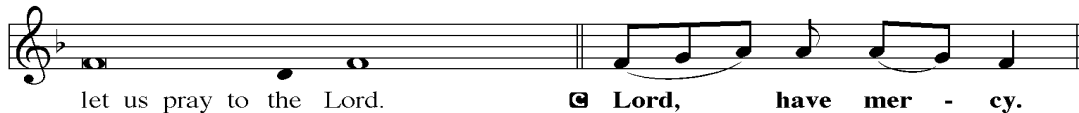
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



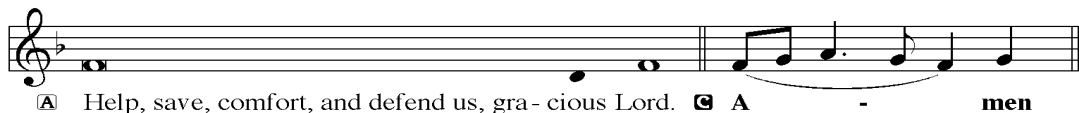
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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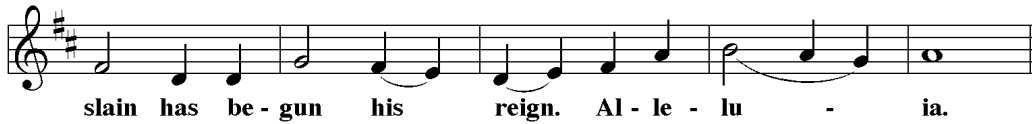
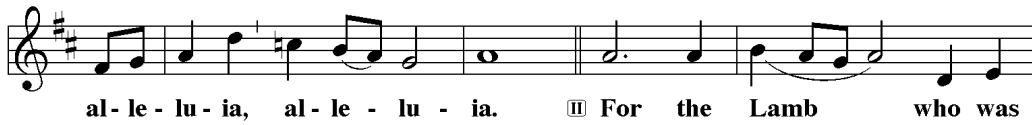
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



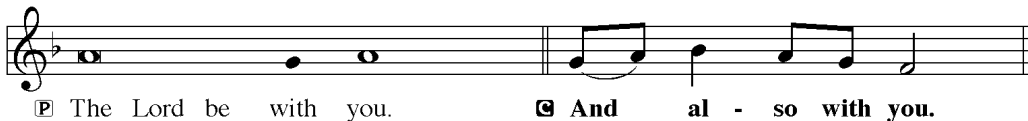
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



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



#### \*Salutation



#### \*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.... Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (sung)**

#### First Lesson: Acts 4:1-12

(Peter's preaching reached the hearts of around 5,000 people who came to believe because of his witness, but it also reached the ears of the religious authorities, who had Peter and John imprisoned for proclaiming that the resurrection had already come through Jesus. When interrogated, Peter boldly declared that Jesus is the only way through which salvation has or will come.)

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to

about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

(The Lord brings to us goodness, mercy, and life, the author wrote in this familiar psalm. We are cared for by God beyond measure like a shepherd cares for his sheep. There is no circumstance in which God will not be present for us and with us.)

L:<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C:<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L:<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**C:<sup>4</sup>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.**

L:<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C:<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24**

(Jesus' self-giving, even to the point of death, was the perfect example of Godly love. For those who follow Jesus, love will be similarly expressed in an active faith that cares for and helps others. Hollow words and empty platitudes will not show the world what Godly love is like; only the ways in which we follow Jesus' commandment to love one another can do that.)

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that {Jesus Christ} laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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 John, the 10th chapter.



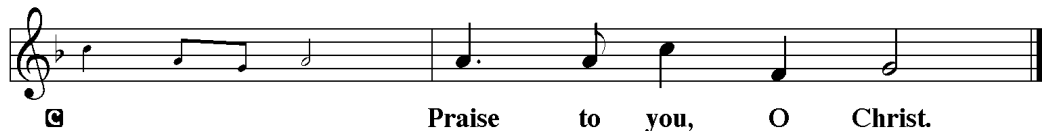
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

(Jesus compared himself to a good and caring shepherd who was willing to go to any extreme, even laying down his life, in order to protect his flock. Likewise, the shepherd's flock would recognize and follow him, for they knew his voice.)

<sup>11</sup>{Jesus said,} "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.



Children's Sermon: Pastor Steve and Simon

Sermon: Pastor Steve

\*The Votum

\*Hymn of the Day:

TRUST, GUIDANCE

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# Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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### \*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: Good Shepherd of My Soul – Getty, Townend & de Barra

Solo: Joyce Hall; reading: Charlotte Gausmann

\*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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is LBW #456

**\*Blessing**

\*Post Communion Canticle:



☞ 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:

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.

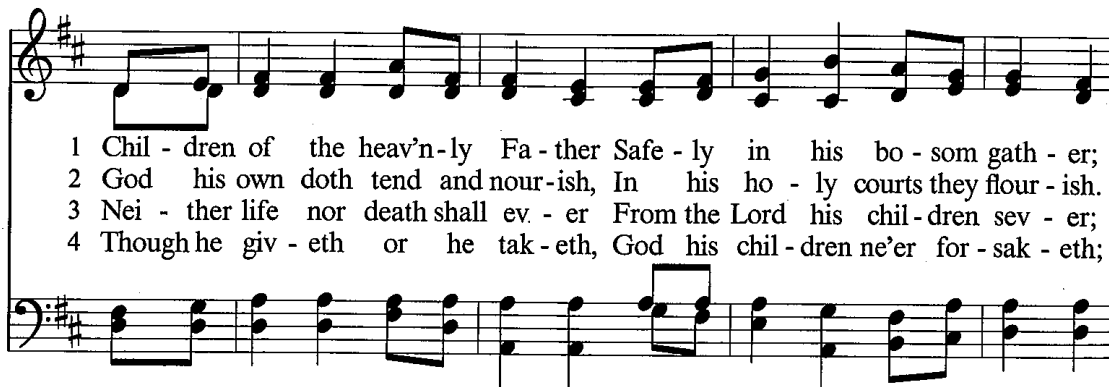
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(Acolyte extinguishes the candles during the hymn)

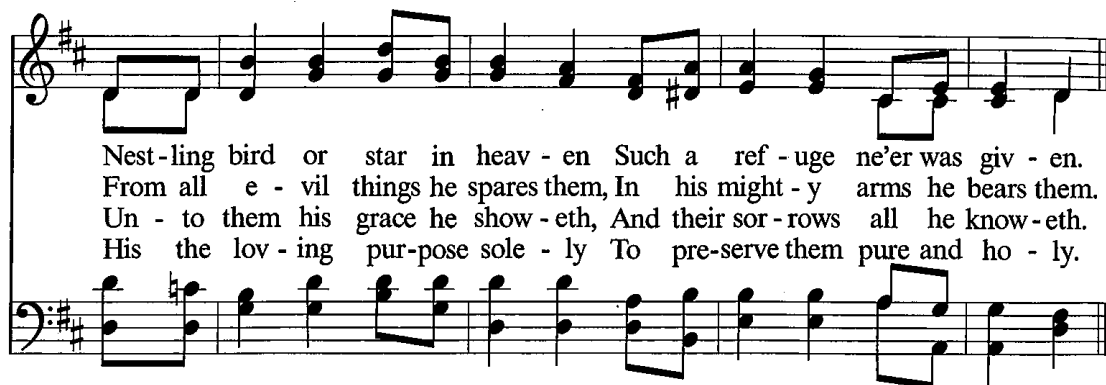
\*Recessional Hymn:

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## Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



Nest-ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y arms he bears them.  
Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: *Swedish folk tune*

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\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing - Leavitt

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**Theme of the day:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own, and they know him. Unlike the hired hand, the shepherd will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for our sake. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead.

**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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#### **Our Lord's Helpers on April 21, 2024**

**Greeter:** Sharon Sell

**Acolyte:** Daphne Conn

**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

#### **Our Lord's Helpers on April 28, 2024**

**Greeter:** Regina Springer

**Acolyte:** OPEN

**Head Usher:** Ron Sell

**Sound:** Matt Conn

**Lay Reader:** Trudy Waltersdorff

**Altar Guild:** Trudy Waltersdorff

**Communion Assts.:** Brent & Stephanie Keech

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Keefer

### **SPONSORSHIPS to the Glory of God:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** in honor of Lucy Gausmann's birthday by Mom, Dad, Charlotte and Noah / in honor of Peg & Dave Shaffer's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**BULLETIN** to the Glory of God by Esther & John Jacobs

**BREAD & WINE** in honor of Chad & Terri Masemer's wedding anniversary by Mom & Dad Masemer

**MAILING** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Hoffman by the Charlotte Hoffman family

**PARISH MESSENGER** in honor of the wedding anniversary of Will & Alyssa Gausmann by Marty & Sandy Albright & family

**SANCTUARY LAMP** in honor of Josie Markle's First Communion

### **Activities for the Week of April 21, 2024**

- 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**
- Mon. 4/22 2:00 pm Worship at Kingston Court  
7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting
- Tues. 4/23 6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Weds. 4/24 6:00 pm Pickleball
- Thurs. 4/25 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. 4/26 7:00 pm Hilltop AA
- Sun. 4/28 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:15 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion**  
9:40 am Faith Builders  
**10:45 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

There will be no Bible Study April 24, May 1, and May 8. Bible Study will RESUME on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**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.



## **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: \$665.

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

**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 Renahan, 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, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby.

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** is available on the table in the lobby area.

**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 lobby area, or email: [parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org](mailto: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.

**The Corporal Luke Runyan Memorial Walk** is being held Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Registration forms are available at the table in the lobby. Make checks payable to: Saint Paul Lutheran Church, memo line: Veteran Walk. Thank you!



## **TAKING FAITH HOME – April 21, 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 John 10:11-18 The good shepherd  
Monday Genesis 48:8-19 God has been my shepherd  
Tuesday 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 The shepherd David made king  
Wednesday Mark 14:26-31 Christ, the suffering shepherd  
Thursday Micah 7:8-20 God will shepherd the people  
Friday 1 Peter 5:1-5 Christ, the chief shepherd  
Saturday Psalm 95 We are the sheep of God's hand  
Sunday John 15:1-8 Christ, the vine

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep." **John 10:14-15 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Jesus our good shepherd, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Good shepherd of your sheep, thank you for our daily keep. You give us reason to rejoice, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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)**

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