

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Prelude and Quiet Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"

**All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**

**Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won.**

Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.

Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious king!

**Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?**

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord"
(Chorus) **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of creation. (Chorus)
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen. (Chorus)
We have been crucified with Christ: now we shall live forever. (Chorus)
Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Chorus)

The Invocation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

The Prayer of the Day

THE WORD

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

The Psalm

Psalm 4

The Psalm is read responsively

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

7 You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

**8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

The Alleluia

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle Halle Hallelujah

Halle Halle Hallelujah

Halle Halle Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah (Repeat)

The Holy Gospel Announcement

Luke 24:36b-48

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Response

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"In the Garden"

**I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

**(Refrain) And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)**

**I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)**

Apostles' Creed

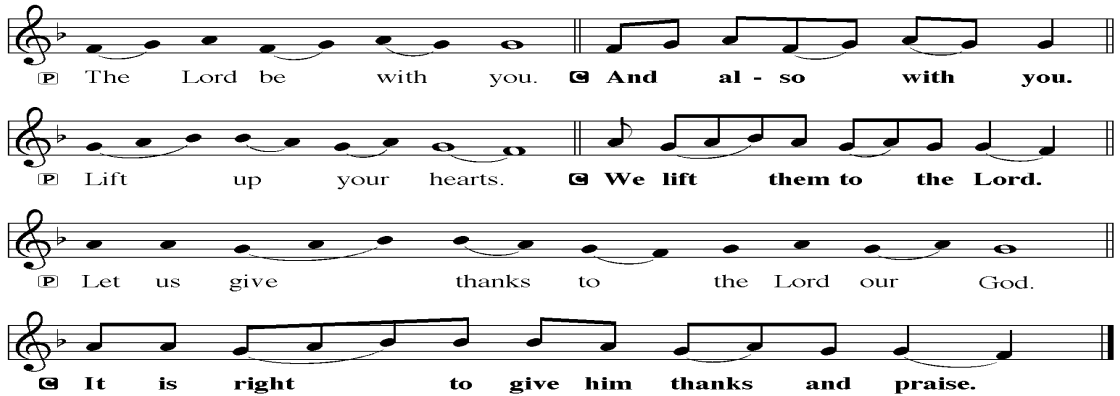
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Sharing of the Peace

(Please share the peace with those in the car with you, wave to your neighbor's car or let everyone know you're here by honking your horn!)

The 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.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Distribution

*(If you are baptized and believe in the presence of Christ, you are invited to join us.
Please follow Pastor's instructions)*

"Jesus, Remember Me"

The Blessing & Benediction

The Closing Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

**O seed of Israel's chosen race,
Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Hail him, you heirs of David's line
Whom David Lord did call-
The God incarnate, man divine-
And crown him Lord of all!
The God incarnate, man divine-
And crown him Lord of all!**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all!
Go spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all!**

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS THE CALL OF GOD TO BRING SPECIAL HONOR TO HIS NAME. WELCOME TO THE "FAMILY OF BELIEVERS". In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, welcome to St. Paul's this morning. May your experience of worship and fellowship with us refresh and ready you for the coming week.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE DEDICATED TO "THE GLORY OF GOD," in memory of my Dad, Frank Zerfoss who's birthday was celebrated on April 19th. Love, Lois Scott

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Austin Bowman, Lois Burge, Claire Daley, Jim Doxsey, Al Drum, Florence Drum, Jane Evans, Tom Fenstemacher, Monica Hayward, Marion Hildebrand, Joyce Hocko, Deb Howaniec, Gaylene Hunter, Craig Jacobs, Alice Kershinski, Matthew Kostelec, Todd & Daphne Kretz, Andy Macko, Barbara Macko, Amy Maher, Dale Major, Jon Martineau, Andrea Martz, Dolores Marzocco, Wayne Mast, Mary Alice McCloskey, Shari Meister, Paulette Mirilovich, Cheryl Myers, Andrew Richner, Virginia (Ginger) Rinehimer, Steven Reeves, Michele Reed, Terry Renninger, Cathy Ruitter, Andrew Ruth, Dale Scott, Carl Schultz, Joe Seymour, Robert F. Shultz, Bonnie Tomcho, Matthew Walker, Tanyia Reeves-Wendel, Karen Wise, Audrey Wysowski, Marian Zawilski

IN ADDITION TO THOSE HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR ALL THE MEN, AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES. Robert Figmic Jr., Matthew Hewson, Wayne Kaufman, Richard Mester, Patrick Murphy, Brandon Passman, Anthony Porrecha, Jr., Christian Yurkanin.

-FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CONGREGATION, OUR SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE DRIVE IN SERVICES AT 9AM & 11AM.

***CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS APRIL 22nd & 29th FROM 3-7PM.**

-FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH SECRETARY, OR CONTACT PASTOR KAUFMAN AT 570-443-0832. *WE HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED.

-WHEN WARM WEATHER RETURNS, WE PLAN TO SOLICIT BIDS TO REPLACE THE PARISH HALL ROOF. WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A ROOF FUND. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE CAUSE!

**-OUR NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE TONIGHT APRIL 18th AT 6:30PM.
-MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 19th AT 6:30PM. WE WILL VIEW THE "OVERCOMER" EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US!**

-ONCE AGAIN ST. PAUL'S WILL BE OFFERING GERANIUMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE VICTIM'S RESOURCE CENTER. FORMS WILL BE IN SUNDAY BULLETINS AND ARE DUE BY 5/2. FLOWERS WILL BE \$3.75 A PIECE WITH A CHOICE OF PINK OR RED. GERANIUMS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON MOTHER'S DAY. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO REMEMBER OR HONOR THE SPECIAL WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE!

-A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE-IT HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID 19 AND DURING THAT YEAR WE HAVE LOST NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE VIRUS. WE WOULD LIKE TO GATHER AND REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF THIS PANDEMIC. ON SUNDAY, 5/2, WE WILL HOLD A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT 3:00 P.M. TO GATHER AS PEOPLE OF FAITH AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO COVID 19. WE URGE YOU TO INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SUBMIT NAMES OF LOVED ONES AND INVITE THEM TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. THIS IS MEANT TO BE SERVICE THAT DRAWS US TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ADD THE NAMES OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED.

-HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR COVID VACCINE YET? ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE? WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP. SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO ASSIST YOU. CONTACT PASTOR KAUFMAN OR CALL LISA NAPERSKY (570) 709-1165, HELEN DAVIS (570) 991-7064 OR SUSAN ACKERMAN (570) 751-3169 WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU.

-PLEASE NOTE: THE FOOD BANK CONTINUES TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO CLIENTS EVERY FRIDAY USING SAFE DISTANCE PRACTICES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP

**OFF DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH, PLEASE DO SO ON FRIDAYS 9AM-NOON.
DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND APPRECIATED. *IF YOU KNOW ANYONE
IN NEED, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR.**