

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum, Pastor
Mr. Jonathan Madden, Minister of Music

WELCOME in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to
St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.

As Christ promises to be in our midst, may he bless you during our time together and throughout the week. If you are a guest, please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate and sign our Guest Register as you leave.

Please join us in the foyer after service for coffee and fellowship.

To accommodate the needs of those attending service, large print bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. The church is also equipped with a hearing loop; to access the loop, use the T-switch on your hearing aid.

Please note:

This service is live streamed. Cameras are all in back and will not see your face. If you wish not to be seen at all, the back half of the sanctuary is out of view of the camera.

Communion bread ingredients (all gluten-free): Water, sourdough (rice flour, water), rice starch, corn starch, agave syrup, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fiber), sunflower oil, modified cellulose, soy protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fiber, rice flour, sugar, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour, honey, calcium citrate, niacin, iron, thiamin, riboflavin.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Deo Dobbins, The Stilwell Family, The Mutombo Family, Chester & Connie Frederick, Catherine Cappon, Christopher Callahan, Joanne McNamara, Clara Firth, Karen Stone, & military/first responders: Jennifer Foti, Matt Gibbs, Clint Pearson, Justin Powell, Nicholas Robinson, Kelly Voorhees, Paul Voorhees, & Zachary Zeiner. (Please renew each name monthly.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Graduates: Do you have a Senior graduating this year (high school or college)?
If so, please let us know so we can celebrate their accomplishments!

Vacation Bible School – Save the date! Monday – Thursday, August 26th – 29th from 9am-Noon daily. More details will be forthcoming.

Blood Drive – Save the date! Tuesday, June 18th from 1-6pm here at St. Paul's.
See our website for a link to make an appointment.

Outdoor Worship with BLC – Save the date! Sunday, June 9th we will have an outdoor worship with Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairport at 10AM at Center Park (1100 Ayrault Rd, Fairport). Please note there will NOT be a service at St. Paul's this day.

We hope to see you there!

PRELUDE

Fantasy on St. Columba

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

The congregation rises.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

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GREETING

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

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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





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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today’s reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The choir introduces the refrain, and the congregation repeats. The choir and congregation alternate verses, with the congregation singing the bold verses.

The refrain is sung at each “R”.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a melody line with lyrics underneath: "The LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want." The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a quarter note Bb4, and continues with eighth notes. The second staff is also a treble clef with a key signature of one flat, showing a continuation of the melody with a whole note G4 and a half note F4.

¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

*The children are invited to come forward
for a message from the pastor especially for them.*

The congregation rises.

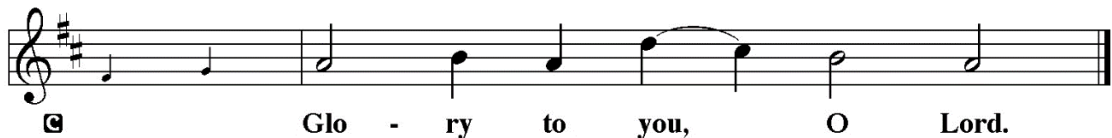
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. *Alleluia.* (John 10:14)

GOSPEL READING: John 10:10b-18

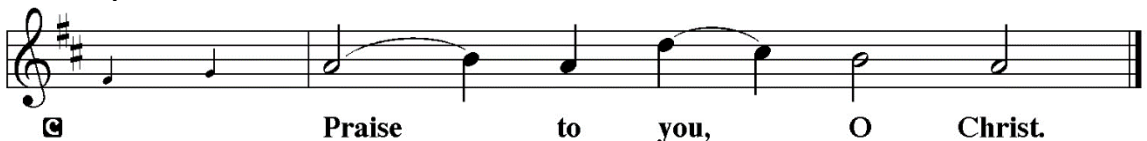
In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.



^{10b}[Jesus said,] “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



The congregation is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

The congregation rises.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table

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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,
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

Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their need...

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Final petition: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The congregation is seated.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

We hear about the ways we can serve the world through this congregation.

OFFERING

If you would like to give online to support the ministry of the church, please see the neighboring QR code, which takes you directly to our online giving page.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Good Shepherd

Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
ST. COLUMBA

*The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness fails me never.
I nothing lack, since I am His, and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living waters flow, my troubled soul is healing.
And quietly the pastures grow - the voice of God revealing.*

*In darkest hours I fear no ill, with my dear Lord besides me.
Your strength and mercy comfort still, Your hand is there to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days we ne'er shall grow apart.
Good Shepherd I will sing Your praise, for living in my heart.
Henry W. Baker (1821-1877), adapt. G.W.*

*God beside me. God behind me. God above me.
(from the St. Patrick Breastplate)*

The congregation rises.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 praise to our victorious king,
 who has washed us in the tide
 flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

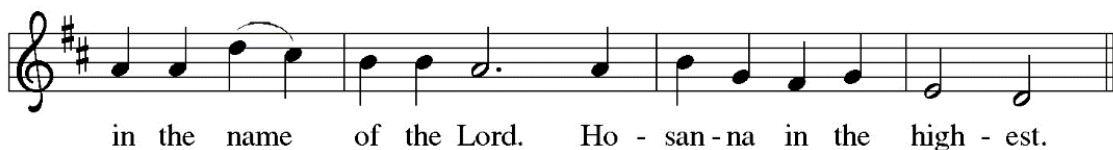
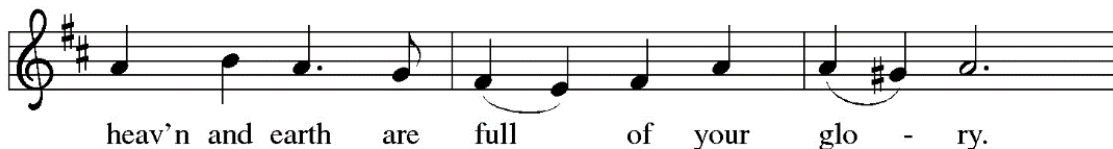
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... [*Presider continues with the Proper Preface*]
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.



We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Again, after supper...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,

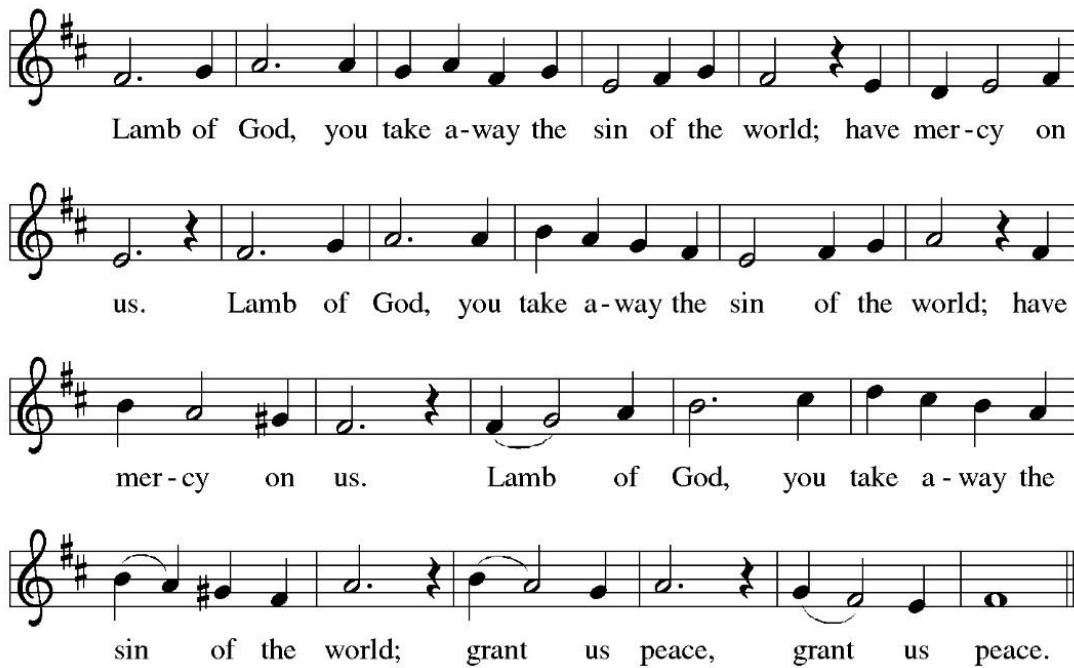
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD

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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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal.

Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. We use a pouring chalice; please take an empty glass for wine. White grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses. All the bread is gluten free. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC*Shepherd Me, O God*

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*The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.**The congregation rises.***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ now strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray....

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Thank you for worshipping with us this blessed morning!

Thank you to the following:

Acolyte: Landon Dechau

Communion Setup/Cleanup: Mara Berndt

Ushers: Leisa North & Jordan Jackson

Lector/Prayers Reader: Amy Barber

Communion Assistant: Sue Wyatt

Altar Linens: Leisa North

Altar Care: Leisa North

Flower Delivery: Leisa North

Food Cupboard: Theo Haynes

Run Livestream: Scott Conderman

Choir Members:

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Faith Dowley*

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