

The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

May 12, 2019

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Day of Resurrection”

M. McDonald

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn by our joy in the Risen Lord,
we gather as God's children
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

Trusting in God's promise of new resurrection life,
let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,
we cannot free ourselves from our desire to sin. We cannot keep sin out of every part of our life. We wound our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves by what we do and what we fail to do. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from our sins. Give us new hearts and minds. And raise us to new and abundant life, so that we never tire of serving in your holy name.
Amen.

Know that God has forgiven your sins and freed you to walk in newness of life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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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.

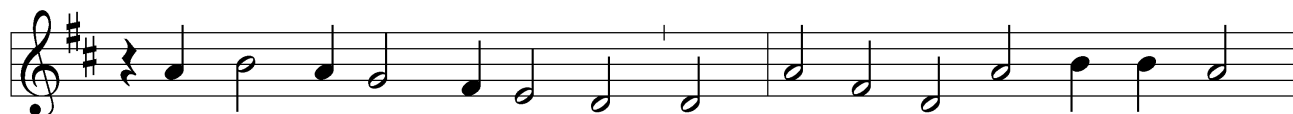
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

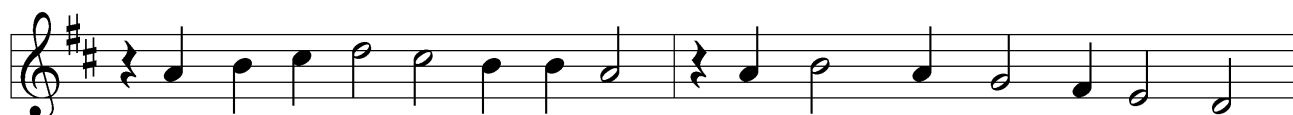
“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”



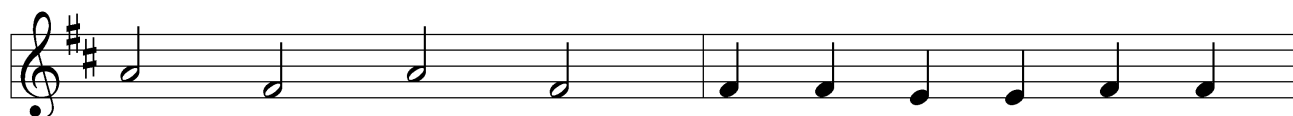
He is a - ris - en! Glo-rious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord;



the gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus rose tri - um-phantly,



and Sa-tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing



glo - rious, life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. (Acts 9:36–43)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (KJV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

³He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading from Revelation

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

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

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

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

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

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:9–17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Gospel John 10:22–30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

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SERMON

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

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of all those who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give healing and wholeness to those facing anxiety, depression, chronic illness, or brokenness in body or spirit (*especially...*). Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless all our mothers, especially on this Mother's Day. Help them to recognize the holy office you have entrusted to them and strengthen them in faithful service.

Grant that what they do may not be a burden to them, but give them joy and gladness in all endeavors. Bless all women who do not have children and those whose children are estranged from them, that their hope and confidence may ever remain in you in whom true joy is found. Give us loving hearts, dear Lord, that we may freely give thanks for our mothers, heartily forgive them, willingly obey them, and gladly honor them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Salvation belongs to you, O God. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will forever rest beside the great river of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Ushers: Pick up the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

“The King of Love”

L. Smith

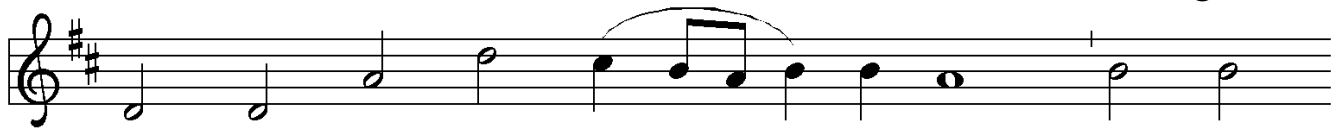
ANTHEM (10:30)

*“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

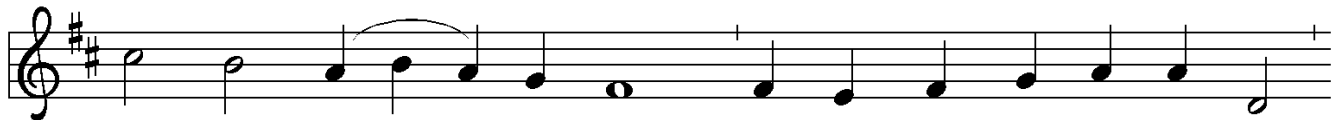
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OFFERTORY HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

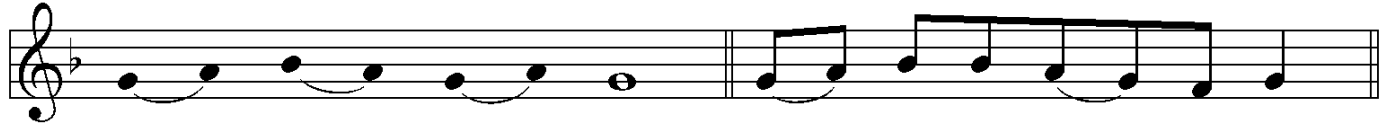
Risen Lord, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, reveal yourself to us as you meet us in this simple meal. Nourish us so that we follow you, and feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life. **Amen.**

MEAL

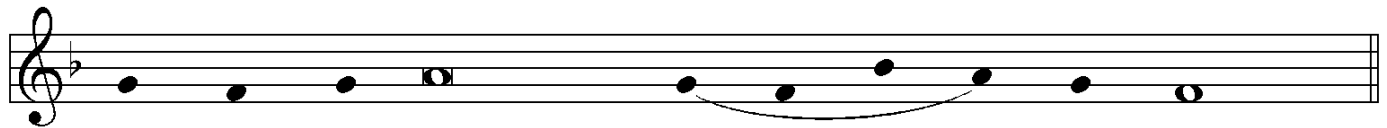
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are 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:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ is risen from the dead. All are welcome at his table.
Alleluia! Let us come to the feast.

AGNUS DEI

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

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.

COMMUNION HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for our sake. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367

THE DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE “Christ the Lord is Risen” T. Birchwood

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of Boris Sklar by the Sklar family.
Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Karissa Elser's graduation from West Virginia University by her family.

Today's bulletins are presented in memory of my mother's birthday and my inlaws' anniversary by Cindy Ritschel.

*This anthem is presented in loving memory of Charles Moyer by Fern, Debbie, William, Sandy, and families. (2016)

SERVING TODAY (5/12/19)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Debbie Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul;
USHERS: Debbie Moyer & Nevin Zehner; GREETER: Chris Long**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel; USHERS:
Candice Felton & Steve Zimmerman; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emily Heydt;
GREETERS: Cindy Sklar & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle,
Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck & Barb Sterner**

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/19/19)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers;
USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Barbara Lafko; GREETER: Ron Rozansky**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Tom Wehr; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jennifer Betz; USHERS:
Diane Brobst & Barb Sterner; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:; GREETERS: Greg Sklar
& Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter &
Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck & Barb Sterner**

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 11	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 12	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, May 13	7:00 PM	Church Council
Tuesday, May 14	1:00 PM	WELCA
Wednesday, May 15	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, May 18	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 19	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Thank You for Being a Member Dinner at Pioneer Evergreen Farm

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Council has established a Parsonage Fund to help defray the costs of the parsonage renovation. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund need just include their contribution in an envelope marked **Parsonage Fund**. Any items purchased through this fund will stay with the Parsonage.

Thank you.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY/ THANK YOU DINNER

On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday for our congregation. At 12 noon, we will have a dinner catered by Mike Premich at the Pioneer Evergreen Farm. The dinner will be offered free of charge, although we will be passing the hat for gratuity.

You should have received your newsletter with a reservation card for the “Thank You for Being a Member” Dinner. Please check your calendar for May 19 and plan to be with us that day.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee has planned a new church directory to coincide with the 175th anniversary of our congregation (which was organized in 1844).

Our photography dates are Monday, May 20; Tuesday, May 21; and Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Times for all days are 2:00 to 9:00 PM.

To make an appointment to have your picture taken, please go to our webpage: www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org, visit our sign-up tables (after Sunday, April 7), or call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281.

WELCA

All women of St. Paul’s are encouraged to attend the May 14 meeting beginning at 1:00 PM in the large Sunday school room. The program will begin with Susan Jones, who will be discussing “Gold Star Mothers.” This will be followed by a brief business meeting with time for fellowship.

GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

Pentecost Sunday is June 9. We will be decorating the church with red geraniums. Geranium orders will be taken until **May 26**. Cost of the flowers this year is \$3.00. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

****Please place all orders in the offering plate on the table in the gathering room below the flower charts. There are envelopes there for you to use.**

Name _____

If you wish to dedicate your flowers, please fill in below:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Total # of flowers _____ x \$3.00 = _____



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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,
please call 717-649-3532.
