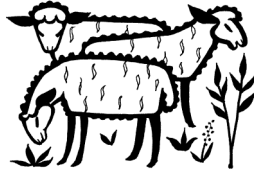


*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*



May 8, 2022

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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“Returning to the Lord”

Prelude Music

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.

C For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, our Risen Savior and Lord.

(water is poured into the font)

P We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne of mercy: through the earth, through the city, through Amherst, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

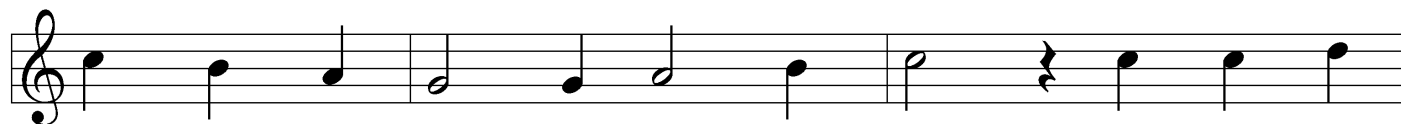
C In Jesus Christ, you calm the troubled waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In the ups and downs of life, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

P Now Holy Spirit, breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

C Claim us again as your graced and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear; inspire us to be forgiven and loved people of Easter. Amen

Opening Hymn: LBW 144

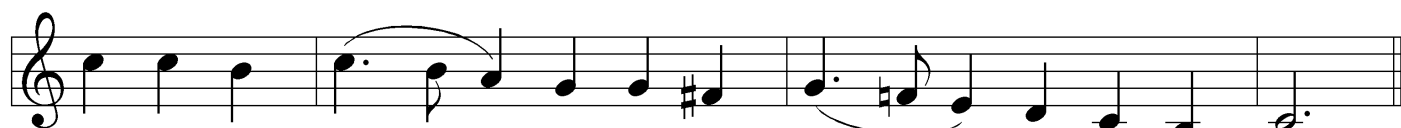
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

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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.

Children's Time

Salutation Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Now 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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since 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." So 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. Peter 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

A The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

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

C 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.

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

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

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

Hymn of the Day: LBW 456 (Verses 1-4)

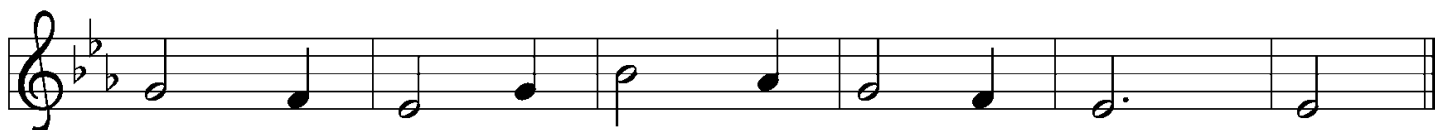
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Holy Baptism

Presentation

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.



Sponsors present the candidate:

Response: We present Cole Matthew Beyer for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P Scott and Ashley, in Christian love you have presented Cole for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to help Cole grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Jamie and Brian, do you promise to nurture Cole in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Cole and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

Prayers of the Church

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Remember those in Ukraine. We ask for your hand of protection to be with all of those affected by the war. Bring peace to our world and help us to be instruments to make that happen. Let light overcome the evil. Give leaders across the globe hearts of compassion, understanding and grace. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

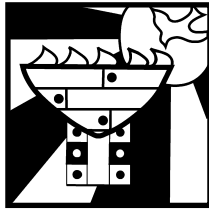
A Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List and those we name now either silently or aloud. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C **Amen.**



Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.
- By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Cole who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this cleansing water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C **Amen**

Renunciation

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

Profession

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

Baptism

P Cole, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Laying on of Hands

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Cole: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

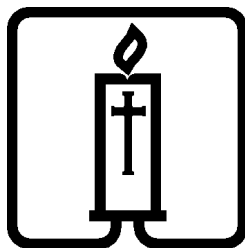
C Amen

Signing with the Cross

P Cole, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

Giving of the Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



Welcome

P Through Baptism, God has made Cole a new member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow missionary in God's church, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen

Offering Music and Prayer

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

P Let us pray.

C God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love. Amen

Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

C 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

Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.

Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome!

Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: WOV 673(on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Let us go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: May 8-15, 2022

TODAY: *Mother's Day*

9:00 am: Sunday Series: What's the Brain Got To Do With It? Host Sue Epstein

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School, and Baptism
 of Cole Matthew Beyer

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

Wednesday: 8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 1:00 pm: Memorial Service for Dorothy Schugardt

6:00 pm: Alanon

Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship

9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

3:00 pm: LCLC Donor Reception

5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service

6:00 pm: Youth Night

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Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Neal DeLeo: Bristol village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Chad Israel and Hayley Israel

David Lampe: 73 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Kenneth Moser (Eileen Moser's husband); Sandy Shaw (Leslie Boynton's sister-in-law); Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske

Deacon Schedule: 5/8: Barbara Walter; 5/15: John Schunak

Usher Schedule: 5/8: Lonny Walter & Gerry Keppel; 5/15: Ben Brown & Matt Fricano

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Masks are now optional while you are in the building. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

WNY Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The Pantry hours for May are: Thursday 5/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 5/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for May: oil, sugar, salad dressing, and Kleenex-type tissues.

Daily Bread Food Truck: If you would like to help with the Food Truck please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email at dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com

Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine: If you would like to donate, you can go to donate.lwr.org for additional information and the donation form, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. You can also call 1-800-597-5972 to make a secure credit card donation.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Boy Scout Troop 261 will be hosting a Chiavetta's chicken barbeque on Sunday, May 15 from 3:00-6:00 pm across the street in the St. Benedict's parking lot. Each meal costs \$15.00 and includes 1/2 chicken, sides, and roll and butter. For pre-sale, please contact Lorry at goldhawk1@verizon.net. (Members of Boy Scout Troop 261 have volunteered to help out at Tiger's Den, and have conducted several food drives for the pantry. They are also the owners of the white trailer parked near the old food truck in the back parking lot.)

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

CRAFT BEER & WINE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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at Tewksbury Lodge
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CHORUS OF BUFFALO!**

Join Lutheran Charities for an evening of tastings and music at Tewksbury Lodge, Canalside! Friday, June 10th Lutheran Charities is hosting their Annual Wine & Craft Beer Festival, 7 PM - 9 PM, featuring musical guest the Red Blazer Men's Chorus of Buffalo. \$49 per person registration includes: spirit samplings from local breweries and wineries, light hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. A basket raffle and wine pull will also be available. Make it a night out - invite friends and family to come wet their whistles and have some fun! Register online at www.wnylutherancharities.org.

See You There!



+ St. Paul's Mission +

To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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