

Fourth Sunday of Easter

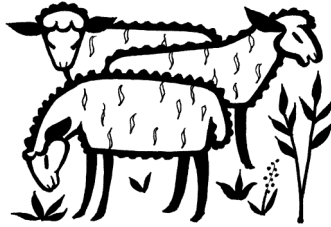


April 29, 2023

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

*Welcome to the Amherst Lutheran Campus
of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Pre-Service Music: Adam Schmidt

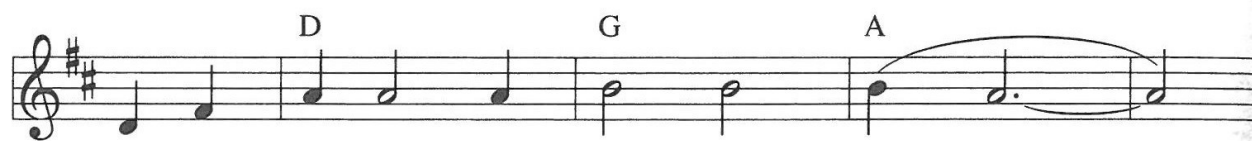
Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- 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.
- 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.
- C 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.
- P We give you thanks O God for recreating us, forgiving us, transforming us and loving us through these powerful waters. Bless us with them for our time of worship and our life together in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

He has made me glad



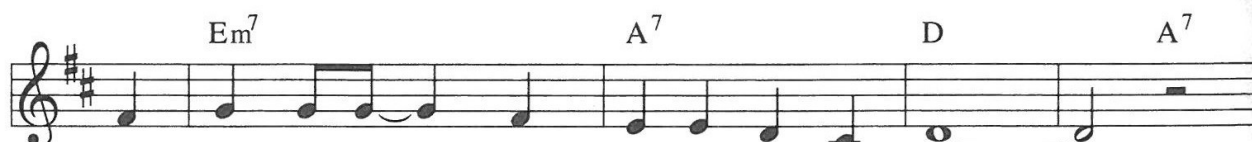
I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart,



I will en - ter his courts with praise.



I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.



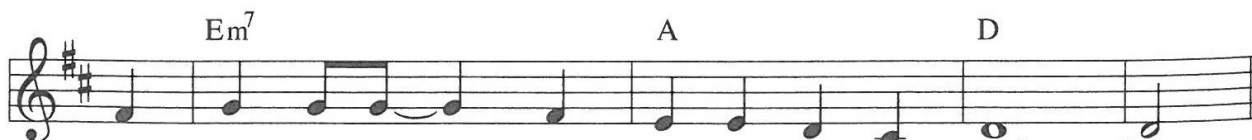
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad,



I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

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.

Prayer of the Day

P O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Praise Song: W&P 9

As the deer



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;



you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.



Psalm 23

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 This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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

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

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana
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P The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because

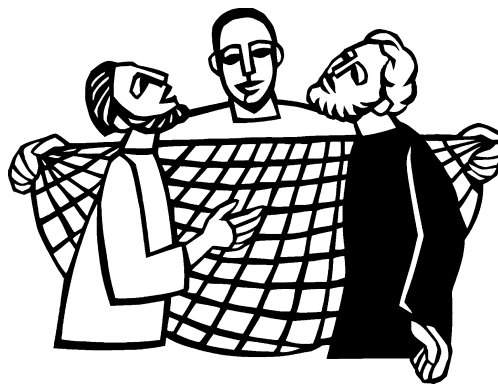
there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.


Sermon



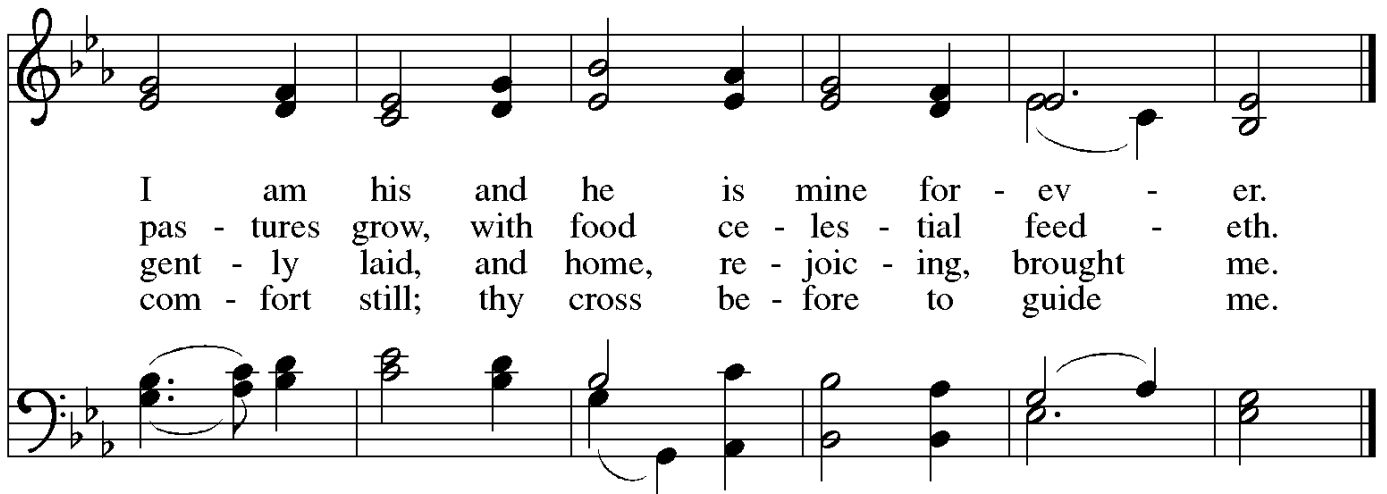
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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.

Apostle's Creed

A Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:

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

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

Prayers of the Church

P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Offering Hymn: WOV 612

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Offering Prayer

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

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 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/>

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

Communion Hymn: Lamb of God, WOV 621

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*1** *2* *3*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Distribution Hymn: W&P 160

You are my hiding place

*1**
Am Dm⁷ G G/B

You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways

Csus C G/B F/A Dm

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -

Esus E ²Am

ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,

Dm⁷ G G/B C G/B

I will trust in you. Let the weak say,

F/A Dm *To repeat* Esus E

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Last time Esus E Am

strength of the Lord, I will trust in you."

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 Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world 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: LBW 476 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

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



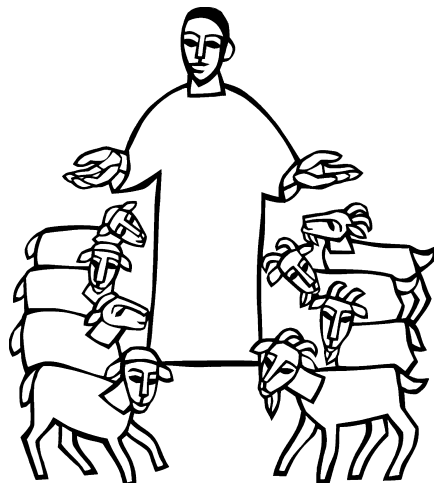
flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



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!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 30-May 7, 2023

- TODAY:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church (not Church Unleashed) at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, First Communion, and Baptism of Theodore John Spitzer
10:00 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: New Missionary Meeting
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 6:00-7:00 pm: Family Support Center Meeting
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
6:00-7:00 pm: Family Support Center Meeting
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Alanon
- Friday:** 6:00 pm: Lutheran Award Dinner
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at Amherst Lutheran Campus
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at Amherst Lutheran Campus
- Sunday:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church (not Church Unleashed) at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Baptism of Mia Elizabeth Suffoletto
10:00 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Baptism of Lillian Marie Phillips
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Altar Flowers: Are given for the glory of God.

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Lee Abel: 71 Windsor Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Robert Baus: 30 Westchester Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Evelyn Berger: 644 Campbell Boulevard, Getzville, NY 14068

Joyce Chace: 80 Culpepper Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Jan Isaacs: #6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

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

Jon Mott: Brookdale, 6076 Main Street, #B8, Williamsville, NY 14221

Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Prayer List: *In our congregational and extended family:* David Ihrig; Kurt Parker Venator (Richard Venator's grandson); Elwood & Jaroslava Chase (Karlen Chase's parents); Shaun Woods; Tracy Robinson; Michael Wallace; Rick Schmidt; Laura Sweet; Greyson Knox; Ira Striejewski; Gary Schmidt; David Wolf; Thomas Maier; Joanna Heizmann; Joan Chatham; Jerry Bucklaew; Joe Falletta; Debbie Lingenfelter; Maureen Kraus; Sally O'Connell; Patrick Irving; Jennifer Ryszkiewicz; Don Irving; Gail Adema; Gail Andrews; Amy Dickinson; Dean Honsberger; Janet Mustard; Suzanne Gustafson

In-Person Worship: *St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.*

Church Unleashed: *If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as 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, anyone associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus, or by referral. May pantry hours are: 3:00-6:30 pm on Thursday 5/4 and 5/18, and 9:00 am-12:30 pm on Saturday 5/13 and 5/27. Donations for May: salad dressing, salsa, ketchup, mayonnaise.*

Daily Bread Food Truck: *We have concluded our 2022-2023 Monday Meal Share season. Over a period of 27 Mondays, we provided 3,031 hot meals and 1,237 servings of soup and bread. We thank all of our volunteers who gave of their time and to all of those who so generously donated funds. In addition, we are grateful for our community partners who provided an abundance of food - Wegman's, Rosina's, Issa Pita Chips, and Rich Products. Our 2023-2024 Monday Meal Share will begin again in October. For more information to volunteer or donate, please contact the church office at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@gmail.com.*

Upcoming New Missionary Meeting: *Are you interested in finding out about St. Paul's mission and ministries? Would you like to become a missionary of St. Paul's? Then join us after the 10:00 am service today at the Eggertsville Campus to talk with our Pastors about our ministries at St. Paul's.*

ALC Book Club: *The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the narthex at Amherst Lutheran Campus beginning at 7:15 pm. Upcoming Book Club meeting and reading selection: Thursday, May 11, reading Under the Whispering Door by T. J. Klune*



READY FOR SOME GREAT
CONVERSATIONS? THEN WE'LL SEE
YOU AT:

GOD ON TAP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3: 7-8PM
ST. PAUL'S GATHERING AREA
THEME: WRESTLING WITH 5/14

SNACKS PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE

SIGN UP AT CHURCH



Amherst Sidewalk Vigil

Saturday, May 13, 2023

2-2:20pm

Main Street in Amherst

A time to honor and remember May 14th, 2022

Gather anywhere on the sidewalks of Main St. in Amherst this Saturday afternoon from Bailey to Transit. Church bells throughout town will ring 10 times at 2:20pm to honor and remember those who died at Tops. Bring chalk and write messages & symbols of love, hope and peace. Take pictures and share using [#AmherstSidewalkVigil](#)



+ 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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