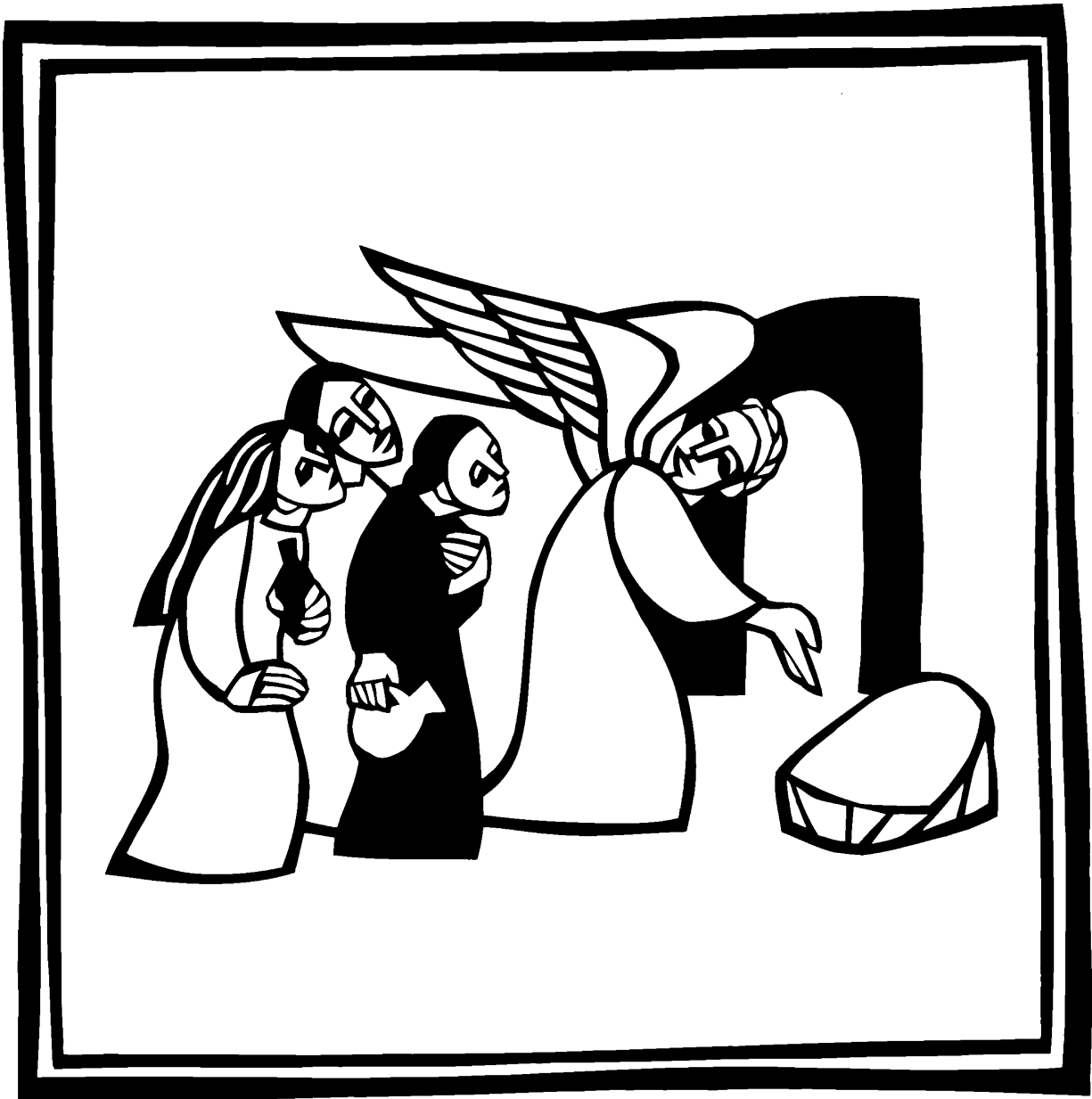


Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service



March 31, 2024

6:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 31, 2024

***THE SERVICE OF LIGHT; RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS;
AND CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST***

*The congregation gathers around the new fire, a sign of our expectant hope,
now fulfilled as the Christ Candle is lit.*

Welcome and Gospel: Luke 24:1-5

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.

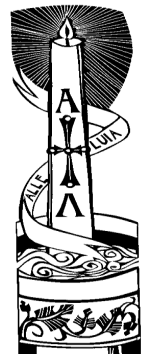
P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

Service of Light

P Christ yesterday and today; the beginning and the end; his are all times, all ages, to him be glory and dominion, through all the ages.

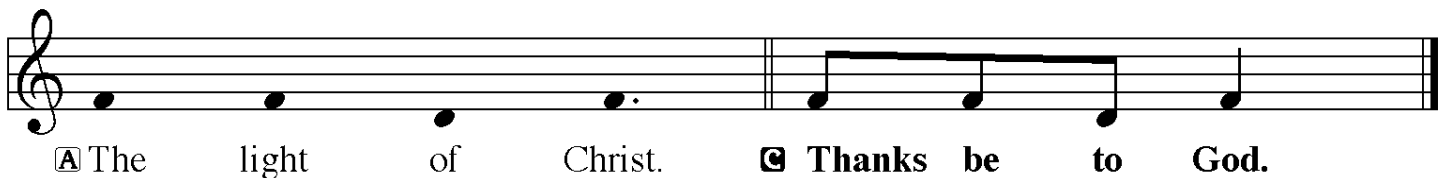
C Amen.



The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory dispel the darkness in our hearts and minds.

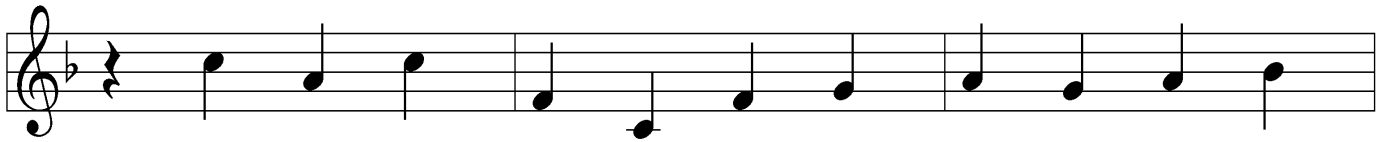
Procession into the Church: The Paschal Candle, Pastor and processional cross lead the Choir and Congregation into the Church (sung three times)



A The light of Christ. **G** Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: LBW 146 (The Assisting Minister sings Verse 1, the Choir and Congregation join on Verses 2 and 3)

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice!



1 Re - joice, an - gel - ic choirs, re - joice! Re - joice now,
 2 O earth, ex - ult in ra - diance bright, il - lu - mined
 3 Let all who gath - er round this flame, the sign of



all cre - a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their
 by Christ's splen - dor! Your dark - ness now is put to
 Christ's a - ris - ing, the death - less light of Christ ac -



voice to hail the Lord's sal - va - tion; let all Christ's
 flight; to him due prais - es ren - der! Be glad, O
 claim, his sav - ing mer - cy priz - ing; that all may



ho - ly priest - hood sing the tri - umph of their might - y
 church! Sing out your songs! Your tem - ples fill with shout - ing
 live by faith in him who con - quered death, de - spair, and



king in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion!
 throngs to hail the glo - rious vic - tor!
 sin to make us his for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P Let's pray † O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

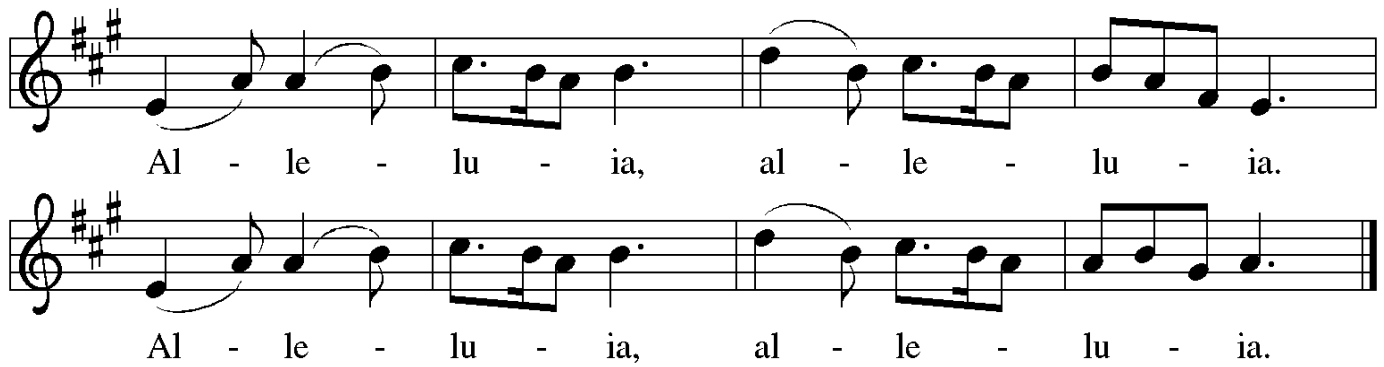
Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



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 Mark the 16th Chapter
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

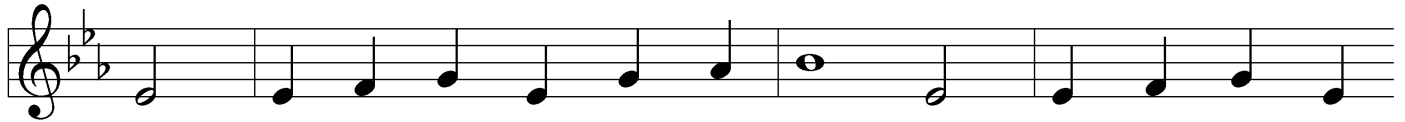
The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Hymn of the Day: LBW 143

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



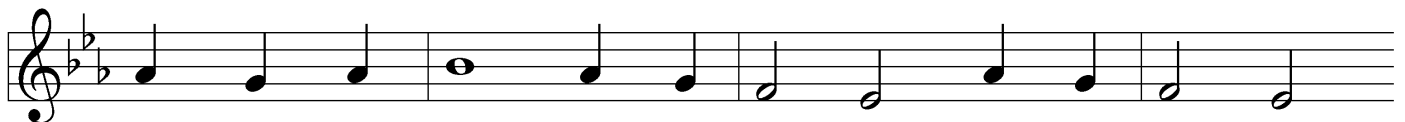
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



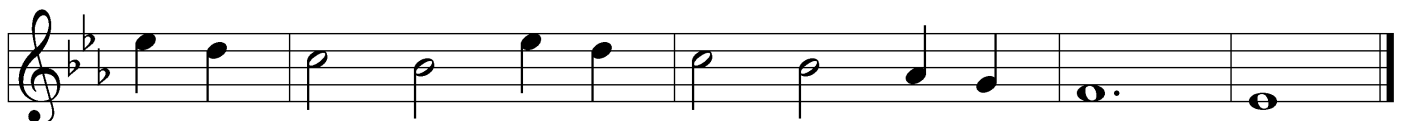
still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Affirmation of Holy Baptism

P Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism as we present ourselves before God this day to affirm our baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Renunciation of Evil

P As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, 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.

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith. 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, God's 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.

Commitment

- P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- C** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Prayer of Blessing

- P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in each of us the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Baptismal Remembrance

- P** When we were joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we were clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Together let us remember our baptism. Blessed are you, O God of grace. From age to age you made water a sign of your presence among us. In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your word, calling forth life in which you took delight. You led Israel safely through the Red Sea into the land of promise, and in the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus your beloved one. By water and the Spirit you adopted us as your daughters and sons, making us heirs of the promise and servants of God. Through this water remind us of our baptism. Shower us with your Spirit, that your forgiveness, grace, and love may be renewed in our lives. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. We pray especially for the people on our Prayers Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offertory 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

The Communion Liturgy is based on "I Am the Bread of Life"

P I AM the bread of Life. You who come to me shall not hunger, And who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

P The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, you shall live forever.

C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took a loaf of 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.

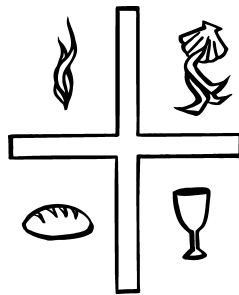
C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.

Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 is celebrated every time we gather, and 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

- P 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.
C Amen.

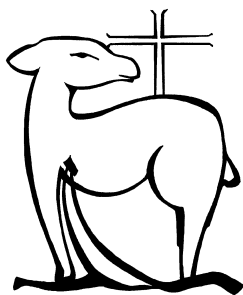
Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord Jesus 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 151 (on the next page)

Dismissal

- P Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P Let us go in peace to serve our risen Lord!
C Thanks be to God!



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a verse of the hymn. The final system concludes with a double bar line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 31-April 7, 2024

* All events will take place at the Eggertsville Campus unless otherwise noted *

- Sunday: Easter Sunday**
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday: Church Office Closed Today**
4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 6:00 am-9:00 pm: Presidential Primary Elections
10:00 am: No Bible Study Today
1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC followed by Family Fun Night
6:00-9:00 pm: Youth Night at ALC
- Sunday:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum Restarts
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion - No Sunday School today
11:30 am: Confirmation Class at Parkside Lutheran
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Altar Flowers: Are given for the glory of God.

A Visitation will be held for Jane Woodward at St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, followed by a Memorial Service beginning at 12:00 pm.

Deacons: 3/31: 6:00 am Sara Gallagher, 10:00 am Barbara Walter; 4/7: John Schunak

Ushers: 3/31: Lonny Walter, Gerry Keppel, Todd & Scott Vahue; 4/7: Ellen Herdman & Jim Tanevich

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Brian Maloney; Thomas Maier

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

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226
Douglas Endres: 26 Sovereign Court, Getzville, NY 14068
John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580
Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529
Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221
Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #542, Getzville, NY 14068
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

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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.*

ALC Book Club: *Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for April is Horse by Geraldine Brooks. The book for May will be Demon Dragon by Barbara Kingsolver. Contact me if you have any questions. Karin Johnson (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.)*

Tigers Den Food Pantry: *The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for April are: Thursday 4/4 and 4/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 4/13 and 4/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April are: soup, toilet paper, and paper towels.*

Daily Bread Food Truck: *The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com. On the first Tuesday of each month, drivers are needed to deliver 20-25 meals prepared by Daily Bread to the residents of Kevin Guest House. The best time to deliver is between 10 am-Noon. It takes about 1 hour to get the food at church, deliver to KGH and return. Due to health concerns, KGH does not expect drivers to stay and visit. If you are interested in participating in this food ministry, please see sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room.*



*+ 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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