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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

SERVICE OF THE WORD



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*The congregation is invited to reply in places
where the **bold** print appears.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.



God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your
Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection & self-examination.)

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and
given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn
us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the
name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live
in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: Hymn # 366

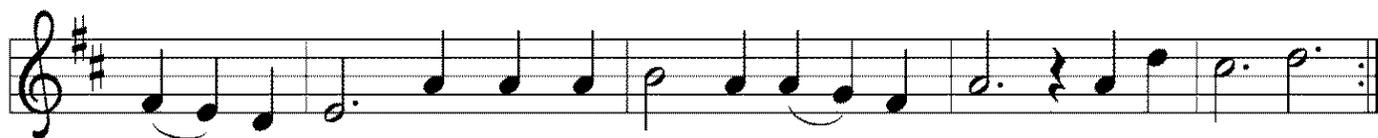
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 42-47

A reading from Acts.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

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

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

⁴**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. R**

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

A time of silence follows the psalm.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For

you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: John 10: 1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

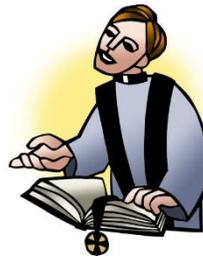
⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

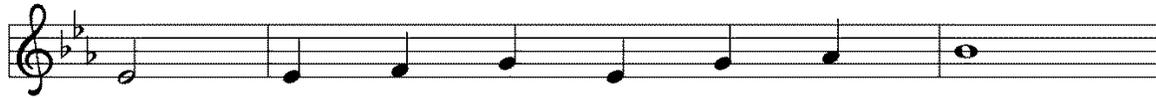
SERMON – Rev. Chad R. Adamik

A time of silence follows the sermon.



SONG OF THE DAY: Hymn # 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

CREED

With boldness, we profess our faith in the word of the 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*Brief Silence*)

Shepherding God, we thank you for the educational ministries of your church. Enrich the work of teachers, professors, mentors, advisors, and faculty at colleges, seminaries, and learning sites (*local colleges and seminaries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guiding God, no one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comforting God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations (*local ministries may be named*). May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

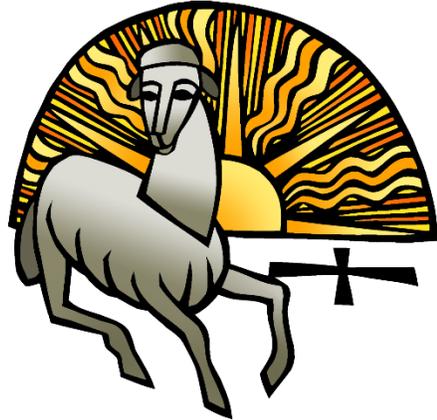
With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And with you, too.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING:

Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways,
O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one
whose name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

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.

SENDING

God sends us forth in the service of others.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

People of God, we have been given a mission:

“St. Paul’s Lutheran Family lifts high the cross to proclaim the good news of God’s love to all people.”

People of God, we have been given a vision:

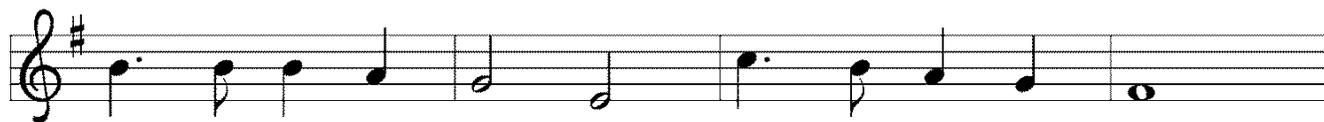
“The vision of St. Paul’s Lutheran Family is to seek God’s path for our lives and the life of the church and to compassionately lead, serve, and share Jesus Christ with the community and world.”

People of God, we have much work to do:

“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4)

SENDING SONG: Hymn # 537

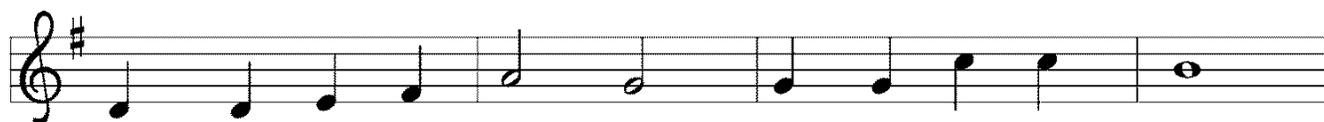
On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

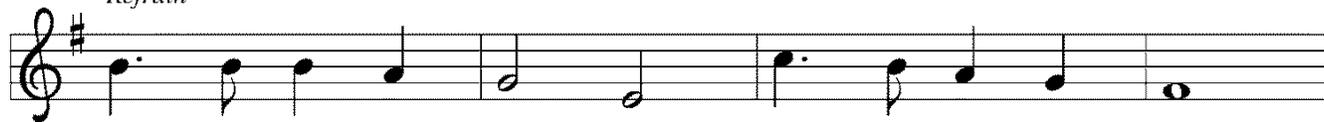


Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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ST. PAUL'S VITAL STATS

ATTENDANCE

03/29/2020: Service online 04/05/2020: Service online
04/12/2020: Service online 04/26/2020: Service online



OFFERINGS

03/29/2020: \$1,275.00 04/05/2020: \$7,540.00
04/12/2020: \$3,325.00 04/26/2020: \$625.00



Offering amounts include budgetary receipts.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To meet our 2019-2020 budget, we need
average unrestricted donations of **\$4,719 per week.**

The **Simply Giving electronic funds transfer program** is funded through
Thrivent Bank.

If you are interested in using his service, or have any questions,
please call Holly McPhail at **775 443-6639.**

You may also pick up Thrivent forms at the church office.



YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Olivia Lesperance, and John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), and Justin Snowden.

FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

William Rawson, Bob Stroub, James Wilson, Hannelore Hanke, Frank Bartlett, Ann Kauf, Audrey Stroub, Renee Woslum, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, DeWayne Evans, Lynn Gross, Evelyn Luterick, Sarah Jevne, Doug Thunder, Pat Thunder, recovery from hip surgery; Karin Randle, Sam Woolsey (Kay Elverum's brother-in-law), **Delores Sherman, Peggy Truttman, Norman Brewer** (Mary DeFelice's brother), Katherine, *cancer* (Susie Anderson's sister), Holly and Trevis (Requested by Deon Ferguson, a friend of St. Paul's), and Hank Doll, *triple by-pass surgery* (son-in-law of Ruth Fitzgerald), a friend of Glendanne Block, *possible COVID-19*, and a ***special prayer for all the victims of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)***, and ***William Rawson who is currently at the UC Davis Medical Center battling leukemia.***

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, and Sandy Danforth, Gwen (Dick Lowther's sister), *medical issues*; **Bev Steinert** *continued eye-health issues*; **James Wilson** *continued health issues*;

Dwight and Susan Holmquist and family *healing*; **Mary Ann Adamik** *healing*; **Ellen Harrell** *medical issues*; **Betty Razor** *healing*; **Debbie Revelle** *healing*; **Maxine Bowton, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, Diana Johns, Ruth Smith** *having special medical tests* (daughter of Clay and Renee Woslum), and ***William Rawson who is currently at the UC Davis Medical Center battling leukemia.***

WE GRIEVE WITH THE FAMILY of Jean Russell. Jean was called home on Saturday, April 11th.



ST. PAUL'S PRAYER PARTNERS

We have created a list of St. Paul's members who would like to be notified when there is a prayer request for a member or someone close to a member. If you would like to be notified at those times, so that you can add your prayers, please leave your e-mail address at the office along with a note that it is for the list of St. Paul's Prayer Partners.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY CALENDER

**THIS SUNDAY
5/03**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship via YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

**NEXT SUNDAY
5/10**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship via YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

