



ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise,  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister  
continues.)*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

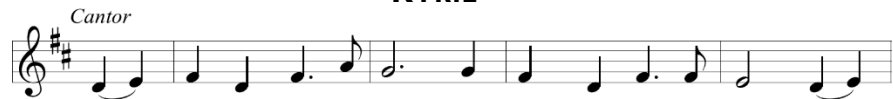
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

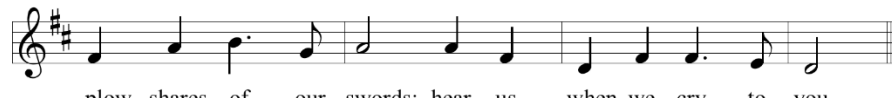
**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Cantor*



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.



wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GRADUAL HYMN



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

## \*GOSPEL

**P:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 20th chapter, beginning with the 19th verse.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

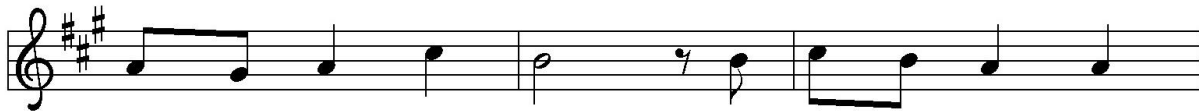
## Sermon

### HYMN OF THE DAY

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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### \*APOSTLES' CREED

**P:** Let us now confess our faith using the words of 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer**

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially Rosemary Rizzo, Tony Rizzo, Erin Jankowski, Dee Marinov, John Veihdeffer, Diane Busdiecker, Kathy Busdiecker, Sarah Burke, and all those we name in our hearts. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen**

## PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Let us share God's peace with each other now.

# MEAL

## OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

### \*OFFERTORY ANTHEM



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## \*THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Verses: Cantor or choir*

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain: Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

## Words of Institution

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

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

And so Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord 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.**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## COMMUNION MUSIC



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to  
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to  
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -  
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from  
on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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# SENDING

## **\*PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

P: And now may this, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn (See next page)**

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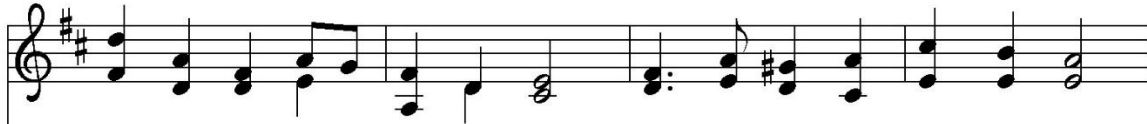
A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## SENDING HYMN

### Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!



Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE PRAY FOR...

<b>ROSEMARY RIZZO</b>		<b>GEORGE TROESTER- SON OF MAUREEN SIETESKI</b>
<b>TONY RIZZO</b>		<b>MAYA CHAKRABORTY</b>
<b>ERIN JANKOWSKI</b>		<b>KATHERINE SIKORSKI</b>
<b>DEE MARINOV</b>		<b>ANGELA ROESER</b>
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<b>ORLANDO</b>		<b>FRANK SENN- BROTHER OF NANCY NOBLE</b>
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<b>SARAH BURKE</b>		<b>DAVID JINKS- FATHER OF SARAH KUEHFUS</b>
		<b>DIANE BYERS- FRIEND OF NANCY STOEHR</b>
		<b>REED AND MARSHALL WHITE- COUSINS OF NANCY STOEHR</b>
		<b>PR. BILL SEIBERT- FORMER PASTOR OF ST. PAUL'S</b>
		<b>KEVIN MACIVER- SECOND COUSIN OF ANNETTE BERG</b>
		<b>WANDA ZYGMUNTOWICZ- FRIEND OF JOE SOMMA</b>

## CHICKEN BBQ

The chicken barbeque to benefit Home of My Own will be on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m., or until sold out. Tickets will be sold after services on Sunday and during the week in the office.


## BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on May 24 to discuss The Measure by Nikki Erlick  
A luminous, spirit-lifting work of speculative fiction that asks: would you choose to know the length of your life?

Discussion Leader: Peg Clukey | Hostess: Ellen Pachioli

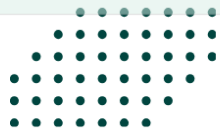
## COOKING FOR CLIENTS

Back on the pamphlet table there is a board that will occasionally have slips of paper showing pantry products we use for the Cooking for Clients operation. When these products are donated, it allows us to use our limited cash resources to purchase meat, vegetables, and other perishables. When you are in the mood, please take a slip and put it with your shopping list, then bring the item to church when you can. These small contributions will do much to help us continue to serve clients of the Family Justice Center. Thanks very much!



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### **KYRIE**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie*

*Music: African American spiritual*

*Tune Name: My Father, How Long*

### **GLORIA**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria*

*Music: Appalachian traditional*

*Tune Name: The Devil's Nine Questions*

### **GRADUAL HYMN**

*Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007*

*Music: Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952*

*Tune Name: Abiding Presence*

### **OFFERATORY HYMN**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer*

*Music: Appalachian traditional*

*Tune Name: Barb'ry Allen*

### **SANCTUS**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Isaiah 6 and  
the Sanctus*

*Music: Appalachian traditional*

*Tune Name: Shady Grove*

### **AGNUS DEI**

*Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei*

*Music: Appalachian traditional*

*Tune Name: The Suffolk Miracle*

# WASH ME CLEAN LENTEN DRIVE

The St. Paul's Social Ministry Committee is excited to update everyone on our hygiene pantry, Wash Me Clean. As you all know, this is a brand new effort, and one that we hope will fill an unmet need in the community.

This year, rather than holding a Lenten food drive as we usually do, we've decided to kick off Wash Me Clean by holding a hygiene drive instead. We'll be asking for new, full-sized, unopened items, both for personal and household use. An Amazon shopping list has been created, so if you'd rather not go out in the cold and shop, you can just click and your donation will be sent directly to St. Paul's. We are including a list of items as well if you'd rather shop directly, and donations of gift cards and cash are also welcome. There is a bin by the coat rack where you can deposit the items you purchased, and we're hoping to have to empty it several times by the time Easter rolls around.

We are hoping to get this effort off the ground in a big way, and we can use all the help we can get. This is a great opportunity for us to shine the light of Christ in the community, and as simple as it sounds, providing these items can go a long way in preserving the physical and emotional health of our neighbors by assisting them in getting their basic needs met, while maintaining their dignity. A huge thanks to Lee Clukey for assembling the shelving we'll be using to store the pantry items.

If you have any questions regarding Wash Me Clean, please feel free to reach out to Joe Somma, Sue Gibbons or Patty Walker.

Thank you,  
St. Paul's Social Ministry Committee

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## Shopping List

### Personal Hygiene

Bar soap  
Body wash  
Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Feminine Hygiene Products

### Household

All purpose cleaner like Pine Sol or Lysol  
Laundry detergent (pods or sheets)  
Fabric softener sheets  
Dishwashing liquid  
Dishwasher soap (pods)  
Cleanser  
Sponges or cleaning cloths  
Disinfectant wipes  
Disinfectant spray

# Birdsong

Every morning the sun rises,  
majestic and steady.

She is greeted  
in all her strength  
with the joyous cacophony of birdsong.

I like to believe  
this holy chorus  
is the birds telling each other—  
I'm here.

We made it through the night.

You're not alone.

What good, good news.

I think the resurrection is a bit like that.

God is here.

We made it through the night.

We are not alone.

**What good, good news.**



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