

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING— “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

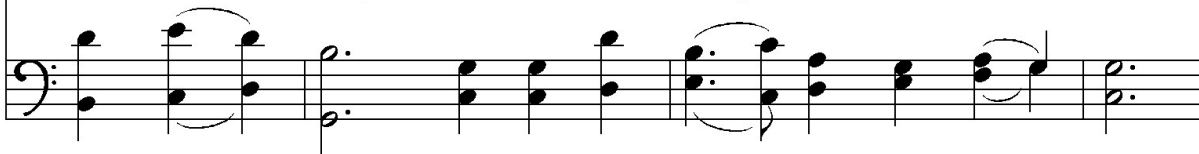
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

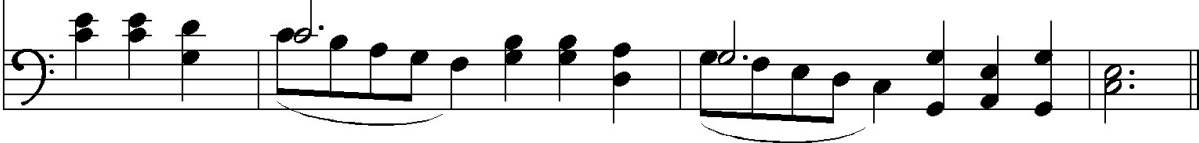


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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

2 Cor 13:13

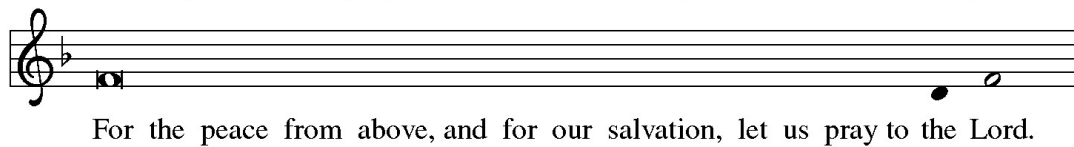
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you**

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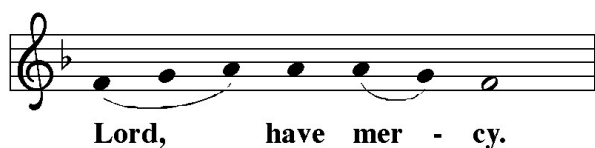
Luke 17:13; Luke 18:38-39; Psalm 123:2-3



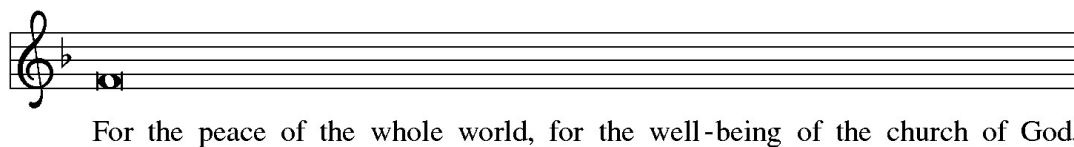
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



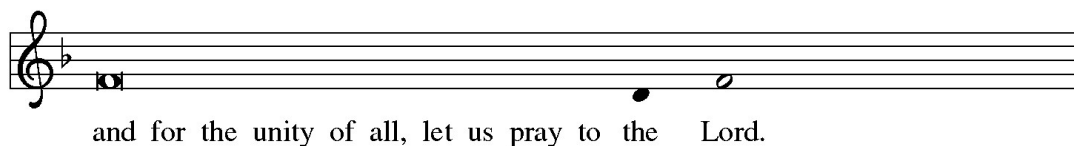
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



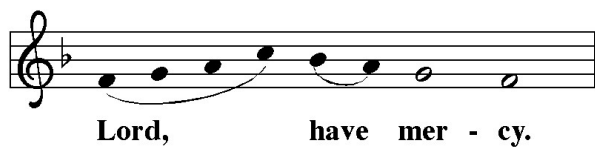
Lord, have mer - cy.



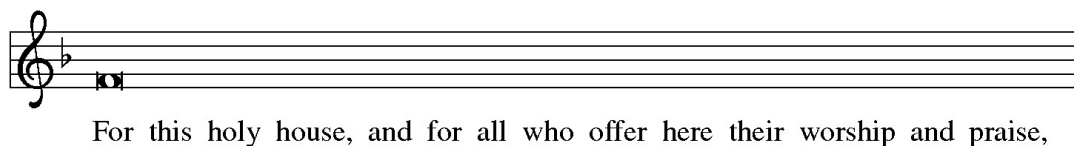
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



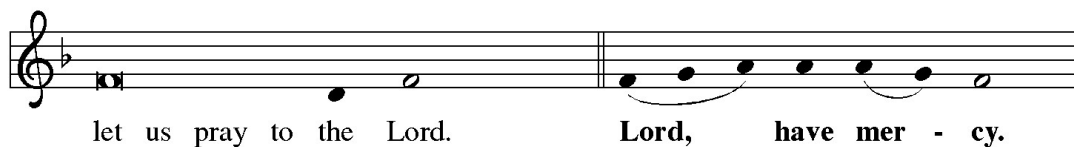
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



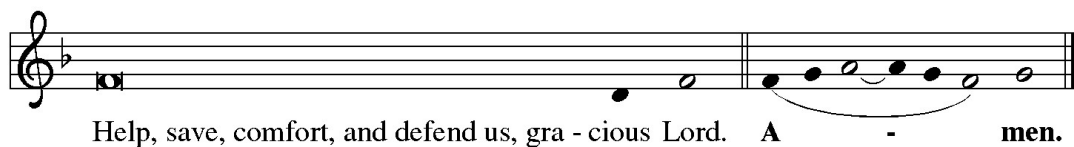
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray with one another. **C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

WORD— “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.”

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today’s reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name to the religious authorities.

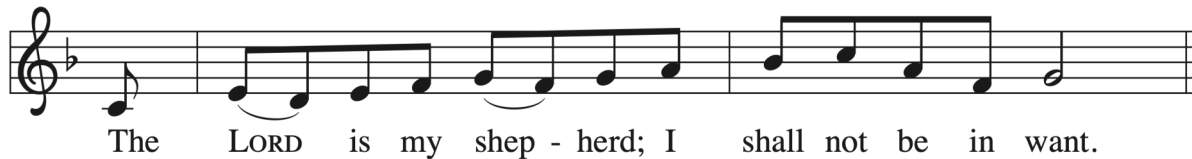
A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

Refrain: (organist/cantor/then congregation)



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. REFRAIN/ALL**

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. REFRAIN/ALL**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

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

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

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

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

APOSTLES' CREED

A: As beloved children of God, we now confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1st Timothy 2:1

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.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower us through our ministries to worship and serve alongside one another. We give special thanks for our shared ministry of the Indian Valley Cluster and the important ways we connect and serve in this community. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, in honoring Earth Day, we praise you for the lengthening daylight of spring, which stirs new life and reminds us of the light you bring into the world through the gift of Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see the miracle of your good creation and direct our care for what you have made. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, we remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ whose vocations pull them away from their family, friends, congregation, and community. We pray that you will sustain their faith and spirit and that we will express our thanksgiving as they return to be among us. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of abuse, those who feel alone, and all who live with chronic illness (*especially*). Continue to guide us in supporting and walking with those who are hurting, sick or lost. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of new life, we pray today for Paige Brasch and Brady Farrington who will celebrate their baptismal anniversaries. Walk with them and their families, as they live into the grace and love you have so graciously given them through their baptism. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*especially*). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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.**

The assembly stands.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are asked to remain in place and exchange a sign of peace with those around you.
You may give a wave or peace sign to others beyond a safe reach.*

The assembly is seated.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need—V. Thomson

Tim Wolfe—Bass

The assembly stands.

MEAL—“God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ”

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* *1 Cor. 10:16; John 6:35*

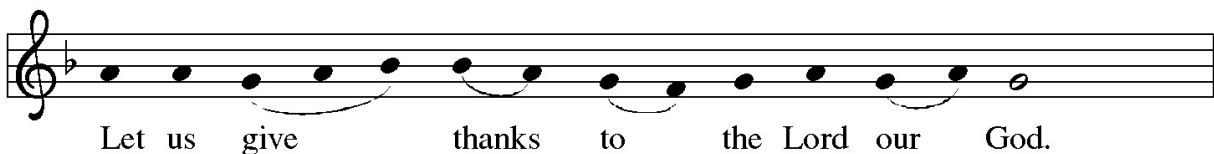
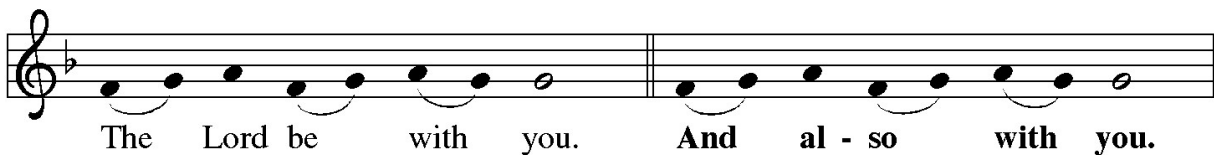


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: As ones gathered into the arms of the Good Shepherd, we have been blessed with these gifts to share with those in need. Let us pray. **C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

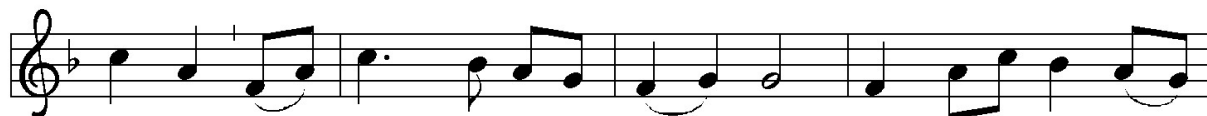
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-23

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**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 SONG

Lamb of God

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

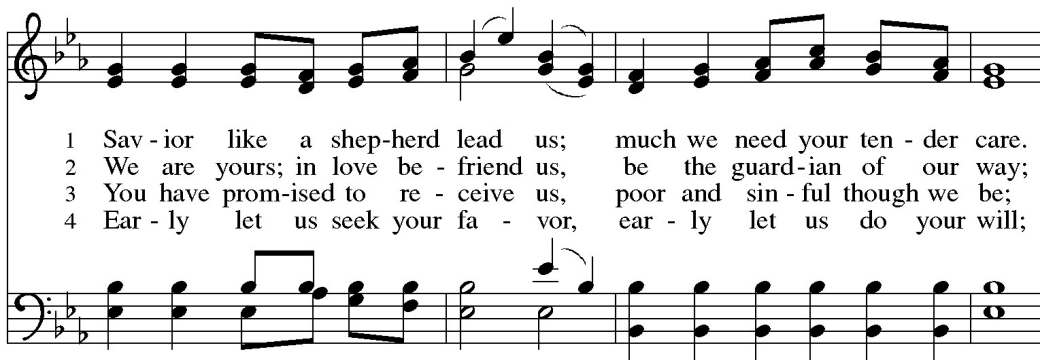
COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **C: Amen.**

At the direction of the Pastor you will be invited to receive Holy Communion at the altar or in your seats. For those receiving Holy Communion in your seats you will be invited first to receive communion by peeling back the tab and receive the wafer with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Body of Christ given for you." Then turn the packet upside down so the wine/juice side is on top. Peel back the tab and receive the wine/juice with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Please discard the empty packet and tabs after worship in the small bowls provided.

COMMUNION HYMN

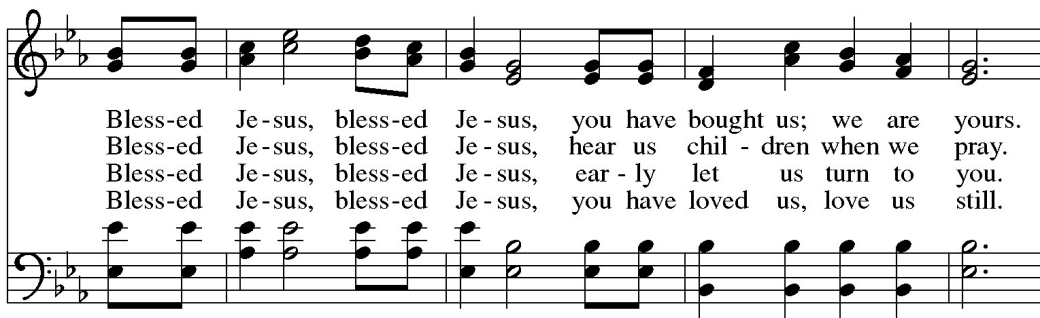
Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us



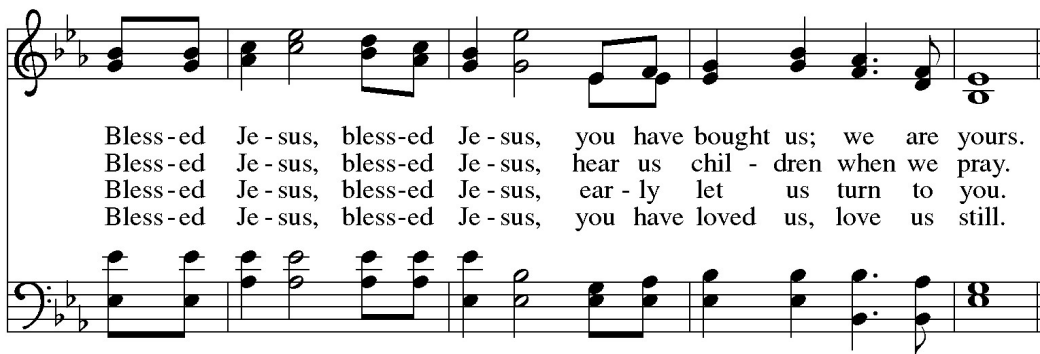
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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COMMUNION HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

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.

SENDING—“God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world”

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

DISMISSAL

Luke 7:50

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Jayne Poole, Judy Heckler, Gloria Beer, Janet Lincoln, Debra Croisette

Assisting Minister: Diane King

Communion Assistants: Shirley Schimpf and Cathy Hurley

Greeters: Jayne and Richard Poole

Lectors: Bob Bell

Ushers: Richard Poole, Tors Ahlman and Joan O'Connor

Calendar of Events - Week of April 21, 2024

Monday 4/22:

Tuesday 4/23: Easter Wondering and Wandering Walk 9:30 am, Pub Theology 7pm at Free Will Brewing Co. in Perkasic

Wednesday 4/24:

Thursday 4/25: Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Friday 4/26:

Saturday 4/27:

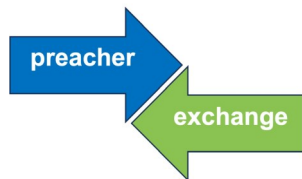
Sunday 4/28: Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry 9:30 am, Sunday Morning Faith Conversations 10:45 am, New Member Class 10:45 am

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Bulletin and Flower Sponsors

Altar Flowers for today are sponsored by the Frank and Donna Bucher
in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Bulletins for today are sponsored by Deb Bitner
in memory of "JD" and all of the other four legged pets who always love unconditionally.



This morning the churches of the Indian Valley Cluster is participating in a pulpit exchange. Pastor Coleman is preaching at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville. We welcome Pastor Erika Wesch from Little Zion Lutheran Church in Telford as our guest pastor. Thank you, Pastor Wesch, for preaching and presiding today!



Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

April 21 – Earth Day walk

May 5—help in worship

April 28—class time

May 12—Mother's Day Project

Souderton End Gun Violence March

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church
149 Cherry Lane, Souderton**

Join us as the Souderton faith community organizes a peaceful outdoor march and letter writing to support legislation to help end gun violence

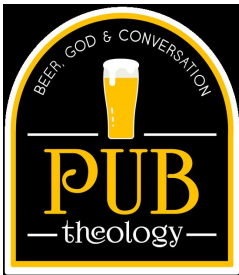
Easter Wondering and Wandering Walks

**Tuesday mornings during the Easter season
at 9:30am in the Library**



An uplifting morning that starts with wondering about the chapters in 1 Timothy, followed by wandering the streets and alleys of Telford.

Please join us for this time of spiritual and physical activity as we see new growth in ourselves and in the local neighborhood. We will always *wonder* on Tuesdays, but we won't *wander* if it's raining!

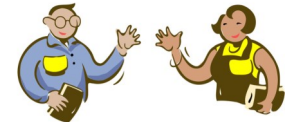


Tuesday, April 23 at 7pm at Free Will Brewing Co.

For the past several years, members from several local congregations have been gathering on the 4th Tuesday of every month for Pub Theology. Each month features a different leader and topic. Conversations are always lively and thought-provoking. Won't you consider joining us? No previous Bible knowledge needed!

New Member Classes

New Member Class—April 28 at 10:45 am



New Member Reception—Sunday, May 5 during 9:30 am worship service with a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship



Intersections: Sunday Morning Adult Faith Conversations

Led by Pastor Coleman or Marian Henry on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:45 am in the Parlor.

The next gathering will be **April 28**.

St. Paul's Bible Study

May 2 at 12 pm

Join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Bear Creek Summer Camp Registration Information

St. Paul's loves Bear Creek Camp and we want more of our kids and youth to love it also! Summer camp registration is now open!

Registration information is located on the Youth bulletin board across from the Library. Several camperships are available to St. Paul's youth.

Speak with Janet Lincoln or Marian Henry for more information.



Green Team Scrap Metal Recycling Event

Saturday, May 11 from 8am—12pm in the parking lot

Stop by to drop off any metal objects you no longer need. We will accept bicycles, lawn mowers, car batteries, copper, metal, or cast iron plumbing fittings, aluminum lawn furniture, grills, wheels, brake drums, etc. Practically anything metal will be accepted. We will also accept room air conditioners and dehumidifiers free of charge! Please **DO NOT** bring tin cans, paint cans, vacuums, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, hazardous material or electronics. Thank you, in advance, for your donated metals!!!

“I’M A SENIOR...SO WHAT?”

Are you proud of getting older? Look how much you’ve experienced!

Let’s CELEBRATE being seniors!

**Luncheon sponsored by St. Paul’s Senior Ministry
Thursday, May 23 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall**



May is national “Older Americans Month”. We want to celebrate our St. Paul’s Seniors of all ages. “70 is the new 60”...! Join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship as we lift up our collective maturity and wisdom! We’ll also share results from our recent Seniors Ministry Survey.

Menu: Hot roast beef sandwich with gravy OR pulled pork sandwich, pasta salad, chips and dessert

To help with planning, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Deadline: Sunday, May 12. Please designate menu choice. Cost: Free-will donation.

No matter what your “senior age”, we want to celebrate each of you and the unique gifts and stories that you each bring to our St. Paul’s family. Hope to see you on May 23!



Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual **Youth Work Camp** (for youth going into 4th grade through Senior High) will be held **June 24-27 from 8:30am-3pm**. Each day our youth will volunteer at a variety of local non-profits with other youth from Grace Lutheran in Hatfield and Emmanuel in Souderton.

Vacation Bible Camp will be held at Little Zion Lutheran **July 29-August 1 from 9am until noon**. This summer theme is “Camp Firelight” where kids will be reminded about several Bible heroes who trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God’s name. Each morning will include lively music, a puppet skit, science, crafts, Bible stories, snacks and outdoor game activities!

Our annual **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game** will be **Saturday, August 24** for a 6:35pm game against the Rochester Red Wings

Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list as up to date as possible, names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless notified otherwise.



Please Pray For...

Rod Alderfer

Norm Driscoll

Dottie Fogel

Anne Macy

Kayla Novak

Scott Schucker

Amber Voehringer

Please Continue to Pray For...

Lisa Bealer

Dick Clark

Maxine Detweiler

Carolyn Evans

Susan Farrington

Roland Fernandez

Suzanne Fernandez

Tim Greiser

Harvey Groff

Gloria Harpel

Leslie Harpel

Cheryl Hutchison

Jim Hurley

Roger Jones

Brent Johnson

Gayle King

Al Landis

Keith Landis

Jim Lombardo

Tracey Leinen

Bill Lincoln

Anna Long

Stacey Lusk

Gene Moyer

Joanne Romano

Carrie Scary

Dean Shollenberger

David Somers

Jeff and Heather Spillane

Andrew Strauss

Claudette Strauss

Linda Tierrmo

Carole Ann Vogel

Fred Wahl

Comfort for the Bereaved

Family and Friends of Diane Planutis (*Niece of Barbara Potucek*)

Family and Friends of Jean Uehling

**For Large print copies of the worship service, please see an Usher.
Hearing devices are on the rack at the Visitor's Center.**

Welcome Kids!!

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship! Our kid-friendly Pray-Ground is located in the front-left section of the Sanctuary. Activity bags are located on the rack in the Gathering Space.
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them..." Matthew 19:14

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Most Recent Financial Information (Last Updated 3/31/2024)

Checking Account - March 2024		Checking Account - YTD	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2024	\$10,181.47	Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$21,496.43
Deposits (monthly)*	\$21,372.97	Deposits to Date*	\$81,536.04
Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$31,554.44	Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$103,032.47
Expenses (monthly)	\$27,339.85	Expenses to Date	\$98,817.88
Ending Balance 3/31/2024	\$4,214.59	Ending Balance 3/31/2024	\$4,214.59
Ending Fund Balances as of March 31, 2024			
Memorial Fund	\$39,059.43	Benevolence	\$2,905.23
Capital Reserve	\$69,465.21	Special	\$123,989.13
Liabilities as of March 31, 2024			
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00		