St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you are a guest with us today, we



would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. If you have special prayer requests or would like a visit, they will also be able to assist you. Make worship and Bible study the center of your weekly life. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us!

Please enter your information using the QR code or sign our guest book before you depart today.

For Those Who Desire to Receive The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

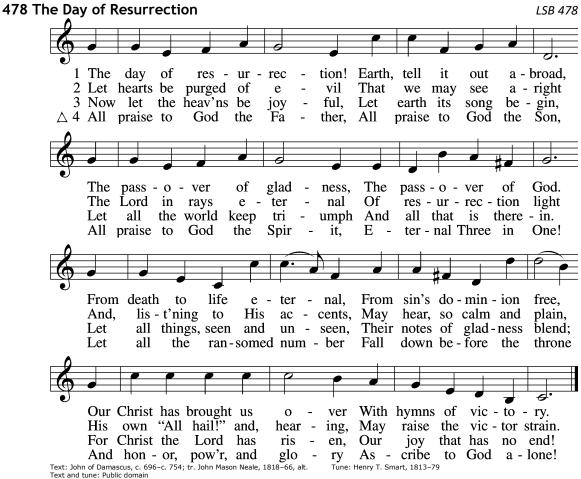
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

Children's Bulletins change each week to correspond to the readings of the day. Each one includes 3 hand drawn illustrations, a word puzzle, and questions to draw children into the worship service. Suitable for all ages, try one yourself to stay more focused during worship!

Parents: We welcome children in the worship service. If your child needs a break during the worship service, the Learning Center is available to use. Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around. The service will be livestreamed there for you.

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Prelude: O filii et filiae: O Sons and Daughters of the King Wilber Held (b. 1914)



Confession and Absolution

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

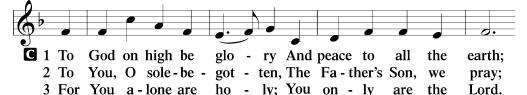




C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem: O sons and daughters: O filii et filiae

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Alleluia!

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of Heaven the glorious King o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

This Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An Angel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spake unto the three: "Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia! That night the Apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear, And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith hath constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most Holy Day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in laud and jubilee and praise: Alleluia!

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Gradual (spoken responsively)

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were

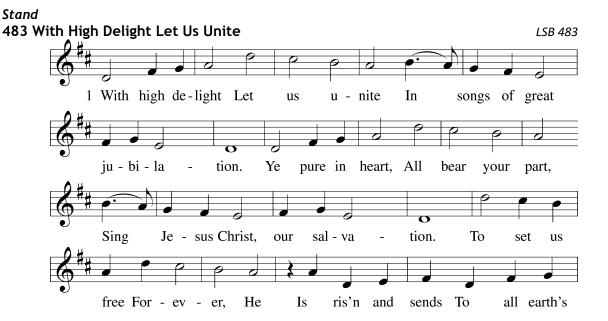
ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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





Holy Gospel Luke 24:13–35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

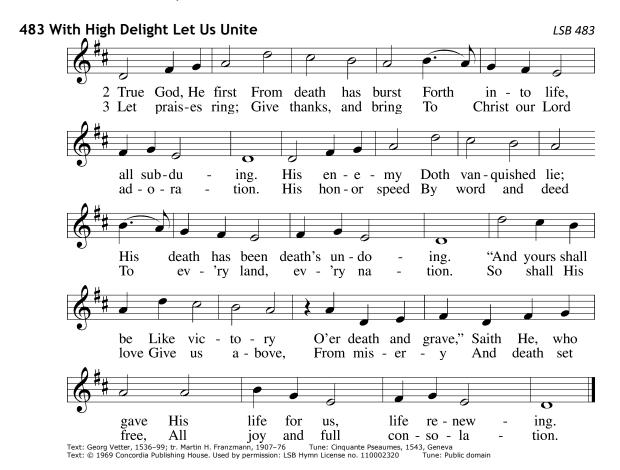
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Sit Sermon

Stand Nicene Creed

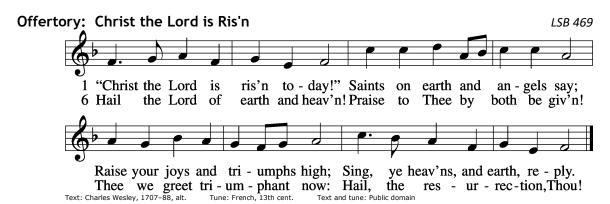
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

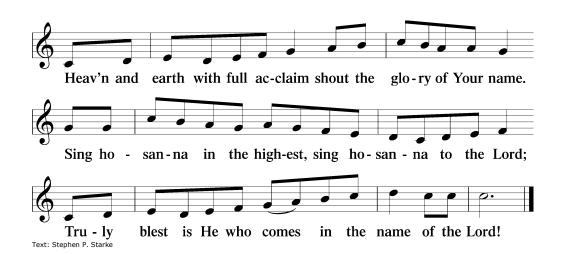
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

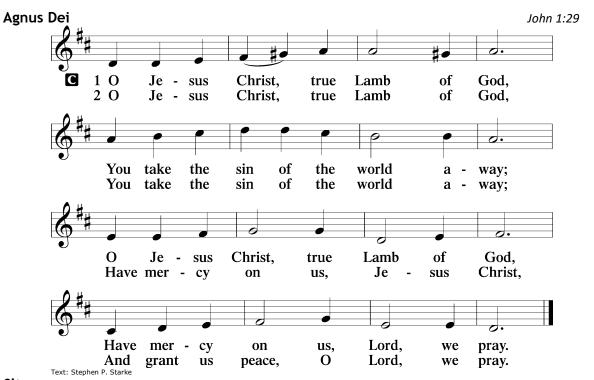
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



878 Abide with Me



- I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89 Text and tune: Public domain

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- 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war
- 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One.



She His new cre - a - tion is Her char-ter of sal - va - tion: schisms rent a - sun - der. She waits the con-sum-ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion

wa - ter and the Word. By One Lord, one faith, one birth. Bv her - e - sies dis-tressed. peace for - ev - er - more Of With those whose rest is

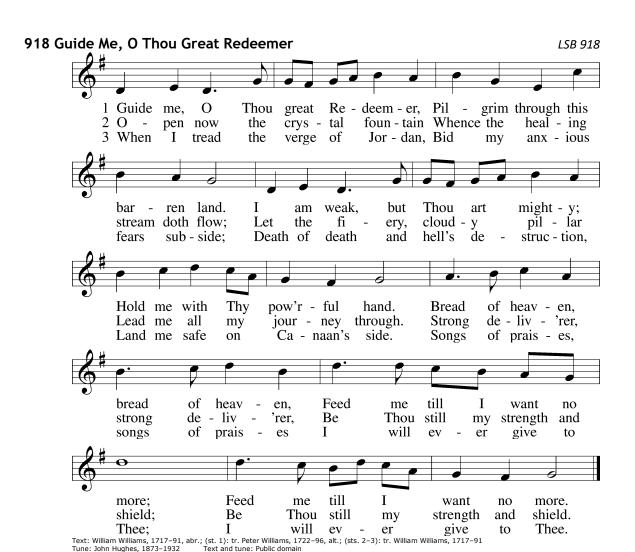


From heav'n He came and sought her To he His ho - ly bride: ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly One food. saints their watch are keep - ing; Yet Their cry goes up, "How long?" with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, Till bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save O us by Your grace



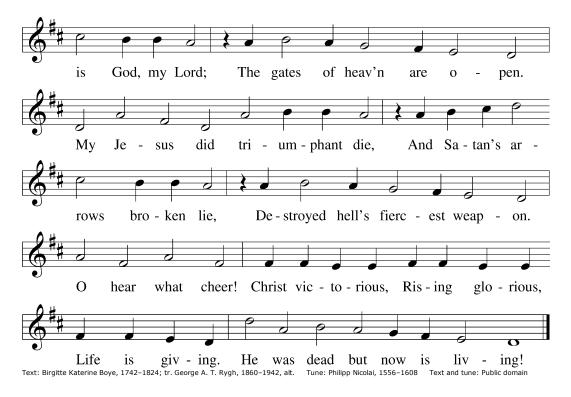
With His own blood He bought her, life And for her He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry en - dued. grace night of weep - ing And soon the Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. saints be - fore That we, like us, May see You face face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt. Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76 Text and tune: Public domain



Stand Post Communion Blessing





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.



Postlude: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1867-1940)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Jim & Janet Lister in celebration of their birthdays.

Women's Guild Evening Meeting

All women are invited to the next meeting of the Women's Guild. It will be held *this Tuesday*, April 25th at 7 pm in the Learning Center.

Church and Community Shredding Event

On Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 – 12 noon, our congregation will host a church and community shredding. Volunteers are needed that morning to help. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Mission Trip

A mission trip is in the works for the week of July 9th. There are still openings on the team. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Alms.

Newsletter: Articles for the May Newsletter are due by the end of the day TOMORROW.

Prayer List may be picked up from the credenza in the narthex.

Graduate Recognition

Please send the name of your high school or college graduate to <u>dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org</u> so that he or she may be recognized in a service this summer. Please submit names by the end of April.

Stellar VBS in SPACE!

Registration if NOW OPEN. Go to stpaulcatonsville.org to register for VBS.

Stellar VBS in SPACE!

Mark your calendar for June 26th – 30th from 9am to 12pm and get ready to Shine Jesus' Light at Vacation Bible School. If you are willing to serve this year or know someone who is, please reach out to Kirsten Hall at 925-605-9263 or Kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org. Looking for people able to:

- Help with decorations (creating/setting up/taking down)
- Lead a group of kids around to the stations (Preschool or Elementary aged kids)
- Lead a station for the elementary groups or preschool groups (Imagination Station, Video, Games, Snack, Bible Story)
- Help with the Opening/Closing (leading songs or helping with message)
- Tech Assistants (photography, videos)
- Welcome crew (welcoming/guiding families in the morning)
- Donate food and supplies

Women's Guild Spaghetti Dinner and School Social Studies Fair



Women's Guild will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on April 27th from 5 until 6:30.

This coincides with the Social Studies Fair our school is having that begins at 6:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 3 through 12. Family tickets of \$25.00 will also be available. Please consider supporting the Women's Guild and

take some time after you eat to go upstairs and see what the children have been working on. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church family and school family to come together for a meal and to support the children of the school.

Serving at St. Paul

| | This week | Next week |
|---------|------------------|---------------|
| Cantor | Steve Haar | Steve Haar |
| Reader | Suzanne Giguere | Dasha Frech |
| Usher | Roy Krakat | Ben Haberl |
| Usher | Ed Kester | Jim Baeder |
| Acolyte | Michael Hemmeter | Paul Baeder |
| Greeter | Sari Nguyen | Pat Wesselman |

Daily Readings: *Apr* **23:** Ex 32:15–35, Luke 6:39–49; *Apr* **24:** Ex 33:1–23, Luke 7:1–17; *Apr* **25:** Ex 34:1–28, Luke 7:18–35; *Apr* **26:** Ex 34:29—35:21, Luke 7:36–50; *Apr* **27:** Ex 38:21—39:8, 22–23, 27–31, Luke 8:1–21; *Apr* **28:** Ex 39:32—40:16, Luke 8:22–39; *Apr* **29:** Ex 40:17–38, Luke 8:40–56.

