St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024



If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome in the name of Jesus! If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.



Children's Bulletins are available in the lobby.

Service Live-streamed in The Learning Center Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around to The Learning Center if you need a break during the service.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, creator, redeemer, and comforter, I come to worship You in spirit and in truth. Open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus name. Amen.

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. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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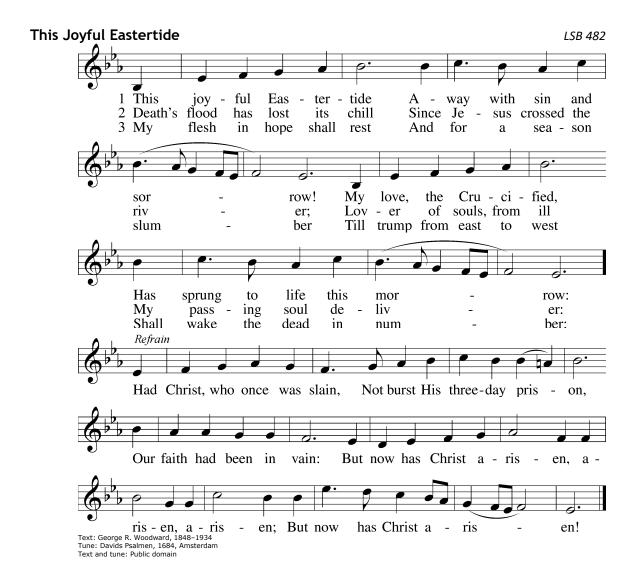
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Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)



Rite of Holy Baptism

Mark Donahey

The Order of Holy Baptism is found on page 268 in the *Lutheran Service Book*.

Apostles' Creed

- P Do you believe in God, the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- C Yes, 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 into hell.

 The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life T everlasting. Amen.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





- 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.



Sit

Anthem:

From *Messiah* Jim Baeder, Bass George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep,

but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

First Reading Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you

stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has

made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

Gradual

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

- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

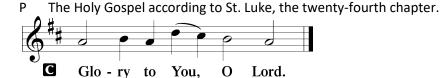
⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 24:36–49



³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Rite of Confirmation and Reception of New Members

By Confirmation

Mark Donahev

Phil and Hyekyong Stern

By Transfer of Membership/Affirmation of Faith

Ben Allston

Issac, Jayanthi, Spencer and Joanna Chinnapan

Rachel Forbes

Ruth Payne

Rev. Carl and Dorothy Roemer

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels sav: earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by 6 Hail the Lord of both be giv'n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail,
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Service of the Sacrament



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



Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,

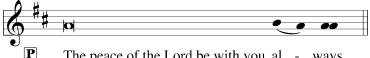
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

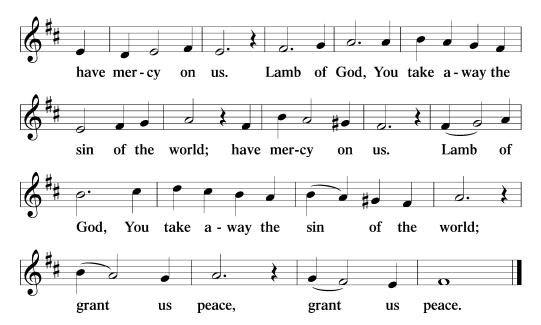
Pax Domini John 20:19



The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29 Lamb of You take a-way the God. sin of the world:



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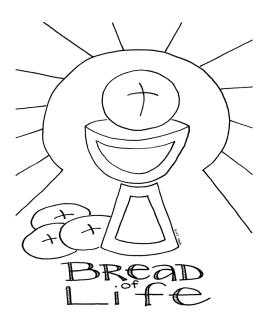


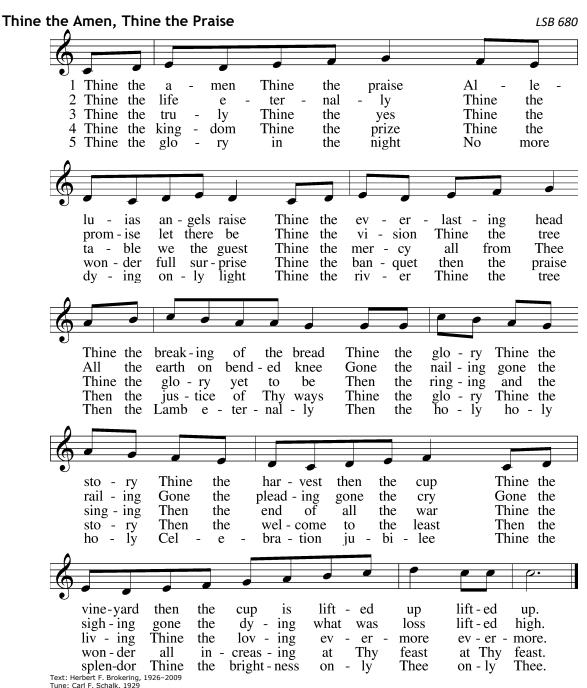
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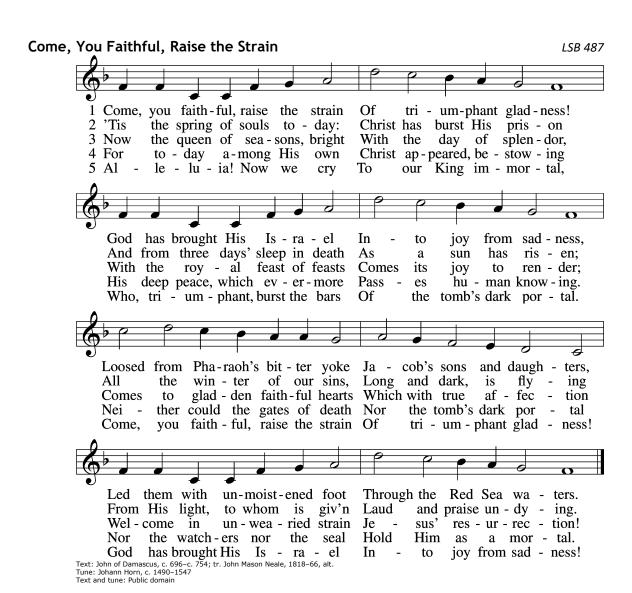
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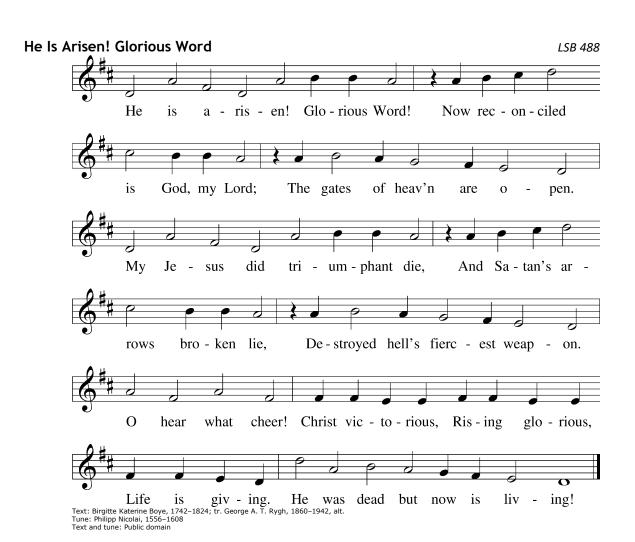


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Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray...



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

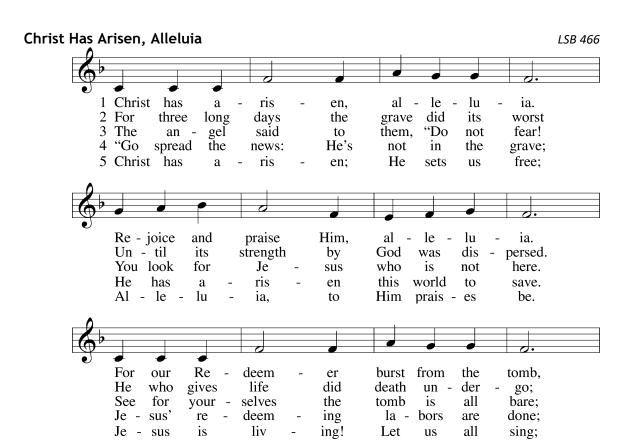


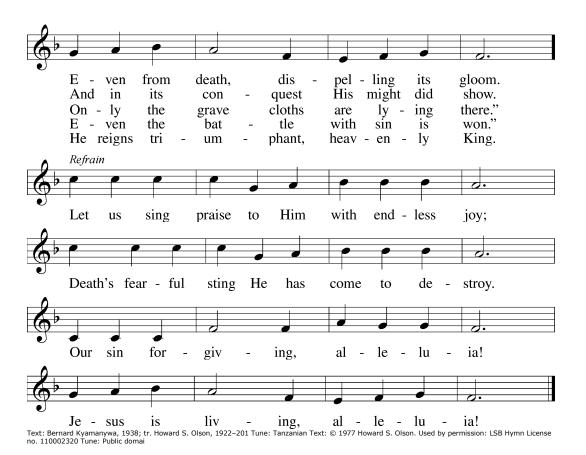
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ₱ give you peace.







Dismissal

Postlude: Thine Is the Glory from Judas Maccabaeus Emily Maxson Porte (b.1942)



News & Notes

Alter Flowers

Flowers today are given by John & Karyn Borth In Memory of Florence Borth

Adult Education in April

April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- Bill Oldhouser -- April 21 through May 26th: "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

Museum of the Bible - Join us for a trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, April 20th. Our group will carpool (or drive individually) to the museum, arriving for the 10:00 opening. We'll enjoy exhibits at our own pace, and meet for lunch in the museum's "Manna Restaurant" to enjoy fellowship and discussion. Total cost is \$22 per person. Park at the adjacent garage for \$15. Please sign up today so we can arrange carpools. Payment info to be announced. Contact Karyn Borth for details.



Lutheran Books and Beer - will meet this Thursday the 18th at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Normally we meet on the fourth Thursday but this month we will meet a week early. We will discuss a new book (volume 2 of our previous book) "Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America" by LCMS pastor Robert Bennett. Get a copy on Amazon and join us!

Grace: An Introduction to Lutheranism is starting again! Due to popular demand this class focusing on the Small Catechism will begin another round Monday April 8th at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Alms for more details.

Altar Care is still in need of people to volunteer to cover the month of July and the month of October. Please consider serving St. Paul in this capacity. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Robbin Dungey.

The Mite Box - The mite box will be in the Narthex this Sunday. Thank you for your continued support. We collected \$109.50 to support the LWML grants over the last quarter. Thanks, Carolyn

New Member Reception- Please Join Us for a Special New Member Reception following worship in the Parish Hall downstairs. Come and welcome our newest members!

Pastor Alms at St. Mark's Conference in Baltimore The St. Mark's Conference is hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Baltimore. This year's theme is "Sacraments, Liturgy, and

Mission" and will be held April 22-23. Pastor Alms will speak on "Sacraments and Vocation in Luther's Lectures on Genesis". More information here: https://www.oursaviourbaltimore.org/conference/

Ladies Guild Spaghetti Supper (5PM) and School STEM Fair (6PM) Thursday, April 25th- We will gather for a delicious spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. Then at 6 p.m., we will enjoy the hard work of our elementary students. St. Paul Church supports and operates the elementary School and ECC as a mission. This event will allow us, all together, to rejoice in this educational mission of our church! Every student will display a project using the Scientific or Engineering Method. These projects are intended to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The students will create storyboards for their project and the storyboards will be displayed in each classroom. Tickets for the supper are available next Sunday or at the door. Prices: Adults: \$10; Children (3-12): \$5; Family: \$25. You may also sign up using this online form: https://stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com/form/70df89

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week	
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar	
Reader	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger	
Usher	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger	
Usher	Jeffrey Hemmeter Paul Lubell		
Greeter	Karen Borth	Melissa Sunstrom	
Acolyte	Rachel Johnson	Joshua Unglesbee	

Daily Readings:

Easter 3	April 14, 2024	Ex 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49
Monday	April 15, 2024	Ex 33:1–23, Luke 7:1–17
Tuesday	April 16, 2024	Ex 34:1–28, Luke 7:18–35
Wednesday	April 17, 2024	Ex 34:29—35:21, Luke 7:36–50
Thursday	April 18, 2024	Ex 38:21—39:8, 22–23, 27–31, Luke 8:1–21
Friday	April 19, 2024	Ex 39:32—40:16, Luke 8:22–39
Saturday	April 20, 2024	Ex 40:17–38, Luke 8:40–56

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Bill Beggs and family for the loss of Pat Chinn
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Donnie Andrus, terminal cancer (stepson of Bruce Staudinger 4/14
Tamara and Husband – health issues (friend of Sari Nguyen) 4/14
Chaplain Eric Malmstrom - recovering from hospitalization –(friend of the Jaegers) 4/14
Eero Haasmaa, currently hospitalized and undergoing testing (Sari Nguyen's Dad) 4/7
Eine Haasmaa, for healing. (Sari Nguyen's Mom) 4/7
Sari's Nguyen's Sister – caring for parents Eero and Eine 4/14
Lori Willis, heart and lung issues (sister-in-law of Ron Bennett) 4/7
Dwayne Hartge, (recovery from illness and surgery) 4/7

Barbara McKay aunt of Brian Erwin (recovering from a stroke) 4/1 Catherine James (recovering from cellulitis and staph Infection) 3/29 Karol Pearce, friend of the Kynes (recovering from a stroke) 3/31

Connie L., friend of Bill & Karen Eichelman, (health challenges and upcoming medical/surgical treatment). 3/24

Tom Alder, father of Doreen McDonald (hospitalized) 3/17

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or linda.jones@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.

Sermon Notes

