



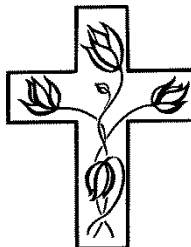
# St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship  
Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

**Easter | April 5, 2026**

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to  
overflow to and through you.



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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who attend in-person and the technology that allows us to share the bulletin and the worship service on the website.

St. Paul has a Community Prayer Cross located outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box when you enter, and it will be placed on the cross.

Important community ministries of St. Paul include the Tuesday Community Meal, Saturday Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Your financial gift makes a difference for Christ and His kingdom and enables St. Paul to be *the community church that cares*. It can be made by online giving, on Sunday morning, mailed to the church, or dropped off during normal office hours - Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

*May God bless you and give you peace!*

# Prelude ~ "Lift High the Cross" – Arr. By Larry Shackley – Fonda Davies

## Easter Proclamation

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen

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## Gathering Hymn ~ *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We come together this day rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Yet we acknowledge and confess that we have often failed to live as resurrected people. Therefore, we make confession and ask for forgiveness.

*(time for silence and reflection)*

Pastor: O Lord, we confess that, like the disciples, we run away from your death and try to hide from you. **Response: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Pastor: We confess our slowness to respond to the stone rolled back in our life.*

**Response: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Pastor:* We confess that the fear of death continues to haunt us in spite of your victory.

**Response: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Pastor:* Christ is risen!

**Response: He is risen, indeed!**

*Pastor:* Today we stand forgiven before the empty tomb! We rejoice in that victory. God has given us the gift of new life today and the gift of eternal life. **Response: Amen! Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* Do not carry your guilt any longer, for he has taken the guilt himself. He has lifted it to his cross. He has buried it in his grave and he is here among us now. 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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Response: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Hymn of Praise ~ Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

**Response:** God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry in Music** ~ “Christ is Arisen” – Handel/Arr. By Liebergen

St. Paul Singers; Brian McCulley, trumpet

## Children’s Message

**Scripture** ~ Acts 10:34-43

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were

chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

## **Scripture** ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Scripture** ~ Colossians 3:1-4

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation ~ *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!* verses 1 and 4

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## Gospel ~ John 20:1-18

*John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one

at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Gospel Response

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

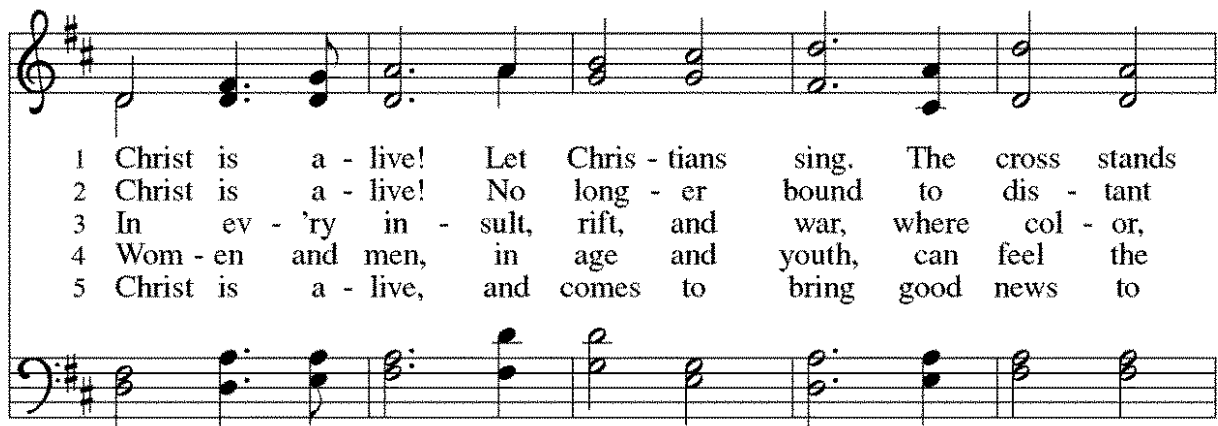
Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

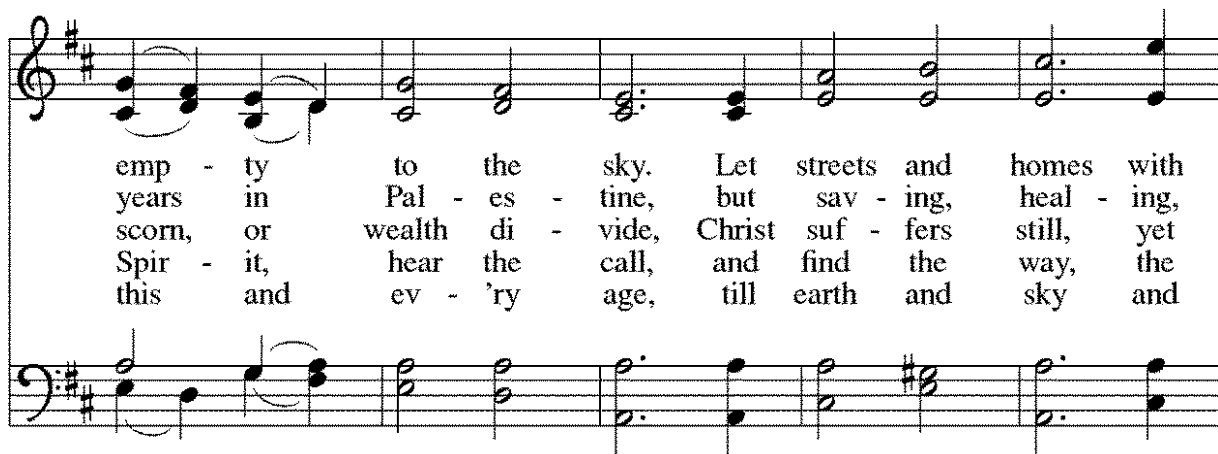
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Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

**Sermon** ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

## Hymn of the Day ~ *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* verses 1, 4, 5



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wien, b. 1936  
 Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmosfora: Ecompletus*, 1789  
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## Nicene Creed

Assisting Minister: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

**Response:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

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

*(pause for silence)*

Assisting Minister: Risen Savior,

**Response: you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you.**

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Life-giving God,

**Response: the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made.**

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Sovereign God,

**Response: let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem.**

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Gentle Shepherd,

**Response: like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One.**

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts. *(pause)*

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Faithful God,

**Response: we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed.**

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Eternal One,

**Response:** we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response:** Receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: 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.

**Response:** Amen.

## The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response:** And also with you.

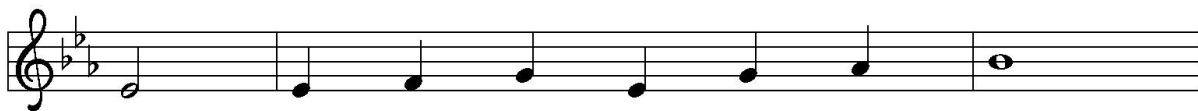
## Offering

*We gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us  
for the mission of the God and the care of the needy.*

*All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed,*

*Online giving at [www.stpaulsarasota.org/give](http://www.stpaulsarasota.org/give) is also available.*

## Offering Song ~ Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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



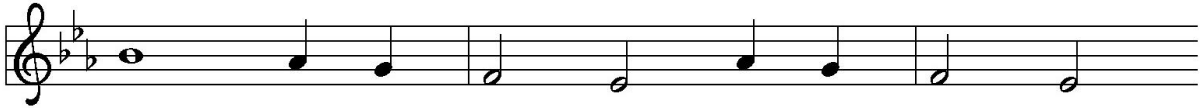
in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



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



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



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



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

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## Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: 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, **Response: Amen.**

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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:

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.

*(Those who wish to partake of Holy Communion in your seats,  
please lift your elements for blessing and consecration).*

Pastor: 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. With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Response: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Response: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Response: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Response: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**Response: 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.**

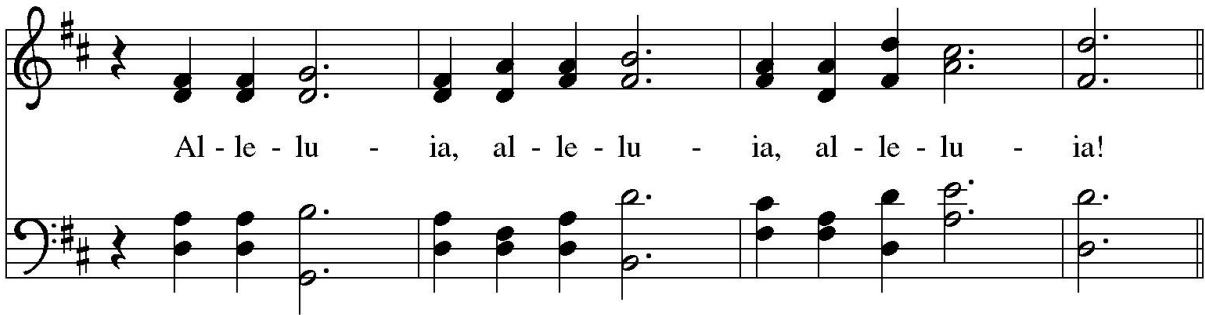
# Invitation to Communion

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

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

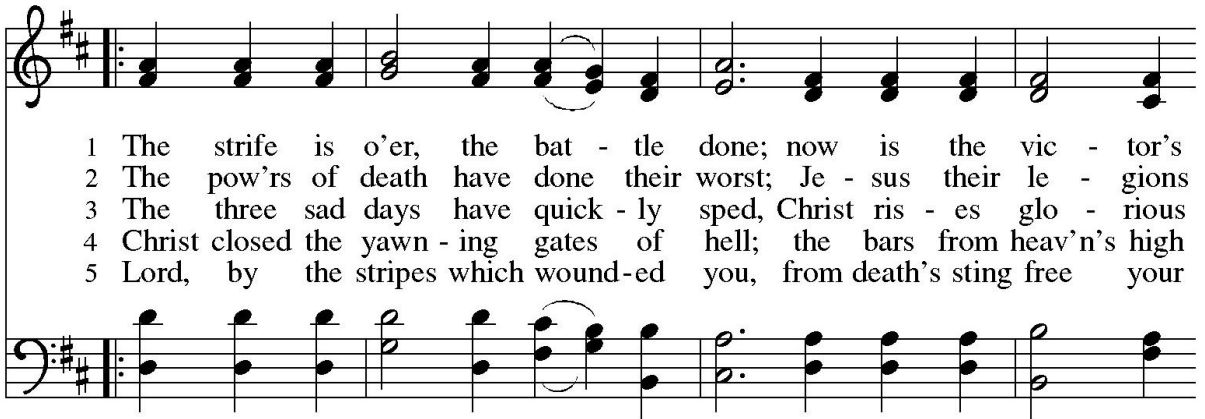
Pastor: Those who wish to remain at their seats to partake of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine/grape juice may do so now. The body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you. Take and eat. Take and drink. Those who wish to come forward to the baptismal font may do so at the usher's instructions.

## Communion Music ~ *The Strife is O'er the Battle Done*



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

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are centered between the two staves.



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

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 5 and are centered between the two staves.

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

*After the final stanza*

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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenan*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909  
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## Communion Music ~ *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:

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

Lyric: Cyril A. Allmon, 1872-1953, alt.  
 Music: GILBERT COFFÉ, Melchior Volpato, 1570-1615  
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## Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. **Response: Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Assisting Minister: 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, **Response: Amen.**

# Blessing

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Response: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Response: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn ~ *Thine is the Glory*

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

## Dismissal

Pastor: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

Pastor: And all God's children say, **Response: Amen. YES!**

**Postlude** ~ "Hallelujah" – Handel – Fonda Davies

**Butterfly Release Outside in Courtyard**

**St. Paul Mission Statement**

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to  
 God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully  
 sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives  
 together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

**Attendance** for last Sunday: 75 in-person; 181 views (as of 3/30/26)

**Bulletins** are given this month by Helen Miller.

**Eternal Candle** is given this month by the Joann Flanigan in memory of my sister Marian Van Sickle.

## Announcements

**Holy Humor Sunday** – Next Sunday, join the celebration of the risen Lord with Christmas carols with Easter lyrics.

**SURE Nehemiah Action** – Monday, April 27, 6:30p at First Congregational UCC, come encourage local officials to help youth by funding mental health. St. Paul would like 30 people at the event

### **St. Paul has on-going collections for these items. . .**

**Personal Care Items for the Food Pantry**...toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, tissue, etc.

**Cloth bags** for food pantry groceries. Many of our clients ride bikes or the bus, so these bags help them take their groceries home.

**Snacks for the Early Childhood Learning Center**...toastie crackers, pretzels, pirate booty popcorn, raisins, healthy cereal, saltine crackers, chex mix, veggie straws, goldfish, animal crackers, graham crackers, cereal bars, cheez-its, cran-raisins, canned fruits.

**Plain Epsom Salt** to keep the plants healthy.

**Symphony Salvage Blue Bin!** Keep cleaning out your closets. Everything is accepted except large furniture and large appliances. If items don't fit in the bin safely, bring items to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or to the office during the week.

### **St. Paul's on-going ministries . . .**

**Hope Seeds** – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1-3p in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, leave when you must. Put seeds in bags to help people across the world become self-sufficient.

**Tuesday night Community Meal** – 5:30p. Join in welcoming those from the neighborhood for a hot homecooked meal.

**Wednesday morning – Property 8a-12n.** Come and help keep the campus beautiful and safe.

**Wednesday evening – Hand Bell Choir 6p. Vocal Choir 7p.** Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**Thursday morning – Food Pantry preparation 9:30a.** All Faiths Food Bank drops off the food. Help organize it and put it into the bags for distribution on Saturday.

**Thursday afternoon - Prayer Zoom – Talking with God!** Join the prayer ministry. Thursdays at 4p. We won't meet this week due to Maundy Thursday worship. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525?pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09>

**Saturday morning – Food Pantry Distribution 9a.** Come and help distribute food to those in need.

# Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military, especially Gage Fournier. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida-Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assisting Ministers to the Bishop Pastors Carlos, Derek, Nicole, and Rob, Specialists Kim, Bill, & Brittney, Support Staff, Jordan, Yuliet, & Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests. Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. The Arlington Park Neighborhood.

St. Paul members, especially, Frank & Joan Scianni, Gail Seyfarth, David Shannon, and Barry & Brenda Smith

St. Paul Early Childhood Learning center teachers and students, especially, Stephen, Matthew, Ms. Maddie, and Ms. Jess.

<p><b>Members</b>  Manny Acevedo  Earleen Ashbrook  Beetle/Miller Family  Dorothy Boller  Susan Burmaster  Judy Carnal  Missy Craig  Sue Fisher  Joann Flanigan  Bob Fong  Pr. Don Hillerich  JoAnn Jordan  Carolyn Masters  James Millikan  Valerie Nicolls  Nancy Parmakian  James Paulsson  Hank Roberts  Colleen Ryan  Betty Smowton  Sandy Tull</p> <p><b>Homebound Members</b>  Evelyn Gulliksen  Lindy Lindemann  Virginia McQuaig  Michael Reiter  Doris Schlotterback  Carole Wilson</p> <p><b>Friends and Family</b>  Alice – friend of JoAnn Jordan  Brad – brother of Cindy Paxton  Debbie – friend of Scherrs  Donnie – community meal guest  Ed – friend of Sandy Choquette  Jeff – community meal guest  Jim – son of Nancy Parmakian  Lou-Ann – daughter of Helen Miller  Mark – friend of M &amp; D Hillerich</p>	<p>MJ – friend of Ron Zimmerman  Ryan – community meal guest  Sharon – friend of Jane Schubert  T.J. and family. – community meal guest  Sandi Acevedo – sister-in-law of Acevedo  Jesus &amp; Reyna Alegria – niece-in-laws of Sandy Tull  Kareem Ali – friend of Fred Melton  Clinton Allen – friend of Jim Paulsson  Laura Anderson – niece of Roberts  Sheryl Brandes – sister-in-law of Sue Scherr  Lavinia Brown – friend of H. Puckhaber  Buete and Pearson family– family of Brian McCulley  Caroline Burmaster – sister-in-law of Susan Burmaster  Todd Couch – son of Sandy Choquette  Mike Cunningham- friend of H. Roberts  David Eller – friend of Carolyn Mele  John and Joy Emanuelli – friends of Roberts  Gladys Faraone – friend of H. Roberts  Tony Felicetti – brother of I. Felicetti  Bill &amp; Vickie Hall – family of Fonda Davies  Niklaus Heisler – great-grandson of Irene Felicetti  Katy Hernandez – niece of M. Acevedo  Pr. John Hilficker – friend of Conrad Hellwege, Jr.  Sandy Holloway – friend of H. Puckhaber  Nicole Ketler – friend of S. Burmaster</p>	<p>Kate Kretschmann- family of Lindy Lindemann  Karen Kugler – friend of Marty Hillerich  Jesse Lugo – brother of Jose Lugo  David McCall – brother of J. Roberts  Marsha McKinney- former member  Becky Nobles – friend of L. Lindemann  Linda and Jim Norris – family of Doris Schlotterback  Karen Paulsson – sister of J. Paulsson  Hannah Puckhaber – former attendee  Manny Ribas – friend of Cindy Schlotterback  Anita Rose – friend of Irene Felicetti  Claude Russell – uncle of T. Bateman  Brian and Ken Schlotterback—sons of Doris Schlotterback  Haley Schlotterback – granddaughter-in-law of Doris Schlotterback.  Bill Schroeder – friend of Conrad Hellwege, Jr.  Bethany Smith – daughter of B&amp;B Smith  Joyce Swartzbaugh – Former Member  Natalie Smowton Boxx – great-granddaughter of Betty Smowton  Noel Scott Studenwalt – nephew of B&amp;B Smith  Bill Sweeney – grandson of Marilyn and George Hutfilz  Michael Taylor – friend of Addy Miller  Dan Torrence – friend of K. Snyder  David Van Ness – brother of M. Craig  Mark Vanderweight- friend of Jim Paulsson  Andrea Waltje – friend of Irene Felicetti  Curtis Weckwerth – cousin of Rich Weckwerth  John and Janet Welther – family of Ethel Hamilton</p>
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