



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

Pentecost | May 19, 2024

Welcome!

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



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!

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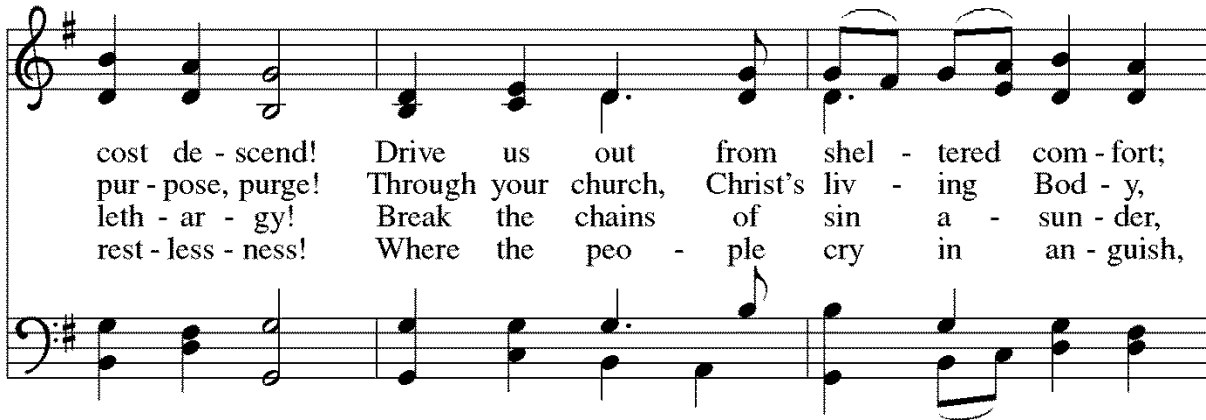
Welcome and Announcements

Prelude — “Wonderful Words of Life” — Philip Paul Bliss
St. Paul Ringers

Gathering Hymn — *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*



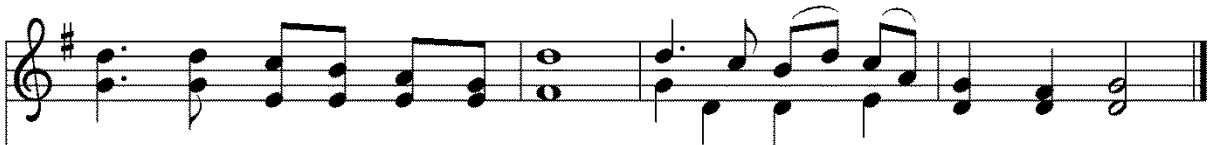
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!



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Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Kyrie

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



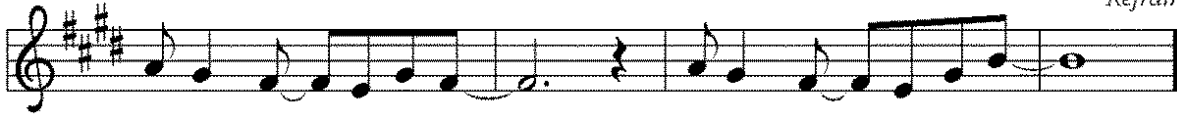
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Response: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for at the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Response: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



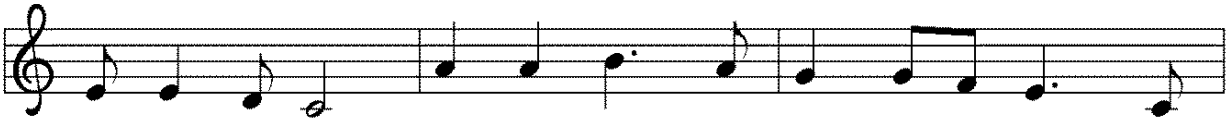
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

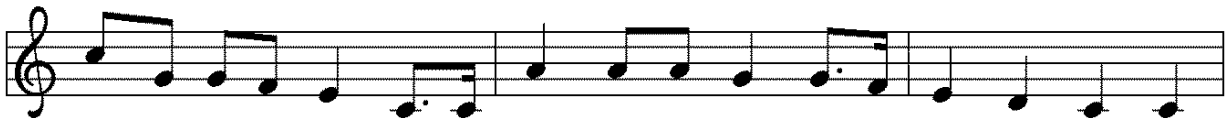


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



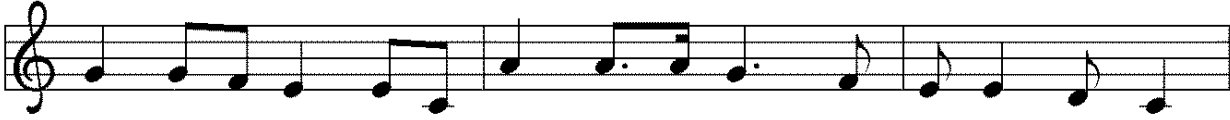
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

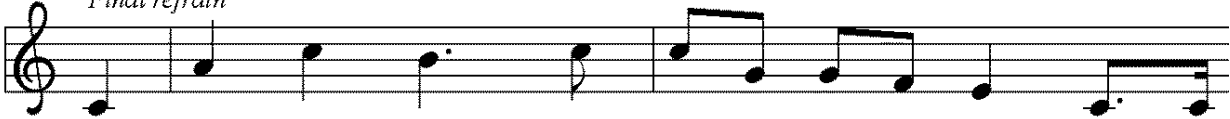


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

Response: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music – “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”- Gilbert Martin

St. Paul Singers

Children's Message

Scripture ~ Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

Scripture ~ Romans 8:22-27

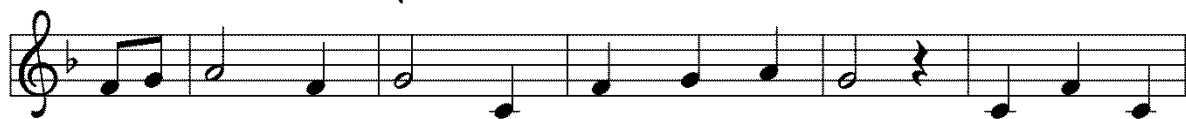
By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

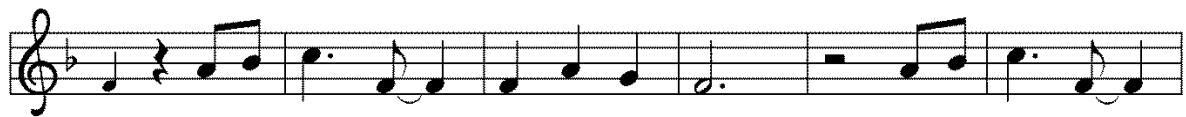
Gospel Acclamation



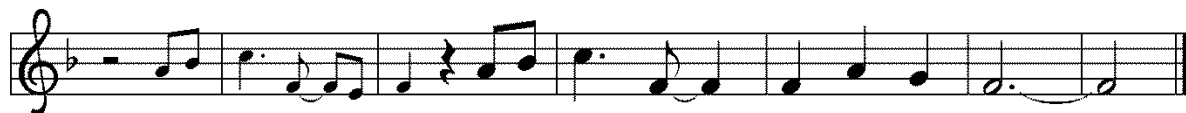
Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel ~ John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th and 16th chapters.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

Hymn of the Day - Spirit of Gentleness

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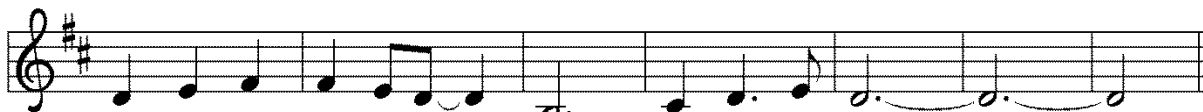
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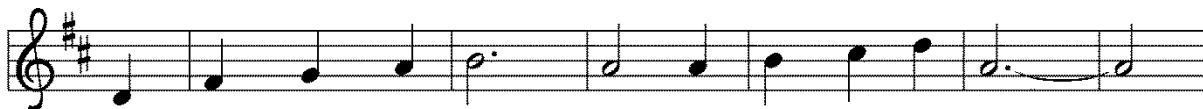
Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Recognition of New Members

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. We welcome officially Kevin Flanigan and Susana Santa Cruz.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and this brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened

them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Response: Amen.**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Response: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Response: 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.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support this sister and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Kevin and Susana the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with this sister and this brother in Christ.

Response: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: 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. *(pause for silence)*

Assisting Minister: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel.

Response: Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: For the earth, our precious home.

Response: We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: For the nations and those who govern:

Response: Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: For those in need around the world:

Response: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way.

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

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: For this congregation and its ministries:

Response: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We remember the faithful departed.

Response: Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: 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.

Response: Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **Response: And also with you.**

Offering

(The collection plates will be brought forward at this time. Offering plates can still be found at the back of the sanctuary if you did not place your offering in the plates when you entered. Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org is also available.)

Offering Prayer

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

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Those who want to partake of Christ's body and blood in their seats may lift up their elements at this time).

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: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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

Response: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Amen.

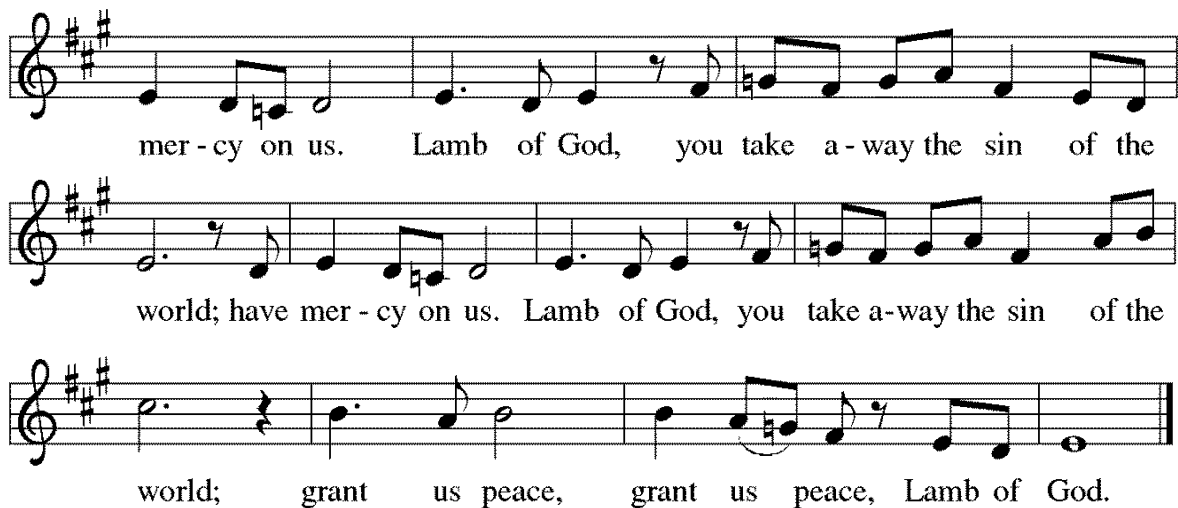
Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **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. If you wish to come to the altar, you may do so at the ushers' direction.

Communion Music – *Lamb of God*

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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: 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. **Response: Amen.**

Farewell and Godspeed to John Ferreira

Pastor: John as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The LORD said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

A reading from Isaiah: Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not

overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*Isaiah 43:1-3*)

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

When you came to St. Paul we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you. One never retires from serving God. We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant John who has enriched this congregation and shared his gifts with us. Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Response: Amen.**

Special Music ~ "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Written by: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Duet: Brian McCulley and Esther Smith

Marilyn Hutfilz, piano

Blessing

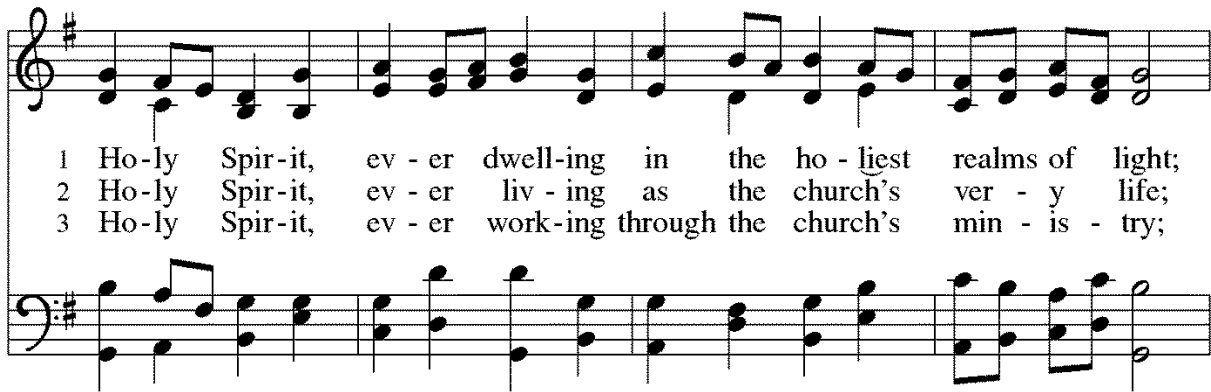
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

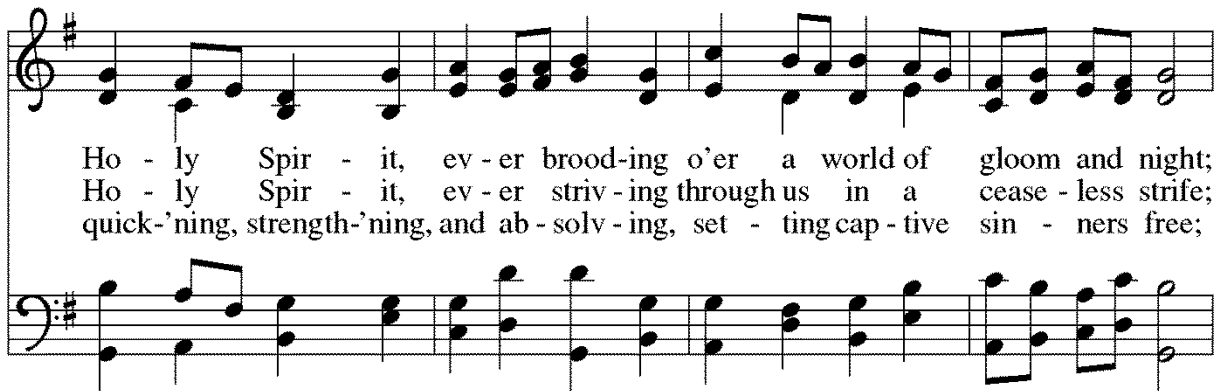
Pastor: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Response: Amen.

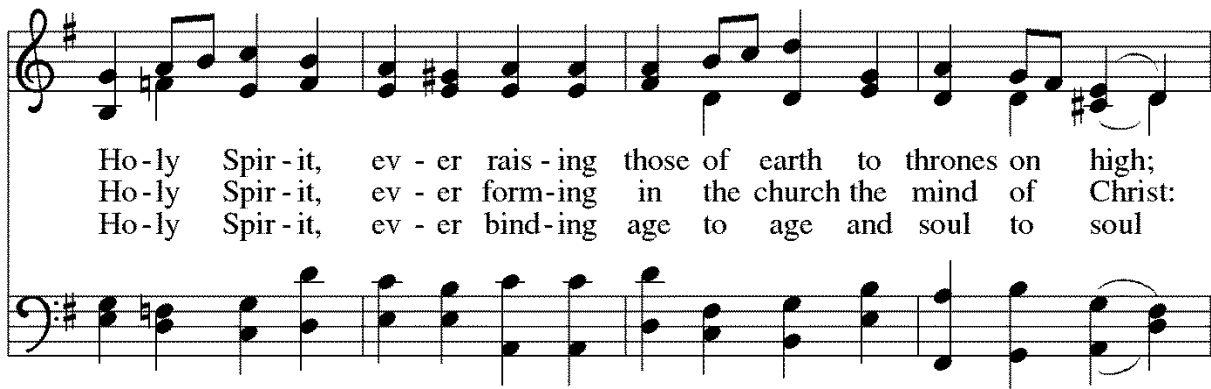
Sending Hymn - Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

Dismissal

Pastor: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Children: And all God's children say, **Response: Amen.**

Postlude "Toccata Tidbits" – Widor-Boellmann-Bach

John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.

Coffee & Social Hour is held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Attendance for last Sunday morning: 66 in-person; 232 views; (5/13/24)

Eternal Candle is given this month by: Kathie Snyder in gratitude for all the volunteers who keep our programs running, more are welcome!

Bulletins are given this week by: John and Jill Scherer in memory of my mom Bonnie Witmer.

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.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



Y K J T N K H J G A M A Z E D
 T Q B F F P E N T E C O S T U
 L P I Q H C I D Q I E S T R G
 H R J C I W D F B E Q V C O G
 H E A R O S T F I L L E D A R
 P W S L G T P O C C K R X X S
 Y S B P P F H I N U W I P F L
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 R E Q R L A D E W E E N U Y Y
 C H J P E Y G H I N T O H F H
 F A H T I M L E U Y S T R G B

SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military. 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 Rob and Nicole, Specialists Kim & Brittney, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, & Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity, Community Meal and Food Pantry guests.

Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross and the Arlington Park Neighborhood.

St. Paul members, especially, Linda Knight, Diane Krause-Kukich, Jan Kruse, Bob and Kim Lariviere, and Lindy Lindemann.

ECLC teachers and students especially, Abraham, Shiloh, Cameron, Eliza, Asa, Arnold, Jace, Ms. Katie and Ms. Zury.

<p>Members Beetle/O'Hara Family John Beyer Henry Blosser Susan Burmaster Missy Craig Sue Fisher Marthe Hildreth Marty Hillerich Lindy Lindemann John Miller James Paulsson John & Hannah Puckhaber Betty Smowton Karin Zukowski</p> <p>Homebound Members Theresa Alger Sharyn Brodnax Joan Caddell Donna Casala Evelyn Gulliksen June Manselle Anna Mathisen Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Carole Wilson</p> <p>Friends and Family David – <i>step-dad of Cody Eddleman</i> David – <i>neighbor of JoAnn Jordan</i> Debbie – <i>friend of Scherrs</i> LaShonda – <i>friend of John Beyer</i> Marilyn – <i>aunt of S. Weckwerth</i> Tibor – <i>regular attendee</i> Susan & Jim – <i>friends of C. Paxton</i> Sandi Acevedo – <i>sister-in-law of Acevedos</i> Clinton Allen – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i> Doug Benoit – <i>St. Paul volunteer</i> Buete and Pearson family– <i>family of Brian McCulley</i></p>	<p>Caroline Burmaster – <i>sister-in-law of Susan Burmaster</i> Kathleen Cannon – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> Alice Chanover – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> Mike Cunningham- <i>friend of H. Roberts</i> Cody Eddleman – <i>husband of John Beyer</i> John and Joy Emanuelli – <i>friends of Roberts</i> Gladys Faraone – <i>friend of Hank Roberts</i> John Foor – <i>friends of Ryans</i> Gallagher Family – <i>in-laws of Dorothy Boller</i> Lois Heisler – <i>family of Irene Felicetti</i> Niklaus Heisler – <i>great-grandson of Irene Felicetti</i> Katy Hernandez – <i>niece of M. Acevedo</i> Philip Koepke – <i>friend of Irene Felicetti</i> Joe Kramer – <i>friend of Puckhabers.</i> Kate Kretschmann- <i>family of Lindy Lindemann</i> Karen Kugler – <i>friend of Marty Hillerich</i> Kenny Manselle—<i>son of June Manselle</i> David McCall – <i>brother of Judy Roberts</i> Pam McCann – <i>friend of Carolyn Jacobson</i> Marsha McKinney- <i>former member</i> Pam Mills – <i>sister of Daniel Mills</i> Becky Nobles – <i>friend of L.Lindemann</i> Linda and Jim Norris – <i>family of Doris Schlotterback</i></p>	<p>Karen Paulsson – <i>sister of Jim Paulsson</i> Manny Ribas – <i>friend of Cindy Schlotterback</i> Ashley Rivera - <i>daughter of Esther Smith</i> Clint Shantz – <i>former member</i> Brian, Kenny, & Tommy Schlotterback—<i>sons of Doris Schlotterback</i> Haley Schlotterback – <i>granddaughter-in-law of Doris Schlotterback.</i> James, Mike, & Rob Scianni – <i>sons of Joan and Frank Scianni</i> Donna Shepherd - <i>sister of Gail Seyfarth</i> Joan Simone – <i>friend of the Puckhabers</i> Bethany Smith – <i>daughter of Brenda and Barry Smith</i> Muriel Stevenson – <i>sister of JoAnn Jordan</i> Noel Scott Studenwalt – <i>nephew of B&B Smith</i> Bill Sweeney – <i>grandson of G& M Hutfilz</i> Jean Taffe and family – <i>cousin of Susan Burmaster</i> David Van Ness – <i>brother of Missy Craig</i> Elaine & Mark Vanderweight- <i>friends of Jim Paulsson</i> Curtis Weckwerth – <i>cousin of Rich Weckwerth</i> David Weinberger – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> John and Janet Welther – <i>family of Ethel Hamilton</i> Pr. William Zimmermann – <i>former pastor of John Puckhaber</i></p>
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