



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise Pastor Ermeling as he comes by during communion.

## As We Gather

In the shadow of the events of Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection we look at the role of some of the great women of faith in the Bible. It is appropriate to do that this week in worship as the world is celebrating “Mother’s Day” today. This can be a very stressful day for those women who are not mothers so our focus will be on “women” in general and not just mothers.

## A Tribute to all Christian Mothers

### Hymn

Faith of Our Mothers, Living Still *by Arthur Bardwell Patten*

Sung to the tune of *Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid* 500 sts. 1-4

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| 1 Faith of our mothers, living still<br>In cradle song and bedtime prayer;<br>In nursery lore and fireside love,<br>Thy presence still pervades the air:<br>Faith of our mothers, living faith!<br>We will be true to thee to death.  | 2 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,<br>For youthful longing, youthful doubt,<br>How blurred our vision, blind our way,<br>Thy providential care without:<br>Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,<br>We will be true to thee till death.                   |
| 2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,<br>Fount of our childhood’s trust and grace,<br>Oh, may thy consecration prove<br>Source of a finer, nobler race:<br>Faith of our mothers, loving faith,<br>We will be true to thee till death. | 4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,<br>Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,<br>Still serve the home and save the Church,<br>And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:<br>Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!<br>We will be true to thee till death. |

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made Heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”**

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**Bless our God, O peoples;**

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## Kyrie

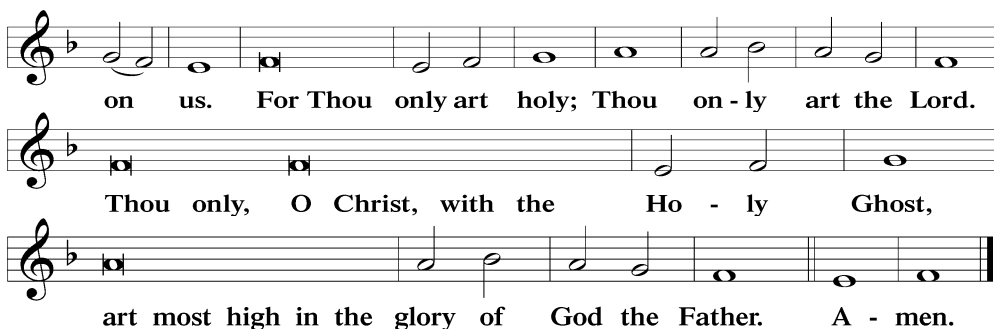


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

For All the Faithful Women

855 sts. 1

*Remain seated for all the readings*

## The Lesson of the Day

*1 Samuel 1, selected verses*

*(The Story of Hannah)*

While in the temple Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, **“How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”**

“Hannah replied, **“Not so, my lord, I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”**

Eli answered, **“Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”**

She said, **“May your servant find favor in your eyes.”**

In the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, **“Because I asked the Lord for him.”**

After he was weaned, she took the boy with her ...to Eli, and she said to him, **“Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”**

And she worshiped the Lord there and left the child with Eli.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

## **The Hymn of Response**

For All the Faithful Women

855 sts. 6

## **The Epistle Lesson**

*Acts 9, selected verses*

*(The Story of Dorcas)*

In Joppa there was a disciple named Dorcas; she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. When the disciples heard that Peter was in the area, they sent two men to him and urged him, **“Please come at once!”**

Peter went with them, and when he arrived, he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, **“Dorcas, get up.”**

She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Sit

## The Hymn of Response

For All the Faithful Women

855 sts. 12

## The Gospel Lesson

*Luke 10:38-42, selected verses*

*(The Story of Mary and Martha)*

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

She came to him and asked, **"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"**

The Lord answered, **"Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to You O Christ.

Sit

## Hymn

For All the Faithful Women

855 sts. 9, 3 – 4

## Sermon

Women of God

## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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 everlasting. Amen.



## Offering/LWML Mites

*Stand*

### Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

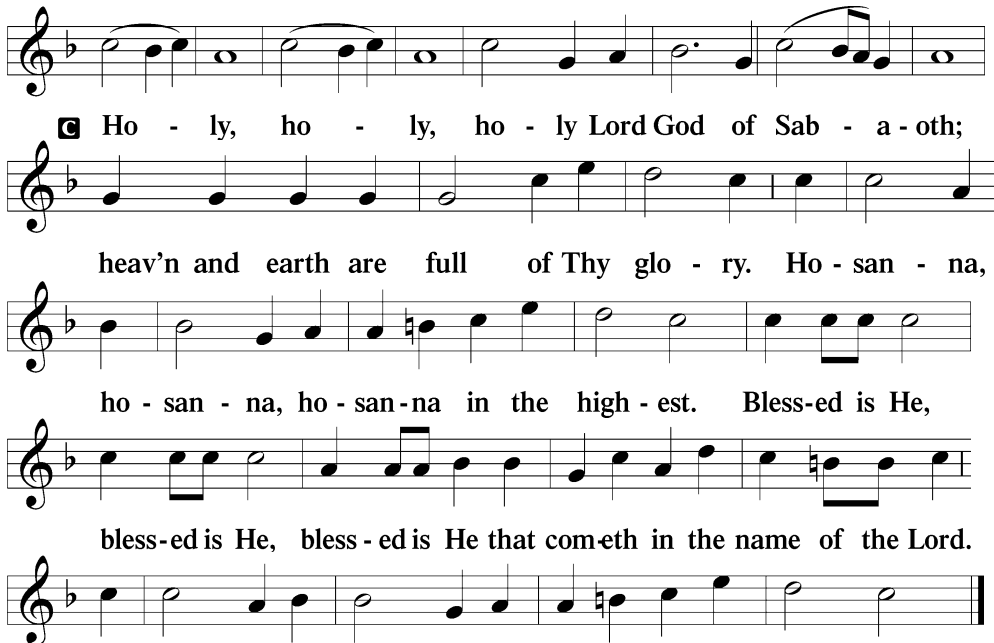


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

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 ✠ 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 ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

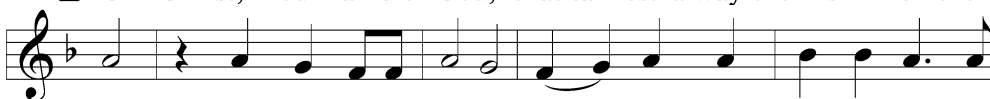


**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



**tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.**



0 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns

# The Lamb

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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## Jesus Sinner Doth Receive

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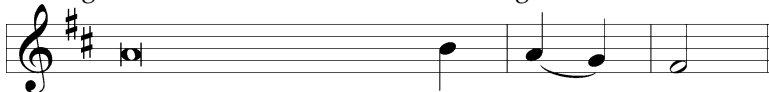
## Nunc Dimittis



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



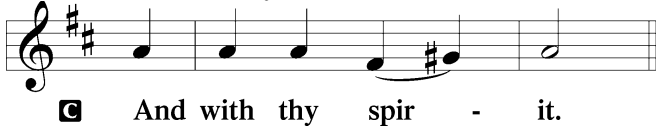
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

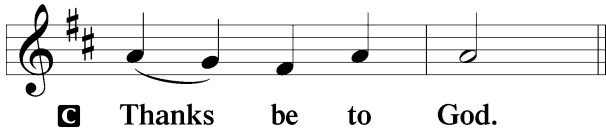


## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



## Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



## Hymn

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 11	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
Saturday, May 14	5:00am	BOD Meeting	Library

## BIRTHDAYS

05/15 – Charles Cook  
05/16 – Linda Rossow

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

05/11 – Elyse Hulquist

## SOCIAL MINISTRY – CANNED FOOD DONATIONS

We have been collecting canned food for the past several months. Please continue to place your canned foods on the Social Ministry cart in the Narthex. These donations will be taken to the West Valley Community Food Pantry housed at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7205 N. 51st Ave, Glendale.

## DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent interview topics include: Papal Indulgences, A New Report on the Dangers of the Abortion Pill, God's Revelation in the Genesis Account, Government Incentives for Increased Fertility and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

# LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaulslutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaulslutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

## ON-GOING CONCERNS:

**Mary Howard**, recovering a recent fall; after Mary will undergo physical therapy.

**Suzi Riley-Malsack**, undergoing physical therapy after a fall.

**Charlie Cook** – exp. procedure to heal bladder

**Kevin Stamm** – health issues

**Nigel Proctor** – suffering from severe digestive issues

**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

**Wayne Bartels** – ongoing health issues

**Rose Tressler** – ongoing health issues

**Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas**

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Sharon Wies** (wife of Vickie Hulteen's cousin) has a brain tumor, suffering from seizures, and cannot walk.

**Rei Irmer** (sister of Louise Ahrens) prayers for continued healing.

**David Wies** (cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatment.

**Nick Koontz** (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

**Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan**, serving in Japan.      **PSWD Missions**

## PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

**The Rev. Vernon Ermeling and family**

**The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family**

**Sunday School teachers & children**

**LCMS officers, congregations & schools**

**Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff**

**Lexington Life Academy families & staff**

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Jackson Buffington, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson**

**OUR SHUT-INS:** **Anne Smith**