

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 151* *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

EASTER DIALOGUE

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain!
Alleluia!

C **He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

P Rejoice then, even in your distress.

C **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

P God has claimed us as his own.

C **God has called us from darkness into the light of his day.** *(Lighting of the Paschal Candle)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious

resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.)

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

C ²Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

C ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. *(Refrain)*

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

C ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

C ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. *(Refrain)*

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

C (Refrain)

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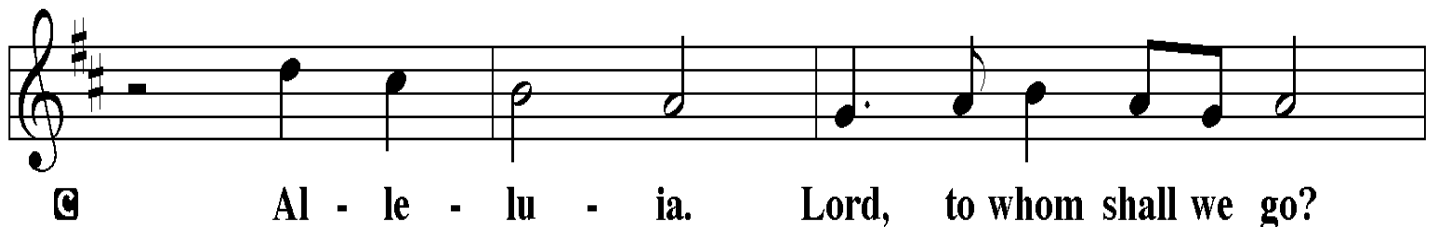
SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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

The word of the Lord.

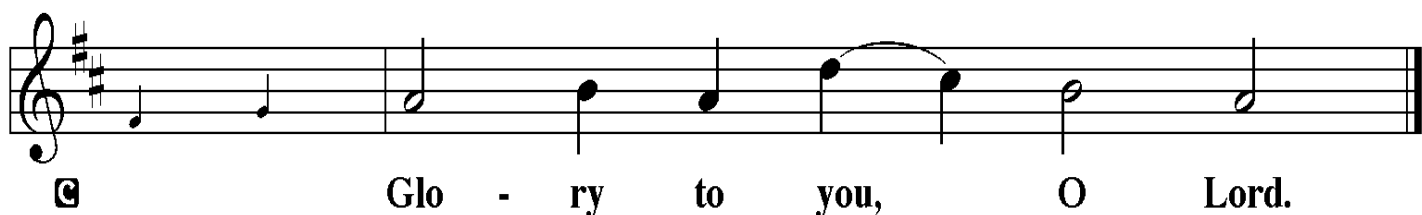
C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





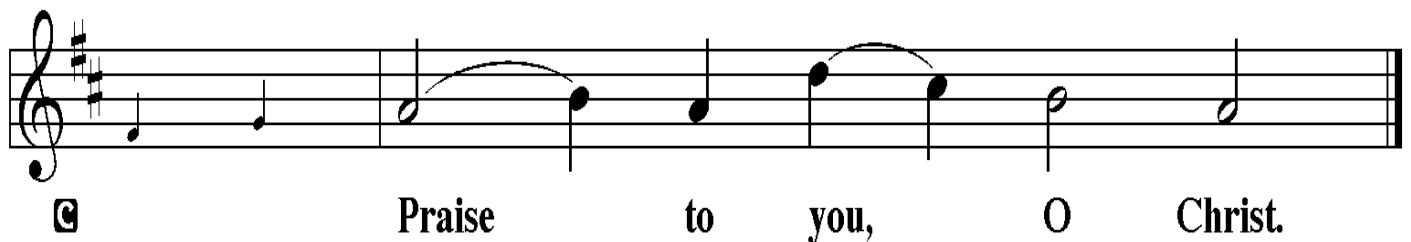
GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10



¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they

left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 148* *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy

Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the

resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized (*We pray especially for Keith Freyberger, Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Mary Sendelweck, Joe Shelton, Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.*) and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor.*) Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

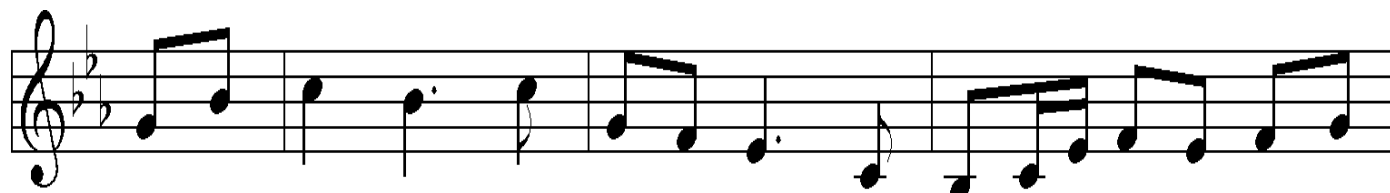
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

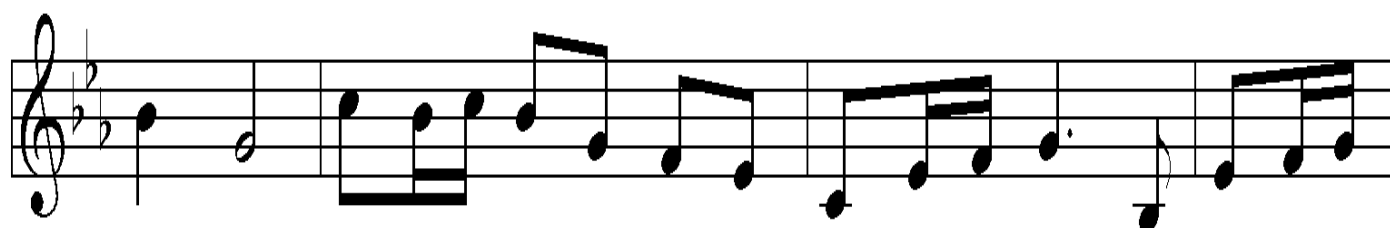
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" Chancel Choir*

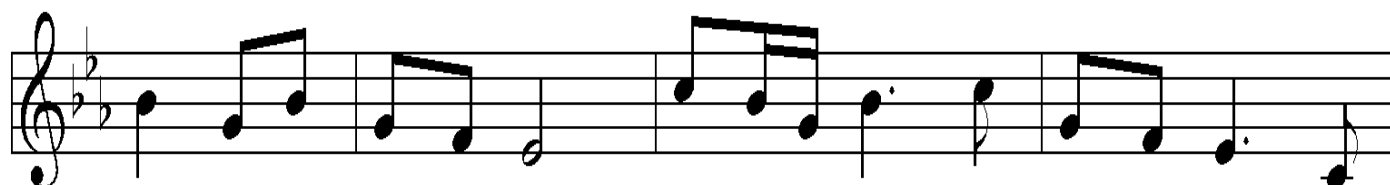
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the acolyte. The second communion assistant will pour the wine into your cup. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

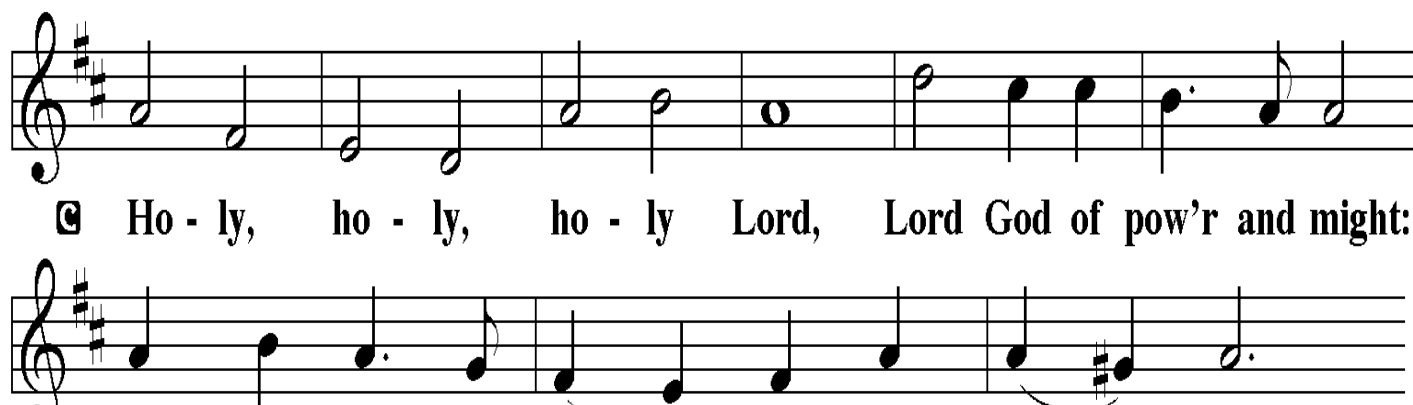
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



C 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.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 144 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

LBW 140 “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

LBW 128 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 145 "Thine Is the Glory"*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Easter Flowers

Wilma Hoffman & Family in memory of Fred Hoffman and loved ones

Marvin & Vicky Eisenhut in memory of loved ones

Eugene & Judy Kieffner in memory of loved ones

Glenn & Marie Neukam in memory of loved ones

Mary Bauer & Family in memory of loved ones

Sue Striegel & Family in memory of loved ones

Cheryl Hauser in memory of David Hauser and loved ones

Don & Arlene Vonderheide in memory of loved ones

Dennis & Dorothy Hautsch in memory of love ones

Don & Nancy Freyberger in memory of love ones

Terry Seitz & Deena Lewis in memory of loved ones

Jeff & Arlene Luker in memory of love ones

Darlene Ziegler in memory of loved ones

Melanie Freyberger in memory of loved ones

Barbara Dell in memory of Richard Dell

June Harker in memory of loved ones

Linda Mason in memory of loved ones

Sue Vonderheide in memory of loved ones

*The flowers on the cross were provided by
Sue Striegel and Family*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: *(6:30 AM)* Council
Greeters: *(9 AM)* Greg & Jennifer Bauer
Comm. Asst: Julia Stenftenagel
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Jon/Barb Schnarr
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes *(9 AM):* Alli Betz & Adalie Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 196 SS: 16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 9th – Apr. 16th, 2023

Sun. Apr. 9 th	6:30 AM	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service <i>(donuts, muffins, coffee will be served following the sunrise service)</i>
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service
Mon. Apr. 10 th	6:00 PM	175 th Anniv. Committee Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 13 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Apr. 16 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Confirmation Sunday)</i>

175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday Spotlight

Alice June Harker

January 14, 2023

Alice June (Neukam) Harker was born at home, in Harbinson Township, in Dubois County Indiana, on June 28th, 1935. She was the only child of Philmore Philip Neukam and Irma (Hemmerlein) Neukam. Both parents were born in Dubois County, Indiana.

“June” married Edward L. Harker on November 15, 1955, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. The officiating pastor was Dr. H.J. Brede.

Edward was a veteran who served in the Allied Peace Keeping Mission, in Germany, at the end of WW II. Edward passed away on January 12, 1995.

Edward and June had two children: Jay Leroy Harker and Julee Marie (Harker) Gruneisen. Jay passed away on December 15, 2018, and is sadly missed. Her daughter, Julee continues to be a joy and a blessing in June’s life.

Grandchildren: Kyle Scott Harker, Kristin Alyse Harker and Elise Marie Gruneisen.

Great-grandchildren: Amelia June Harker and Lukas James Harker

Schools attended:

June attended elementary school at Kellerville Grade School and then, graduated from Dubois High School, in Dubois, Indiana.

Employment

June worked for the MeadowGold Dairy office, until her first child, Jay, was born. Then she dedicated her time to being a mother and co-director of their farm.

Christmas Day, 1946

On Christmas morning, 1946, June and her family were preparing to go to St. Paul's for Christmas Service. Her Grandmother Neukam answered an 8:00 A.M. phone call. It was the exchange operator with one message: "The Church is on fire! Everybody in!!"

This message filled the family with shock and disbelief. Irma (June's mother), called her husband who was working outdoors, and they prepared to drive to the church and help in any way they could.

The fire had started in the attic. The men rushed into the sanctuary and ripped up as many pews as they could, and the women carried them out.

June's dad (Philmore) , told her mother to go to the altar because the Communion wine had already been poured. A difficult decision had to be made about what to do with the wine, as it had already been blessed. Philmore decided that it had to be thrown on the floor of the church.

After June's parents returned home that day, Philmore had to go back to the church because the men were meeting to decide what they would do next. June's Grandpa Neukam exclaimed, in German, "Bau es Zuruck"....

"Build it back!"

The decision to do just that was made that very afternoon.

The next Sunday, church services were held in the schoolhouse. Before their trip to St. Paul's for the service, June's parents prepared her for the terrible sight she would see there.

The bell in the bell tower of the church had fallen during the fire and was broken in half. June's Grandpa Neukam and his brother Henry immediately decided to furnish a new bell for the church. The bell would continue to ring the cadence of "come one, come all", as it always had.

The stained-glass window behind the altar of our present-day church, was a duplicate of what had been in the church that burned.

The members of St. Paul's stuck together and built a beautiful new church, "out of the ashes."

St. Paul's Confirmation Class of 1947-1949

After the fire, the confirmation class of 1947, was held in Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville. The members of Christ Lutheran had extended an invitation for that class to continue in their church.

June's confirmation class continued from 1947-1949. Pastor Boening had told the class, "No more! The next confirmation will be held in the new church."

Therefore, the children of this class attended instruction for two years.

June had a deep respect and admiration for Pastor Boening. He was kind but very thorough in the instruction of his children. He taught the class in English, although his own English was "broken".

"Questioning Day" for the class was held on Palm Sunday.

There were 100 questions about the Lutheran Faith that the class had to answer (at random) during the church service.

June's mother drilled her on the questions, and she was still studying in the car, on the way to the church. When they arrived, Pastor Boening addressed the class. He said, "Children, I have misplaced my list. Therefore, I will ask you questions, off the top of my head." That caused quite a stir among the class members!

The class was confirmed on Easter Sunday 1949, when the new church was dedicated. Pastor Boening insisted that the class wear robes, in that all should be alike and equal. The Pastor also asked the parents of the class members to provide the curtain that hung behind the church altar.

It was a beautiful memory for June to walk into the new church with her confirmation classmates on that Easter Sunday morning.

Pastor Boening wrote a song for the class, entitled, "This is the Day My Lord Thy God has Made". The children of the class sang their special song that day.

St. Paul's Church Picnic

St. Paul's Church Picnic was a grand event in which was the church members and surrounding communities all anticipated. Also, a project which required a lot of hard work from all.

This is June's account of her memories of the church picnic, as a child:

The picnic was held at Munch Grove. Before the picnic, devotions were held in front of the church at 9:00 A.M. Then everyone proceeded to the picnic grounds.

The children received two free coupons for ice cream, from Sunday School superintendent Harry Baker, upon arriving at the grounds. Moving around

to the right, they found the German Band. "Oom-pa-pa, Oom-pa-pa", was heard all through the day.

Then there was the Cane Toss. If you were able to throw the ring around the cane handle, you won the cane. Next, there was a hamburger and hot dog stand and a fishpond.

There were cookstoves in which chicken was fried by the women. They started cooking early in the morning.

Lastly, the big tent in which bingo and games were played. The last event of the day was "cover all" bingo. The prize for the top three winners of this game each received a hand-made quilt, crafted by one of the women of the church. Then the picnic was over.

Many people attended the picnic and enjoyed their dinners there. The two churches who were sure to reciprocate attendance to each other's picnics were St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Raphael's Catholic Churches of Dubois.

The picnics stopped during WW II. It was not possible to provide what was needed for the event to be held because of the rationing of food and many other commodities (especially sugar), during the war.

Luther League

Children were not allowed to participate in the Luther League or choir until after they were confirmed.

June enjoyed her time in Luther League very much. There were probably 25-30 people attending on a usual basis. The Luther League members went to meetings until they were married. It was fun and June was sad when it was time for her to stop attending.

She met her husband at Luther League at a Halloween party.

Part of the fun of being part of the choir was afterward when someone would suggest they go to Schellville to the dance. Those were good times for all.

Memories of an Era

June remembers exactly when the United States was compelled to enter WW II.

She was six years old and she and her parents were driving home from practice for the church Christmas program. The day was December 7, 1941. Jun's dad said, "I think that something bad happened today. Others were talking about some kind of attack."

They went home and turned on the battery powered transistor radio, to learn that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Hawaii was not yet a state but was a territory of the United States. At that point in time, everything changed for all the citizens of the United States.

How the Church has Changed Over the Years

Church was, during that time, not only a place of worship, but a social place. Because there were few activities in which young people could participate, their place to meet and socialize with friends was at church. The church recognized their men and women serving the military with their prayers and by displaying a banner at the right side of the altar, listing all those members who were serving in the military. If there was a gold star beside a name on the banner, that indicated that the soldier had sacrificed his or her life for their country.

Alice June (Neukam) Harker had so many positive memories, growing up in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She had the love and support of friends and family. She had respect and admiration for her mentor, Pastor E.H. Boeing. Her story is an inspiration to all of the members of St. Paul's today.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The special congregational meeting has been changed to Sunday, April 23rd, following the service to discuss/vote on a new PA system for the sanctuary. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

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The 175th Anniversary team has produced large scale historical photos of St. Paul's and these are on display in the Welcome Center. Additionally, we encourage you to visit the Archives Committee display case in the Welcome Center to learn even more about our past. Photos of 2023 activities and worship are being created as special occasions and services are held.

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The Evangelism Committee will be setting up a photo station for Easter once again this year! A committee member will be available to take your family's photo starting at 8:15 am and again following service on Easter morning. Please bring your own phone or camera, and the committee will take care of the rest.

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APRIL WELCA MEETING

We are excited to have Brenda Wilmes join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4th, for a presentation on Total Wellness Energy in our fellowship hall. We invite ALL to join us! Brenda is a trained Eden Energy Medicine practitioner who is passionate about bringing people back to balance and vitality. Energy medicine can be helpful for Stress, Pain, Anxiety, Discomfort, Illness or Dis-Ease, and Imbalances. Hope to see you there!

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all Thrivent members that choose St. Paul's for their Choice Dollars. In 2022 we were granted \$2073 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. If you are a Thrivent member that chooses St. Paul's to receive the grant funding and would like to designate these monies to a St. Paul's account other than the general fund, please contact the office or the Treasurer (Todd Popp 812-309-9534 or toddjpoppp1@gmail.com) with the amount you would like to designate. Thrivent does not provide individual contribution amounts for each disbursement, just the name of the contributor.

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Greeters

The Evangelism Committee invites all members to help greet on Sunday mornings! If you haven't been a greeter in the past year and would like to help welcome members and guests as they enter the church sanctuary for worship, please contact Martha or Deidra Church, or Jennifer Bauer to be added to the list. You can do it solo, as a couple or your whole family can join the fun. All are welcome!

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In Service to Our Country

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