St. Paul's Lutheran Church Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

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 128 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

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



A 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





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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

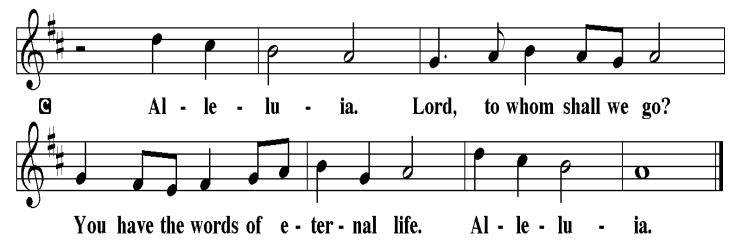
¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to

me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

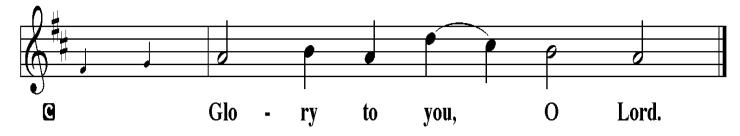
The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

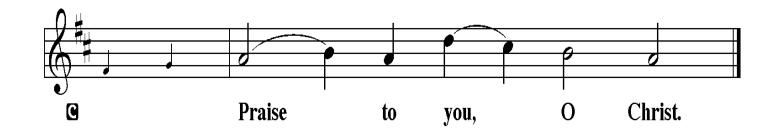


GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8



¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S HAND CHIMES "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam"

SERMON Pastor Timothy Holt

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 147 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

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

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.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Eternal God, 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 Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Auretta

Cave, Brandi Dodd, Barbara Fleck, Keith Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Sue Schnarr, Donnie Schwenk, Norman Sendelweck, Martha Jane Tucker, Gerald Vonderheide, Ron and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) and for all health care workers who care for them. God of grace,

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 Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.) God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

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. **C** Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

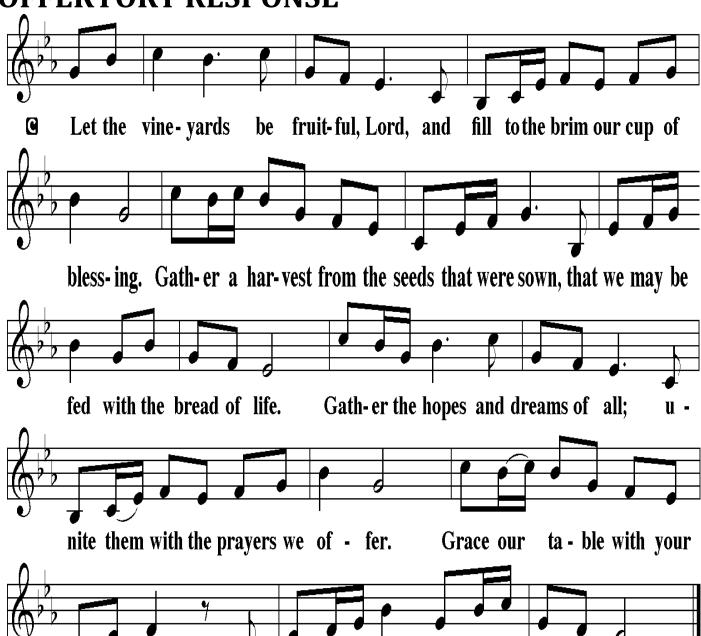
C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Run to the Tomb" Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

pres - ence,



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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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. 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 tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION

May you feel the presence of the Lord now and forever as you receive him at your First Communion.

Elias Holt Maxton Holt Ashtyn Kalb Addisyn Kempf

Maggie Stemle Dallas Weisheit Rowan Werner

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

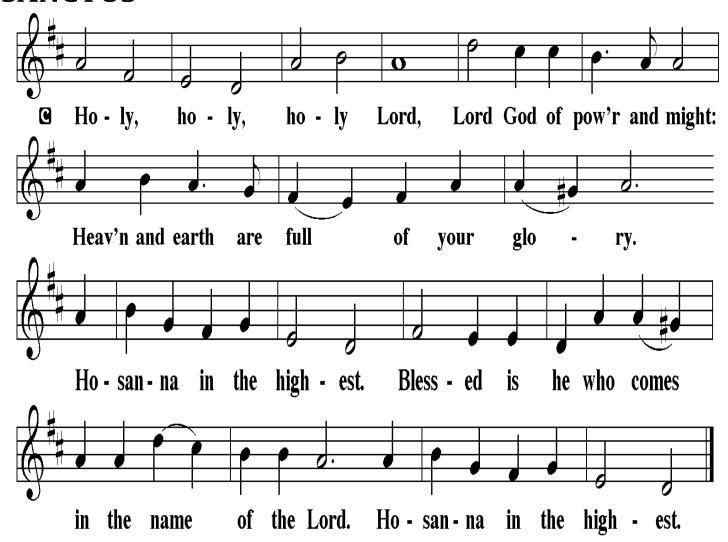
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



HANDBELL ANTHEM "Risen, Hallelujah!"

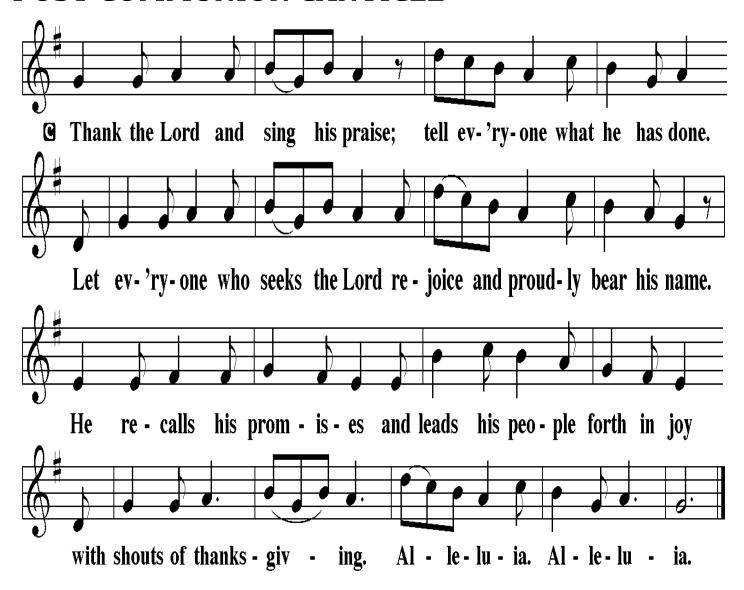
COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 143 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LBW 144 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" WOV 702 "I Am the Bread of Life"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Gracious 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. Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 151 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.







Easter Flowers

Marvin & Vicky Eisenhut in memory of loved ones Wilma Hoffman & Family 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 loved ones Don & Arlene Vonderheide in memory of loved ones June Harker in memory of loved ones John & Martha Church in memory of Doug Church Erin Kellar & Family in memory of loved ones

Susan Potts in memory of loved ones

John Potts in memory of loved ones

Larry & Wanda Krodel in memory of loved ones

Julia Stenftenagel in memory of loved ones

Linda Mason & Carolyn Ruckriegel in memory of loved ones

Gene & Rhonda Nigg in memory of loved ones Mary Ann Kieffner in memory of loved ones

The flowers on the cross were donated by the Terwiske & Uebelhor families in memory of loved ones.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Phil & Kristen Ruhe, Family

Comm. Asst: Jeff Schmitt

Video: Amy Beckman

Organist: Arlene Vonderheide

Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolytes: Evan Ruhe

Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 31st - Apr. 7th, 2024

Sun. Mar. 31st 8:00 AM Chancel Choir Practice

9:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service

(with First Communion)

Tues. Apr. 2nd 6:30 PM WELCA Meeting

Sun. Apr. 7th 8:00 AM Chancel Choir

8:00 AM Finance Meeting

9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In honor of their First Communion, several children will play the hand chimes today. Thank you to Eli Holt, Max Holt, Ashtyn Kalb, Maggie Stemle and Rowan Werner.

Christian Education

First Communion taking place on March 31st, Easter Sunday, at the 9:00 AM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on April 28th during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events have been sent to the parents of the children involved.

Deadline for scholarship applications is March 31st. Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office.

We are looking for 3 people to attend the 37th Annual Indiana-Kentucky Synod. In Louisville Friday June 7th thru Sunday June 9th, 2024. If anyone is interested, please speak with a council member.

Cleaning out your closets? The WELCA blanket group could use your CLEAN sheets, light weight blankets, pillow cases, mattress pads, bed skirts, table cloths or cotton drapes. Please leave on the welcome center desk or on the tables down in the basement. Any questions, please contact JoAnn Schnarr.

A big thank you to the person that donated the 2 boxes of hygiene kits left by the food bank cart. There was no note on them so we are unsure who donated. These kits were donated to The Dove House and Next Step Men's Recovery Center in Jasper. They were very grateful for the kits. If anyone knows where the kits came from please let Joann Schnarr or Donna Rasche know so we can send a thank you.



Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin March 3rd through March 31st. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 Bars of Soap (2-3 bars,

4 to 5 oz., any brand,

in original wrapping)





WEEK 2

Bath Towels (light-weight.

maximum 52" x 27". dark color

recommended)



WEEK 5

Nail Clippers

(metal, attached file optional)





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LWR.ORG/HOPE | 800 597 5972



Sunday School

April 2024

4/7

PreK - 3rd: Lesson & Craft

4th - 6th: Backpack Buddies

4/14

PreK - 3rd: Lesson & Craft

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PreK - 3rd: Lesson & Craft

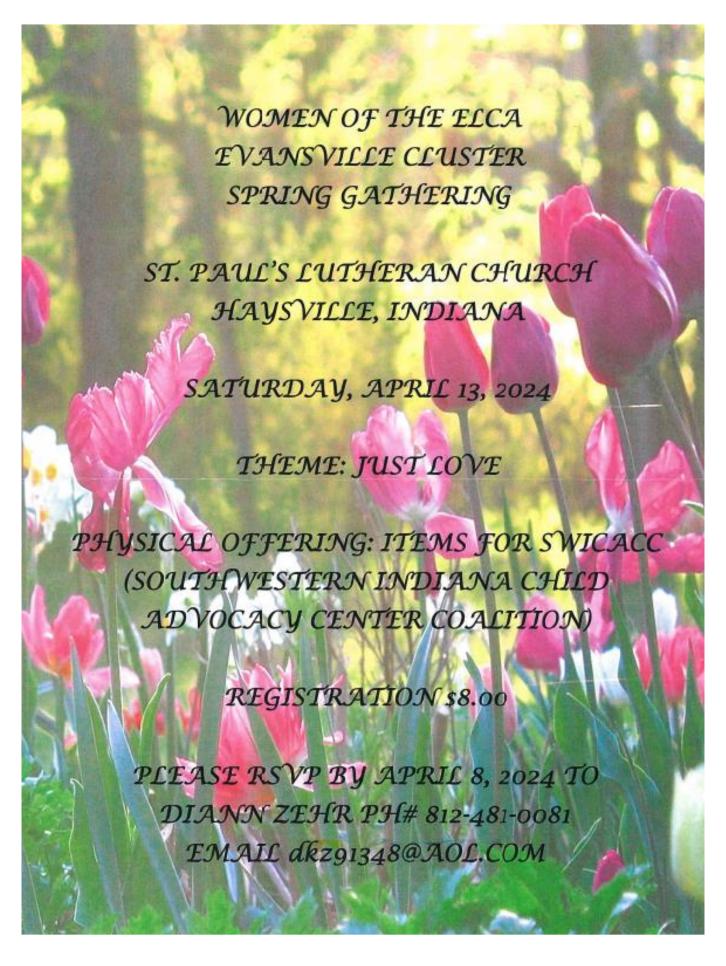
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Whole Group:

End of Year Party

5/5

Backpack Buddies





Sunday, March 24th & Sunday, April 7th

- Gates open 10:00am.
- Ham shoot starts 12:00pm.
- Boards are taken from 11:00am-3:00pm for regular shoot.
- First round of regular shoot starts 3:00pm.
- · Kitchen opens at 11:00am.



We Invite All

1st Place Prize: \$750 Merkley's Gift Certificate

Smaller Merkley's certificates to follow.

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Thrivent Members: Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31st. Please take advantage of this opportunity by logging into your account to send your available funds to a charitable organization.

When directing your funds to St. Paul's, money goes to the General Fund. If you wish to designate a specific fund, please share those wishes with Treasurer, Darlene Ziegler.



St. Paul's Eclipse News

Local officials expect a large number of visitors to the area the weekend of April 5-8 in anticipation of darkness to occur the afternoon of Monday, April 8 during a total solar eclipse. The longest times of total darkness will take place in Indiana north of Haysville with most visitors anticipated along I-64.

However, since St. Paul's has several open parking areas, we want to be prepared for guests on Monday, the 8th. We will staff the entryway, monitor use of bathrooms and provide refreshments for those seeking to watch the event from our property.

We welcome anyone to help greet visitors. Just come by from 12 Noon to 4:00PM. Please donate:

- Cases of Nestle Pure water
- Prepackaged cookies (not homemade)

These items may be left in the Library. Should they not be used they will be donated to church groups for other activities or to the Food Bank.

We have been advised that people may seek to camp or have RV's on open property so signs limiting use of our main parking lot will be in place prior to time of the event.

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himsel
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland USS Theodore Roosevelt Colorado Springs, CO