#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3 Easter April 14, 2024

# PRELUDE

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

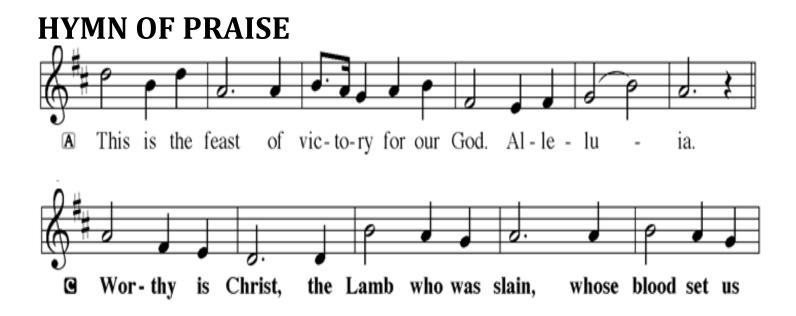
### C Amen

## **OPENING HYMN** WOV 674 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

# GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.







#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen

### FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

# C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM:** Psalm 4

(Refrain: The LORD does wonders for the faithful.)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

# C <sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

# C <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. *(Refrain)*

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

# C <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

# C<sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. *(Refrain)*

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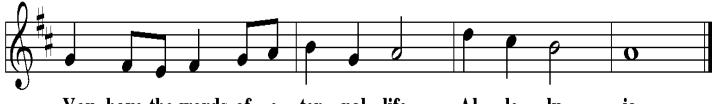
## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

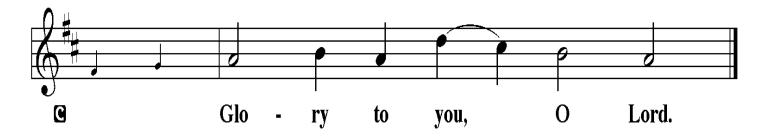
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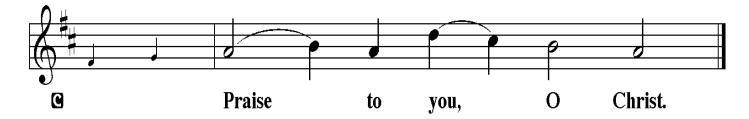
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48



<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.



#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Timothy Holt

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *LBW 207 "We Who Once Were Dead"* 

#### **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.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. (We pray especially for Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Auretta Cave, Brandi Dodd, Barbara Fleck, Keith Freyberger, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Eryn Mann, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Sue Schnarr, Donnie Schwenk, Norman Sendelweck, Martha Jane Tucker, Ron and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) 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.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. 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



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

C 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.

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

### C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

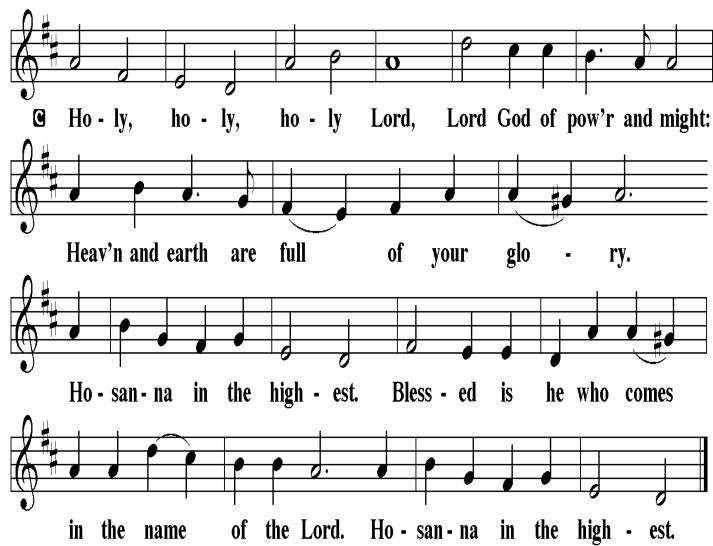
# C We lift them to the Lord.

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.

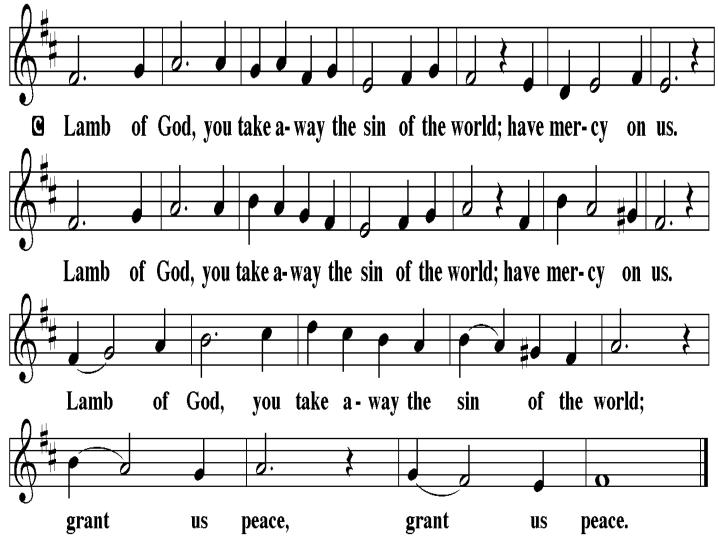
#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

LBW 496 "Around You, O Lord Jesus" WOV 703 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" 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

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. 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 135* "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

#### 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.

# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters:	Patrick & Jill Wagner
Comm. Asst:	Barb Schnarr
Video:	Lori Keller
organist:	Barbara Dell
Lay Reader:	Jon/Barb Schnarr
Audio:	Keith Keller
Acolytes:	Evan Ruhe
Altar Guild:	Tina, Tara, Gabbie & Talia

#### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 112 SS: 3

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Sun. Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service
Wed. Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Archive Meeting
Sun. Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Church Council Meeting Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Layla Lottes Baptism)

#### **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in honor of Melvin and Dorothy Meyer's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **Christian Education**

In conjunction with the last day of Sunday School, 1<sup>st</sup> grade devotionals and 4<sup>th</sup> grade bibles will be distributed on April 28<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events have been sent to the parents of the children involved.

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.

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.

#### **Sunday School**

# April 2024

4/7 PreK – 3rd: Lesson & Craft 4th – 6th: Backpack Buddies

4/14 PreK – 3rd: Lesson & Craft

4/21 PreK – 3rd: Lesson & Craft

4/28

Whole Group: End of Year Party

5/5 Backpack Buddies





Community of Giving

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Blood Drive

#### Friday, June 28, 2024 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall 556 W. Haysville Rd. Jasper, IN 47546

(at the corner of Hwy. 231 and Haysville Rd. by the flashing yellow light)

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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# WE NEED YOU!

It takes a village to help St. Paul's operate each week. Can you help?



#### VALET SERVICE Requirements

- Park and return vehicles (before and after church) for members and visitors who request assistance
- Must hold a valid driver's license
- Multiple volunteers needed
- Shifts/Assignments will be determined based on number of volunteers.

#### **BELL RINGER**

#### Requirements

- Sundays: Ring bell at 8:30 AM and again at 9:00 AM when church service begins
- Other: Tole Bell when someone passes away (1 tole per year of life) and at Funerals
- Minimal climbing and physical strength is required
- Monthly assignments (Currently ~4 mos/yr)

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 Multiple volunteers needed

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Interested in learning more or volunteering in these roles

Contact any Church Council member, or leave a message with the Church office!

#### **In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser	Redzikowo, Poland
AM-1 Luke Himsel	USS Theodore Roosevelt
Cooper Uebelhor	Colorado Springs, CO