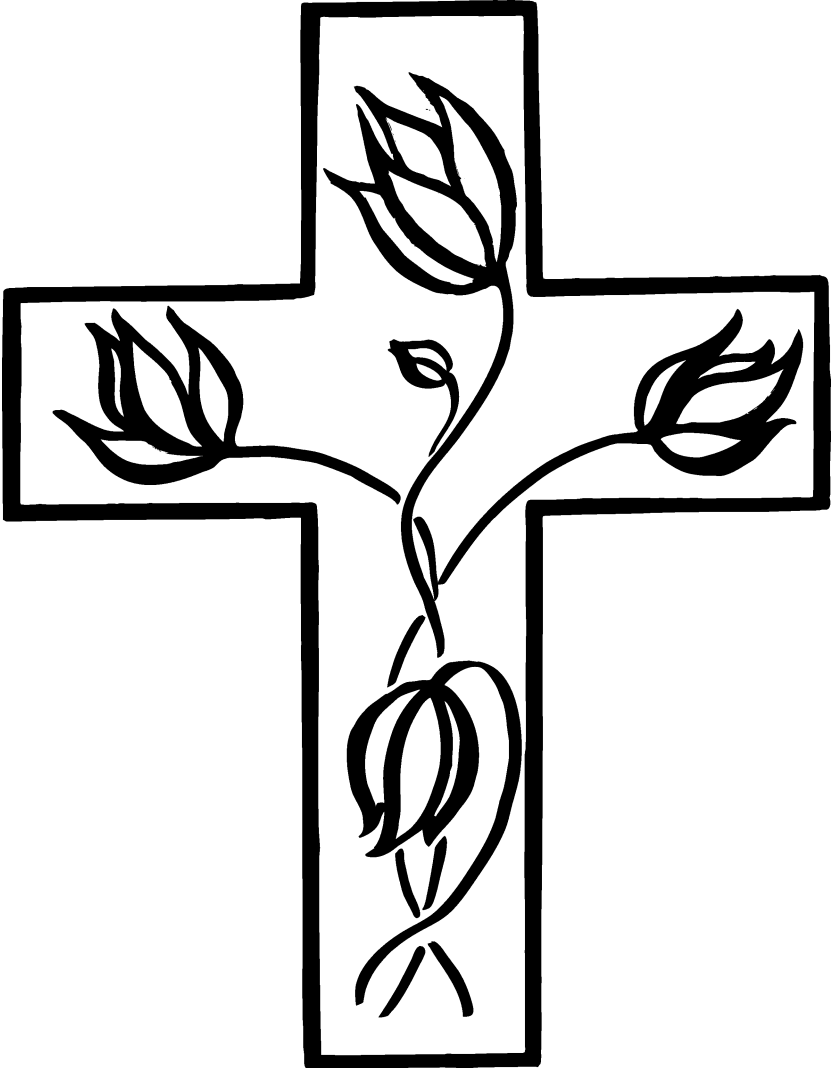


*Jesus Christ is risen today
Alleluia!*



At St. Paul's, ALL are welcome:

As Lutherans we believe that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not something we earn but is freely given through God's love. That love is for all of us - created in God's image - and we respond by welcoming and including everyone, regardless of age, background, race, ethnicity, creed, socioeconomic class, marital status, physical or mental ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join with us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment. There is a place for you here.

Serving at Worship Today, 9:00 am

Pastor	The Rev. Laura M. Tancredi
Youth & Family Minister	The Rev. Timothy Ness
Music Director/Organist	Andrew K. Heller
Ushers	John Byrne, Boofie Younkin
Reader	Kenya Kistler
Acolyte	Ryan Baxter, Noelle Streuber Eden, Sarah Scherzer
Communion Assistant	Lauren Baxter
Camera Crew	Evelyn Reider
Altar Care	
Set up	Helene Roth
Clean up	Bob Burns

10:45 am

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Reader	Carolyn Ashburn
Acolyte	Jayden Luistro
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The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day



Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

March 31, 2024
9:00 and 10:45 am

(Words in all capital letters indicate that the congregation should stand.)

Prelude *O Sons and Daughters* arr. S. Drummond Wolff
Brass Ensemble *Thine Is the Glory* Robert Hobby

(Congregation speaks words in bold print.)

WELCOME

ENTRANCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Siblings in Christ, on this holy morning when
our Savior Jesus Christ has passed from death to life,
we gather with the church throughout the world in celebration.

Through song and scripture, water and word, bread and wine,
we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection,
share in Christ's triumph over sin and death,
and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
Amen. Alleluia!

Gathering

(Face the cross as it is carried forward.)

ENTRANCE HYMN # 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 25: 6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

Reader/ A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

Reader/ A reading from Acts.

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.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 367 (vs. 1)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

(Face the Pastor during reading of the Gospel.)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN # 367 (*vs.* 2) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear Friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Church.

Do you reject Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community,
and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown
our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be renewed now in the waters of God's grace and forgiveness. In
the name of the Father (+), and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Here, all are sprinkled with water in remembrance of their Baptism.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 394 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*
(*Easter vss. 1 – 2; and vss. 3 – 4*)

PRAYERS

Meal

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

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Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives
Aaron David Miller

OFFERTORY HYMN # 385 (vs. 1) *Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice and Sing!*

(Congregation sings as the gifts are brought forward)

*Good Christian Friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...Risen One, you call us to believe and to 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.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
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san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(During the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation responds)

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

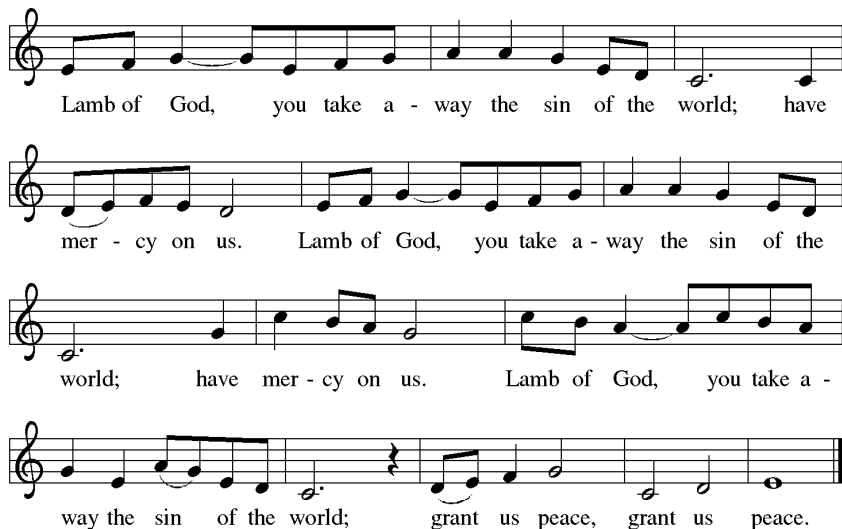
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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.

Communion

*All the baptized are invited to receive
the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
After receiving the bread at the center aisle, dip the bread
into the intinction cup.
Those who do not wish to commune may come forward
for a blessing.*

Communion Anthem
Adult Choir

Alleluia
Randall Thompson

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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 in the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG # 376

Thine Is the Glory

(Face the cross as it is carried out.)

SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

*All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship
between services.*

Brass Ensemble:

Trumpet

Trombone

Alex Gittelman

John- Paul Jones

Harry Forlenza-Bailey

Michael Spearman

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Easter 2024

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