



**You were
redeemed...
with Christ's
precious blood.**

1 Peter 1:19-19

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” J. S. Bach

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

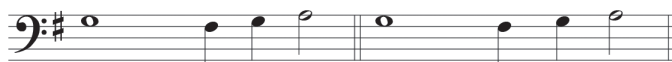


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

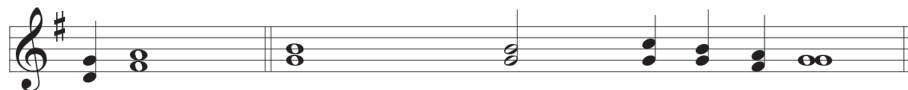


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 116:1–14

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice
of my | supplication,

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called
upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave
took | hold of me;**

I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

⁴**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.**

⁵The LORD watches | over the innocent;

I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.**

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

**⁸I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living.**

⁹I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.”
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”

**¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things he has | done for me?**

¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

**¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all his people.**

¹³Precious in the sight | of the LORD
is the death | of his servants.

**¹⁴O LORD, I | am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you
have freed me | from my bonds.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Day of Arising”

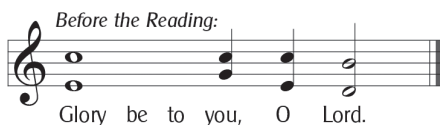
John Brock

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of St. Luke.



Gospel: Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of [Jesus’ followers] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

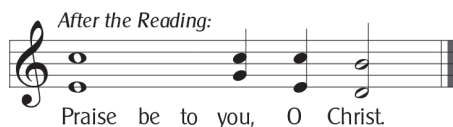
¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early

in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Chat

Sermon: “The Hope of the Mindless”

Hymn: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he

is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting 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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Festive Postlude on “Llanfair”

Mary McDonald

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

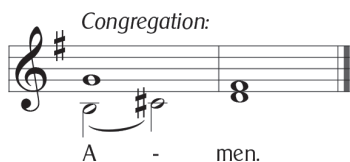
Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*We extend our love and sympathy to Rex Phelps and family
on the death of his mother, Barbara Evon Anthony Phelps,
who passed away Sunday, April 9, 2023.
Please keep the Phelps family in your prayers.*

Photos for the pictorial directory will be taken May 2–6.

There are still available times each day, but they are filling up quickly. Volunteers will be in the narthex after worship to schedule a time-slot for you. You will receive a free photo and will have the opportunity to purchase more if you wish. You will also receive a pictorial directory at no charge. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Sunday, April 23

- All youth music practice, 2pm
- Men's choir 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, April 24

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1-3pm
- Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 25

- No Adult Confirmation class this week
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, April 26

- Classical Conversations homeschool group, 8:30-3:30
- Choir practice, 6:30
- No Youth Confirmation this week

Thursday, April 27

- No morning or evening Bible Study this week
- Cruise 'N Volunteer meeting/event, fellowship hall, 7pm

Saturday, April 29

- St. Paul's 11th Annual Cruise 'N Barbeque, 10am-3pm

Sunday, April 30

- All youth music practice, 2pm
- Men's choir 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Youth Classroom Make-over Day

We have a fun opportunity for the middle school and high school youth to put their own stamp on their Sunday school room. We're updating the wall color, changing out the furniture, and adding comfortable seating. We will need help with painting, decorating, and putting together furniture.

When, Where, & How:

- May 6th, starting at 8:00 am
- Upstairs in the High School room
- Come for the whole day or drop in and give a hand when you have time.
- Snacks, lunch and treats will be provided!

Please contact Heather Canup (hcanup25@gmail.com or call 336-408-0500) if you have any questions.

Cruise 'N Barbeque volunteer assignments are posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and education building hallway. Should there be a conflict or problem with your location or shift, please see Tim Deal.

All volunteers are invited to attend our pre-event celebration on **Thursday evening, April 27th at 7:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served, T-shirts distributed, and plans for Saturday will be reviewed.

We have rallied from 15 raffle baskets to 24 confirmed baskets and know others are thinking about one. Some that have been added are a Bob Timberlake framed print, a bird house, a fire pit and solar lights, a Salisbury basket, My Favorite Kitchen basket, and My Pretty Table basket. **All baskets need to be at the church by Thursday, April 27th.**

Check with Susan Bernhardt or Terri Powlas if you want to do a basket or donate some items for one. Thanks so much for all your help in this project.

Terri: tbpowlas@gmail.com, 704-637-684

Susan: srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155

Blood Drive—May 8th, 2023

Thanks to all who supported the February blood drive at our church. The second of our four yearly blood drives is Monday, **May 8th, in the fellowship hall from 1:30pm – 6:00pm**. Everyone knows someone who has received a transfusion, whether it is a family member or just an acquaintance.

The goal at our church for each drive is 35 units which our church has averaged over the past five years. To achieve that goal, 40+ donors need to be available since a deferred rate of 15-20% occurs because of low hemoglobin, medications, and/or certain health issues.

If you have donated in the past two years, you will receive a scheduled appointment (that can easily be changed) in the near future. If you would like to be a new donor, please contact Alice Davis (704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com).

Recent prayer needs:

- Glen Amos – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Helen Gordon – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Nancy Menius – Recovering from surgery
- Franda Raymer – Recovering from surgery
- George Reese – Health concerns; upcoming surgery
- Linda Shirley – Health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Recovering from surgery

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (4/16)	\$10,234
Other Offering (4/16)	\$3,729
Children’s Mission Offering 2nd quarter to date	\$379.50
Worship Attendance (4/16)	169
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (4/16).....	\$133,154
General Fund YTD Budget as of (4/16).....	\$152,534

**YOU SHALL NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY.**

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— Exodus 20:14 —



The church email address is changing to
secretary@stpaulslutheran.church.
The former email address, splchurch@att.net, is going away.
Emails sent to that address will not be seen.

The Enduring Gospel

Find the 34 **bold** words from 1 Peter 1:18–21, 22–25.

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S D G O S P E L D R O L Z S F

...knowing that you were **redeemed**—not with corruptible things, with silver or gold—from your **empty ways** handed down from your fathers, but with the **precious blood of Christ**, like a **lamb without blemish** or **spot**. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was **revealed** in the **end times** for your sake, who through him are **believers** in God who **raised** him from the **dead**, and gave him **glory**, so that your **faith** and **hope** might be in God...having been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the **living** and **abiding** word of God. For, **all flesh** is as **grass**, and all its glory is like the flower of grass. The grass **withers**, and the **flower falls**, but the **word** of the **Lord endures forever**. And this word is the **gospel** that was preached to you.

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Easter 3A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

4. How God judges
7. He made Jesus Lord and Christ.
8. He drew near the two men on the road.
14. The Lord inclines this to us.
15. What burned when Jesus opened the Scriptures?
17. We are to be holy because God is...
19. The Lord preserves them.
20. Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of this.
22. Christ's blood is...
23. Luke 24:26 says it was necessary for Christ to...
24. You were ransomed with this.

DOWN

1. We will walk before the Lord in this land.
2. The promise of salvation through Christ is for you and your...
3. He is promised to the baptized.
5. Besides being baptized, Peter told the people to...
6. All people are...
9. The road they were on
10. Lift this cup.
11. After Jesus gave them bread, he...
12. He raised his voice and preached.
13. When people repent and are baptized they received this.
16. It withers.
18. The Lord God is gracious, righteous, and...
21. It remains forever.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10