



Praise him!

Psalm 148:3

Second Sunday after Easter
April 7, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “This Joyful Eastertide”

Handbell Choir

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.**

Hymn: “A Thousand Hallelujahs”

Verse 1

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps, creation longs to have the words to sing,
But this joy is mine.

Chorus

With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify your Name.
You alone deserve the glory,
The honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours:
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more.

Verse 2

Who else would die for our redemption,
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all you've done,
But I have eternity to try.

Bridge

Praise to the Lord...
To the Lamb...
To the King of heaven, praise.
For he rose.
Now he reigns.
We will sing forever...

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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.

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise him | in the heights.

²**Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;**
praise him, | all his host.

³Praise him, | sun and moon;
praise him, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they | were created.

⁶**He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;**
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**Fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;

⁹Mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**Wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | winged birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**Young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is
over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up strength for his people and
praise for all his | loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are
near him. | Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Easter Triumph”

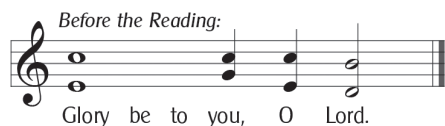
Handbell Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of John.



Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

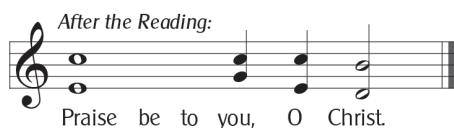
²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

We profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "That Which Gives Peace"

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

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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

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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If you need a gluten-free wafer, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

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

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**

Nunc Dimittus

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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

Benedicamus

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The musical notation for the Benedicamus consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Leader and Congregation. The Leader's part is a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part is a half note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The second staff is also for the Leader and Congregation. The Leader's part is a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part is a half note (G4) followed by a whole rest.

Leader: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Bless the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fanfare on 'The Strife is O'er'"

Phil Lehenbauer

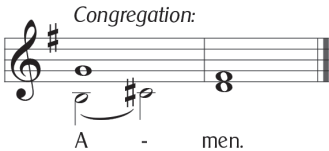
We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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.



Recent Prayer Needs

- Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Linda Beaver – Hospice care
- Perry Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Ray Kubitz – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Becky Lyerly – Hospice care
- Mike Morris – health concerns
- Barbara Whisnant – health concerns

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

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/31)	\$8,567
Other Offering (3/31)	\$1,444
Sunday School Attendance (3/31)	24
Easter Sunrise Attendance	125
Worship Attendance (3/31)	210

Children’s missions change collections: Last Sunday: \$164

First quarter total to go to the Department of Lutheran Studies
at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary: \$1,929.50.

This quarters’ offering goes to St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available in the narthex and on the church website—<https://stpaulslutheran.church/scholarships>.

The deadline to turn in applications is May 1st.

Sunday, April 7

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Staff Support Committee, 3pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Lutheran Women's quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 8

- Afterschool program, Faith Academy, 1-3pm
- Finance Committee, 6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Outreach Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 9

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, April 10

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30–3:30
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Sunday, April 14

- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Rally for Raffles

We have rallied from zero baskets all the way to 21 confirmed baskets, and know others are thinking about one. Just to name a few of the confirmed baskets—a Bob Timberlake framed print, a Cheerwine bench, a garden wheelbarrow, a garden cart, Hot Wheels, a 4th of July basket, a restaurant gift card basket, a Blackstone griddle, a Scentsy basket, an ice cream bucket, an outdoor wind turbine, a coffee basket, a baseball basket, and a NASCAR basket. **All baskets/basket items need to be in the church Fellowship Hall by Thursday, April 25th.**

Check with Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155) or Terri Powlas (**new email**—powlastb@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) if you want to do a basket or donate some items for a basket. Some ideas that have been done in the past, but have not been spoken for this year are a fire pit, a cooler, or a gas grill.

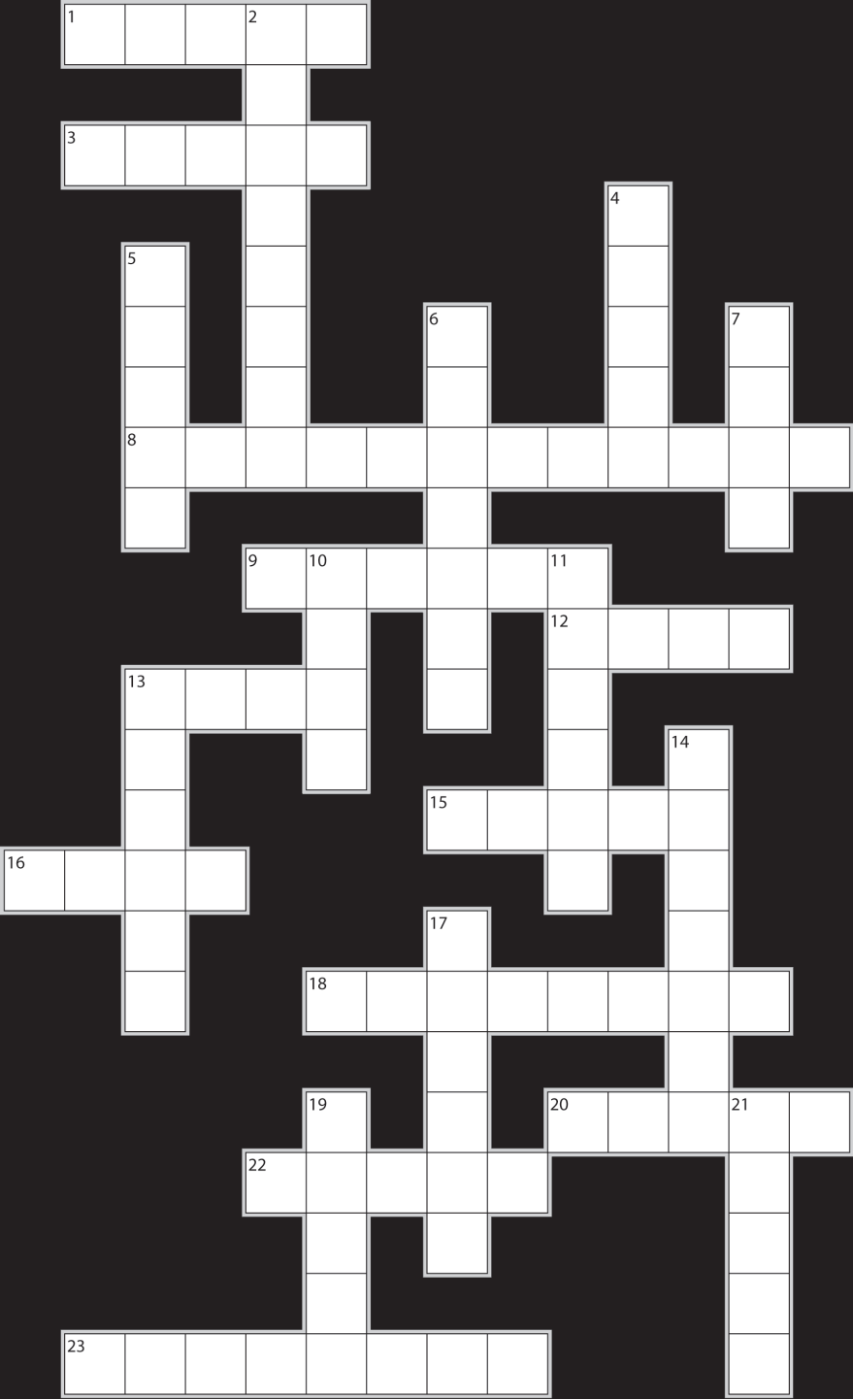
Like & Share – St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue!

The Cruise 'n Barbecue Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue) will be updated regularly as the day of the Cruise 'n Barbecue approaches. You can help spread the word and generate excitement by sharing the posts to your page, and with all your Facebook friends. Social media has become a very effective way to promote the event.

In addition to event information and updates, let your Facebook friends know that trivia questions posted and answered leading up to **April 27th**, will be used to award door prizes throughout the day. Printed flyers are available in the narthex. Help yourself to them to pass along to others, or distribute at other car shows and cruise-ins.

Cruise 'n Assignments

Volunteer assignments for St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue are posted in the narthex, and on the bulletin board in the hallway of the education building. Please review your assignment and time. If there is a need for a change, contact Tim Deal (704-239-1172.) Thank you in advance for making this great day possible.



Second Sunday of Easter

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

1. These people were not among those who believed.
3. Praise him, all you shining...
8. The apostles' preaching or testimony pointed to this.
9. Our fellowship is with the Father and his...
12. He has raised this up for his people.
13. They were of one heart and...
15. When Jesus appeared to the disciples he said...
16. If we say we have not sinned, this is not in us.
18. They were preaching with great power.
20. Praise the Lord all his...
22. Thomas said he would never believe Jesus was alive unless he had this.
23. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have...

DOWN

2. In God there is none of this at all.
4. When Jesus appeared to the disciples it was this day of the week.
5. The apostles proclaimed that which they had seen and...
6. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to...
7. Praise him, sun and...
10. Jesus said receive this Spirit.
11. He exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"
13. Fire, hail, snow, mist, and this kind of wind fulfill God's word.
14. Praise him, highest...
17. The early church in Jerusalem had everything in...
19. It was upon them all greatly.
21. If we say we do not sin, this is not in us.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49