



Fourth Sunday after Easter
April 21, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC

Website: StPaulsLutheran.Church

Acolyte: Elin Wells • Crucifer: Zoe Wells
Cantor: Andrew Baker • Lector: Julie Jaramillo
Communion Assistants: Gina Barringer,
Grace Funderburk, Terri Powlas

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Partita on ‘Crimond’”

Gordon Young

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: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

16

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

74

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

75

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

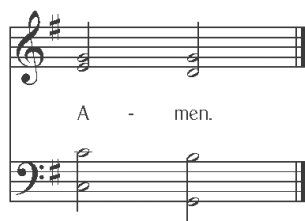
77



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

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all who are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith, and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.



A - men.

First Lesson: Acts 4:1-12

¹As [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me.**

**⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.**

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.

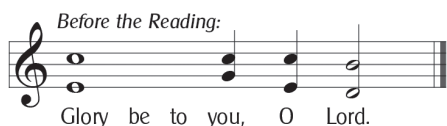


Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

78



The Holy Gospel is written in the 10th chapter of John.

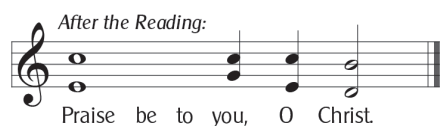


Gospel: John 10:11-18

¹¹[Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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 of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Soul Restorer"

Hymn: "Psalm 23"

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus

And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone.
For your endless mercy follows me.
Your goodness will lead me home.

Descant

I will trust, I will trust in you.
I will trust, I will trust in you.
Endless mercy follows me;
Goodness will lead me home.

Verse 2

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil.
And my cup, it overflows with joy;
I feast on his pure delights.

Verse 3

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one.
For you are with me,
And your rod and staff,
Are the comfort I need to know.

CCLI Song # 1585970; Stuart Townend

© 1996 Getty Music Hymns and Songs; Thankyou Music

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 11395633

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

85

Preface and Sanctus

86-88

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

90

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

91

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

92

If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, 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

92

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

93

Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Thine Is the Glory”

Anna Laura Page

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.



*We extend our love and sympathy to Misty Brady and family
on the death of Misty’s mother, Patricia Ann Darby.*

*Mrs. Darby, who lived in Gastonia, died Thursday, April 11, 2024.
Please keep Misty and her family in your prayers.*

Recent Prayer Needs

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

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

Scholarship Applications

If you will be attending college next fall, be sure to get your scholarship application completed and turned in **no later than May 1st**. Applications are in the narthex and on our website.

Ladies' Banquet

A Ladies' Banquet will be held on **Saturday, May 4th, at Noon**, in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available after service today (21st) and next Sunday (28th) only. **No tickets will be available at the door.** Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 5-11, and free for children aged 4 and under.

Cruise 'n Barbecue Reminders

Please check your volunteer assignments posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone for making this special day possible.

The Cruise 'n Barbecue **volunteer's meeting** and pre-event celebration is this **Thursday, at 7:00**, in the fellowship hall. While you enjoy refreshments, we will recap plans for Saturday and answer any questions you may have to make this the best ever. **T-shirts will be distributed Thursday.** If you wish to make an optional contribution to cover the cost of your shirt, our cost this year is \$13.

If you want to make a **monetary contribution**, use a blue envelope and mark it "**bbq drinks**." This is the most efficient way for us to purchase what we need with minimum handling. Alternatively, donations of bottled water or canned drinks may be left on the stage in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Sharing the **daily post of the Cruise 'n Barbecue Facebook** page is a very effective way to help get the word out about our event.

Raffle baskets for the Cruise 'n need to be in the Fellowship Hall by **this Thursday, April 25th**. St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue is known for its outstanding raffle prizes. It appears that this year we may have a record number. Thank you to everyone who has provided a raffle basket or contributed to one.

Sunday, April 21

- Call Committee meeting, counting room, 9am
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2:00pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- The Bell Choir will not practice during May, June, or July.
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 22

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1-3pm
- Lutheran Men’s meeting, 6:30pm
- May newsletter articles are due by the end of this week.

Tuesday, April 23

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 27

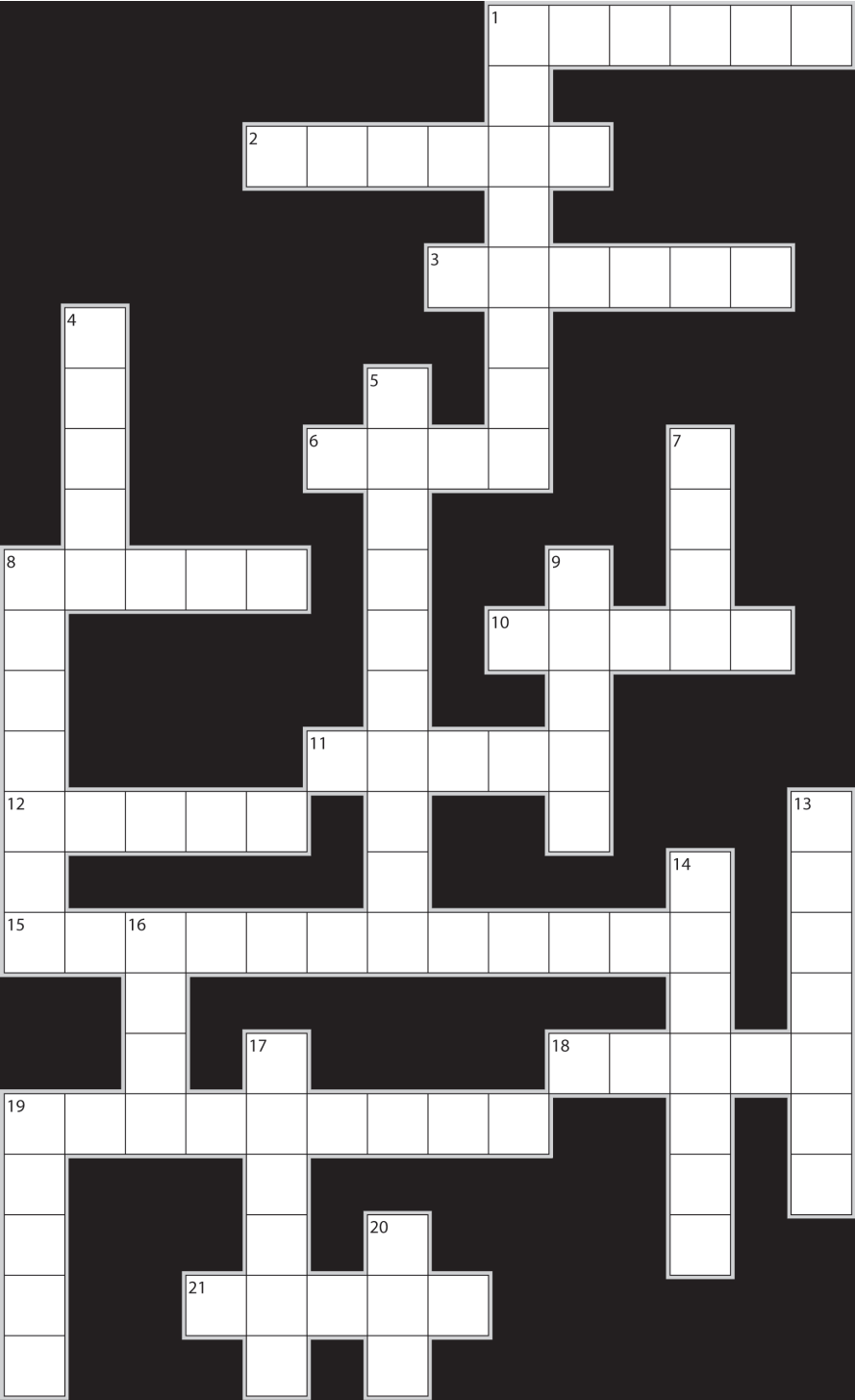
- Cruise ‘n Barbecue, 9am–3pm

Sunday, April 28

- Men’s Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

General Fund Offering (4/14)	\$9,500
Other Offering (4/14).....	\$1,306
Sunday School Attendance (4/14)	69
Worship Attendance (4/14).....	177

This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.
Last Sunday: \$120 Total so far: \$253.50



Fourth 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. Peter answered the rulers, elders, scribes, and priests after being filled with the...
2. By the Spirit, we know that God does this in us.
3. He is the good shepherd.
6. Jesus has other sheep that are not of this...
8. Though many folds, there will be one...
10. The Lord makes me lie down in these pastures.
11. God is greater than this.
12. The sheep listen to Jesus'...
15. The Sadducees arrested Peter and John because they were teaching this doctrine.
18. Jesus was this element that was rejected by the Jews.
19. This is not found in any other name than Jesus.
21. The Sadducees were upset with Peter and John because they were proclaiming him.

DOWN

1. The Lord is my...
4. The Lord leads me beside these waters.
5. We have this before God.
7. We know love because Jesus laid down his...
8. How long God's people will dwell in the house of the Lord
9. Let us love in deed and...
13. This is God's commandment.
14. When the Sadducees came upon Peter and John, they were...
16. The Lord restores my...
17. He knows Jesus.
19. Jesus laid down his life for them.
20. It overflows.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

OUR MISSION

A family of faith sharing the gospel and love of Christ

Phone: 704-633-0922

Email: secretary@stpaulslutheran.church

Website: StPaulsLutheran.Church

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman, Pastor
pastor@stpaulslutheran.church

Pamela Cottingham, Secretary
secretary@stpaulslutheran.church

Perry Bernhardt, Council President
perryhbernhardt@gmail.com

John Brock, Music Director
splcmusicsalisbury@gmail.com

Johnsie Taylor, Organist
jtaylor783@aol.com

Judy Lowman, Treasurer
splcjwl63@gmail.com

Alison Moore, Girl Scout Coordinator, 704-467-9191

Next weeks lessons: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8