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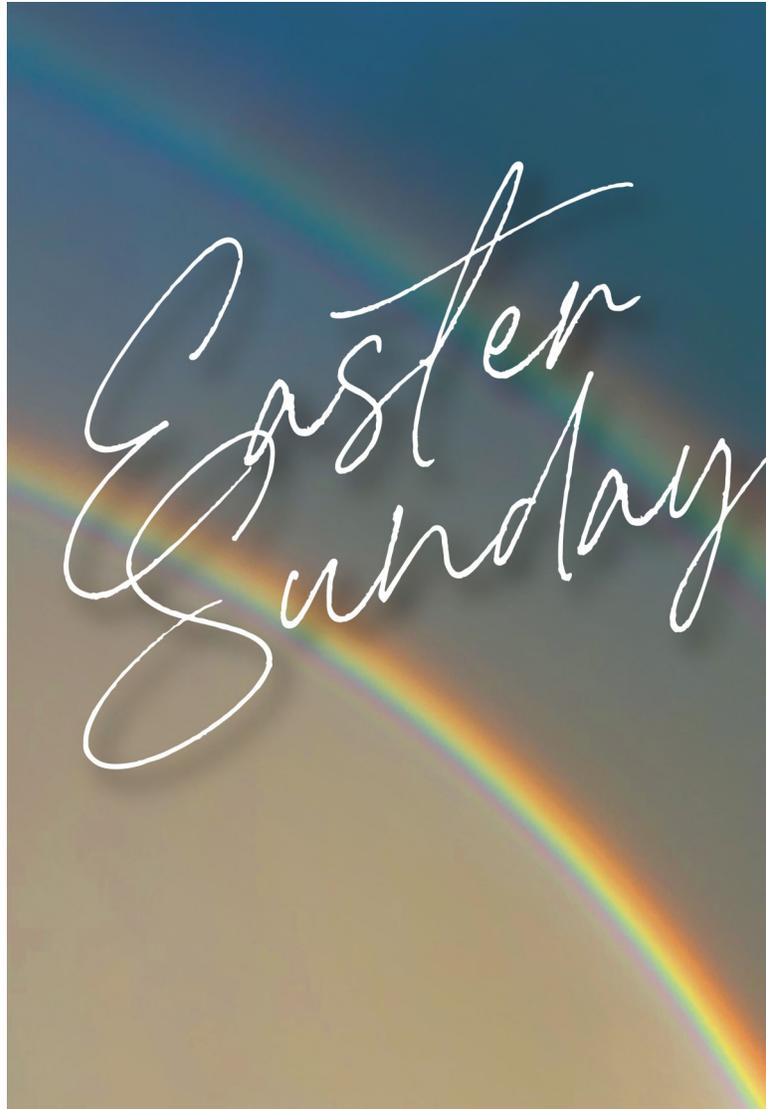
The Rev. Candis O'Meara, Pastor

Organist: Sherise Davis

April 4, 2021

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Sunday



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## Welcome!

- + Welcome to our worship service.
- + All are welcome at the table of grace. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine. Those at home are invited to use whatever bread or crackers and wine or juice you have on hand. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share whatever elements we have available.
- + Both services will be on Facebook live and audio streamed on our webpage, [www.stpaullg.org](http://www.stpaullg.org). They will also be posted on our Facebook page. You may also listen to last week's service on KBUK 104.9 FM on Sundays at 10 am.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

*Please stand if able*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GREETING

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** We Welcome Glad Easter by *Susan Naus Dengler*

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

*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.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

#### GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>1</sup>When 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]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.**

*Sit*

#### SERMON

*Please stand if able*

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" vs. 1, 4



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially those still suffering from COVID, for all on our prayer chain list, and for those we name now in the silence of our hearts. {Pause} Assure them of your promises. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly, gathered both online and in person, with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**OFFERING** *(Please drop your offering in the black lock box on a table in the Narthex as you exit. Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul, PO Box 567, La Grange, Texas, 78945; brought to the church office, 427 S Washington St.; You may donate online by going to our home page ([www.stpaulg.org](http://www.stpaulg.org)) and clicking "Donate Now." You will be directed to MyEofferings where you can register to give online, you choose the frequency of giving - you may make a one time offering or schedule when you prefer. Thank you for supporting St. Paul!)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## 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.**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

For safety reasons, we will stay in our pews for communion. You should have received a prepackaged communion kit before entering the Sanctuary. If you did not, ask one of the ushers for a kit. Pastor will give verbal instructions to lead us in Holy Communion.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

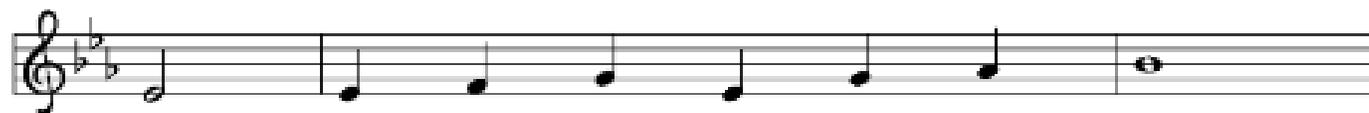
Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" vs. 1, 4



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## 2021 Easter Lilies

given to the glory of God

- ~ In loving memory of Eroy and Ora Lee Roscher and Elton and Ruby Jochen  
by Wayne, Linda, Justin and Katie Anders
- ~ In loving memory of Franklin Brandt by Elaine and family
- ~ In loving memory of Louis and Paula Janssen, Adam and Dolores DeDear, and  
Richard L. Sumner by Bill and Fran Carroll and Sharlot Sumner
- ~ In loving memory of Ruddle Drab by Dorothy, Larry and Michelle, Gary and Lisa, and  
families
- ~ In loving memory of Fred Eilert by his family
- ~ In loving memory of Bonnie Freudenberg by Gilbert and family
- ~ In loving memory of Frank and Nora Friemel and Arthur and Nollie Friemel by Anita Craft,  
Hertha Kruse, Russ and Debbie Friemel, Ardie and Jerry Holsinger,  
and Mannie Fritsch-Schmid
- ~ In loving memory of Sanford Schmid by Mannie Fritsch-Schmid
- ~ In loving memory of Glenton and Bernice Gaertner, Reginald and Alice Hackemack and  
Ralph Hackemack and in honor of John, Julie, Cody, Michael, Lane, Maddie, and Levi  
by Marjorie Hackemack
- ~ In loving memory of Albert & Pearlle Tumis by David, Peggy, Beth, Matt, Brooks & Grayson
- ~ In loving memory of E.W. and Beatrice Meiners and Arnold and Edna Keilers by their  
children
- ~ In honor of Dawn, Sal, Sophia, and Julian Mirran by their parents/grandparents
- ~ In loving memory of Charles Koether, Glenn "Toby" and Dorothy Koether by their family
- ~ In loving memory of Marian Busch, Milton and Margaret Cox, Callie Cox Morgan,  
John Ed Morgan, and Paul Blanchard by Clay, Susie, Caitlin, Abby and Cole Morgan
- ~ In loving memory of Joe Muesse and Walter and Martha Ehler by Ginger Muesse
- ~ In loving memory of Harry Namken by Kathie & Gary Nitsche
- ~ In loving memory of Glen A. Prause and Tommy Prause by Velrie Prause and family
- ~ In honor of Jackson, Carson and Madison Rau by Charles and Faye Rau
- ~ In loving memory of Shank Warnken by Lucille and family
- ~ In loving memory of Elton and Cecilia Oppermann and Paul and Albina Weber  
by Henry and Gladys Weber
- ~ In loving memory of Paul and Scott Wolff by Iva and family



He is *Risen*  
*Hallelujah!*

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 AM Easter Worship  
11:00 AM Easter Worship  
**MONDAY** OFFICE CLOSED  
8:30 AM AMEN  
7:00 pm Friends in Faith Zoom Meeting  
**TUESDAY:** 8:00 AM LWR Quilters  
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study  
**SATURDAY:** 5:00 PM Worship  
**SUNDAY:** 9:00 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Gerald & JoLene Hughes, **Altar Guild;** (9 a.m.) Cindy Hengst, Dianne Lude, Scott & Kathy Toensing, **Ushers;** (11 a.m.) David & Patty Ehler, Frank & Sandra Teykl, **Ushers**

**AMEN:** On the second Sunday of the month, we emphasize AMEN donations! So far this year, St. Paul (with the help of the Boy Scouts) has collected 517 pounds of food!

Please bring your food donations to the cart in the Narthex, or the green baskets on the office porch or under the drive through on Walnut Street.

Monetary donations to the AMEN Food Pantry are always welcome (mark your envelope AMEN).

**2021 AMEN WORK SCHEDULE:** Mondays 8:30-10:30 a.m. April 5, May 17

AMEN has changed their hours this year. We really need volunteers, so if you can help, please let Mannie know!

We thank everyone who volunteered in the past and welcome new volunteers!

St. Paul Coordinator: *Mannie Fritsch Schmid*

**2021 SECOND CHANCE WORK SCHEDULE:** April 13-19; May 25-28; July 6-12; August 17-23; September 28-October 4; November 9-15

Second Chance hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & Mondays, 8 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday are spent receiving, pricing and putting items out to sell; Fridays and Saturdays are the days the store is open to the public; and Monday mornings are for straightening up the store for the next volunteers.

Thank you to all volunteers and we always welcome new volunteers!

St. Paul Coordinators: *Carolyn Buchanek, Patty Ehler, JoLene Hughes, Linda Morrison, Ginger Muesse and Gloria Raschke*

**"LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS - HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!"**

We are tacking (tying) quilts Tuesday, April 6, and April 20. We begin at 8 a.m. and continue till noon in the Fellowship Hall. We provide On-The-Job Training - No experience necessary!! We pin hems in the quilt, some sew hems in with the machines, some tie knots in the quilts, some can iron fabric for cutting into squares, and most importantly we all enjoy good fellowship and conversation. This is the 'Tacky Tuesday' Group!!!