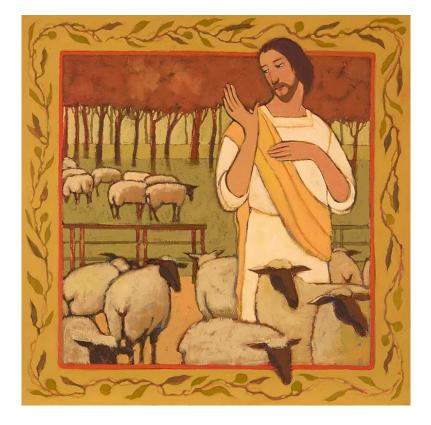
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 11, 2025

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave 9:00am | Choir Practice 9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, and Adult Forum 10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online 11:30am | Coffee Hour

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Geneva Carter and Kelli Oliver, *Altar Guild* Simon D.S. and Lucas S., *Acolytes* Marie Brietenbach, *Lector* Piercen Oliver, *Deacon* Jeff Pearson, *Cantor* Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers* Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast* Peter and Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

Altar flowers are given by Kim Fechtel in honor of Zaiden Lee Badhey's baptism.

Cover Art: "Other Sheep" by Kathleen Peterson

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \boxtimes , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from 'Messiah' HWV 56

G. F. Handel (1685-1759) Erika Vogel, soprano

* GATHERING HYMN



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker

Holy Baptism

May 11, 2025

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES THE BAPTISM OF

Zaiden Lee Badhey

born November 13, 2024

Parents: Marika Osterbur Badhey and Arvind Badhey *Godparents:* Faiz Bayo-Awoyemi and Shaleen Chikayayil

Children are invited to come forward.

PRESENTATION

Candidate for baptism, parents and sponsors gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presenter: We present Zaiden Lee Badhey for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Zaiden baptized into Christ? *Parents: We do.*

As you bring Zaiden to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Zaiden grow in the Christian faith and life? *Parents: We do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Zaiden in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Zaiden and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

All stand as able.

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

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 into hell. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Zaiden with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Zaiden, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Acts 9:36-43

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Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not ' be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures

and leads me be- | side still waters.

You restore my | soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

Though 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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence 1 of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ' of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ' Lord forever.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4–9

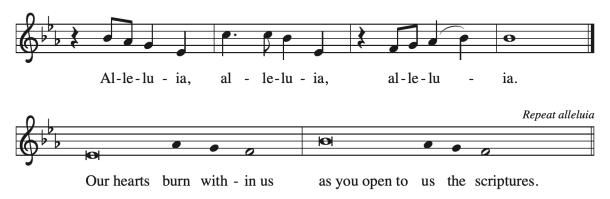
Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

A time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Goodbye (part one)"

Pastor Ross Goodman

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in communities near and far, especially in Myanmar, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, and Susan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us in transition, guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. As the search for a new pastor continues, bless the transition team and all who have taken on extra responsibilities and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, especially Matthias, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

* PEACE (*Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch*) The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

ANTHEM

"With this Water"

Fred Gramman (b. 1950)

With this water begins the journey; with this water, forever claimed.

With this water the Lord now leads you.

With this water, forever changed.

With this water begins the journey; with this water, forever claimed.

With this water the Lord now leads you.

With this water, forever changed.

With these vows your loved ones name you.

With these vows your family grows.

With these vows this congregation, now surrounds you, God's love to show.

With this water we celebrate now.

With this water let us recall the baptism of our dear Savior, who laid down, His life for all.

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code:



* OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

* 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. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

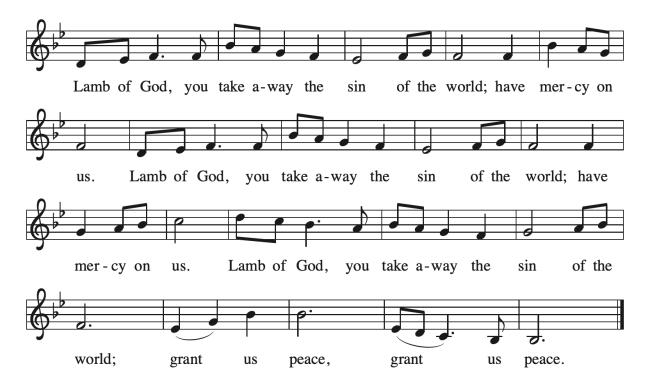
* LORD'S PRAYER

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

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



COMMUNION HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

ELW 361



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

* TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

* SENDING HYMN





Music: Doris Akers

Irregular

* DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Three Versets on 'O filii et filiae' (O sons and daughters, let us sing!) P. A. Vidal (1863-1931)



SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING | May 11, 11:30

At the April 14 meeting the church council voted to call a congregational meeting on Sunday May 11 immediately after the 1030am service.

The sole purpose will be to remove from the constitution we adopted at our last annual meeting: "except that if there are less than 300 voting members a quorum shall be the lesser of thirty and thirty percent (30%) of the voting members" from section 10.4. Section 10.4 will then read "Ten percent (10%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum."

The New England Synod Council has to approve new congregational constitutions and their representative alerted us to the fact that we could not add this language to section 10.4 as required by the ELCA.

It is hoped that this congregational meeting may be the briefest in our 103-year history.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN EASTER

May 4 was the last Sunday with an 8:15 am service. May 11: Holy Baptism, one service at 10:30am May 18: Farewell and Godspeed, one service at 10:30am May 25: Summer Worship begins with one service at 9:30am

ADULT FORUM | Sundays at 9:30

May 11: Remembering with Pastor Goodman

PASTOR ROSS GOODMAN RETIREMENT CELEBRATION CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Party Planning Committee is planning a big party on May 17th and could use some help in a variety of ways. There are lots of options from setting up tables and chairs, managing the food and drink tables, to bringing your favorite dessert. Please use the link <u>here</u> to get to the SignUp Genius, which can also be found in the Weekley Newsletter (sign up through our website), or by emailing Jennifer White at parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.

ST. PAUL SUMMER RETREAT WEEKEND AT CAMP CALUMET | August 22-24

Calumet Retreat! St. Paul Calumet Retreat. Weekend of August 22-24. This is an annual tradition to relax, reflect, and reconnect with each other in the beautiful environment of Camp Calumet on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. All are welcome to join us for this weekend! Register using this form: <u>https://rb.gy/mi7doh</u>

MAY MESSAGE FROM ARLINGTON EATS

Happy Spring Everyone! This month we are collecting the following items for Arlington Eats: **Coffee (all kinds!), Tea (all kinds) Condiments (all kinds) Dish soap, Salad Dressing, Jam/Jelly.** Some are repeats from last month but these are very popular items that are hard to keep in stock so we are asking again.

SUMMER FAITH FORMTION OPPORTUNITY | Vacation Bible School with First Waltham

Children ages 3 years old - 5th grade are invited to join First Lutheran in Waltham's weeklong Vacation Bible School program from July 7-11, 2025. This year's theme is "Road Trip." For more information, check out the registration form (see QR code). If you have questions, please talk to Vicar Sam.





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