

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 18, 2025

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00am | Choir Practice  
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:

Marie Breitenach and Jennifer Parker, *Altar Guild*  
Brick C. and Owen C., *Acolytes*  
Josh Davis, *Lector*  
Piercen Oliver, *Deacon*  
Jeff Pearson, *Cantor*  
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*  
Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*  
Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*



*Altar flowers are given in honor of Pastor Ross Goodman and in thanks for his 29 years as the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church by Lisa Kunze and Jeff Schafer.*

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*When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

*At the ☒, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.*

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Where Her Leads Me/He Leadeth Me

Arranged by Brant Adams  
Tunes: Norris by John S. Norris and  
He Leadeth Me by William S. Bradbury

*Mark Olson, trumpet*

\* GATHERING HYMN

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

ELW 88o



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

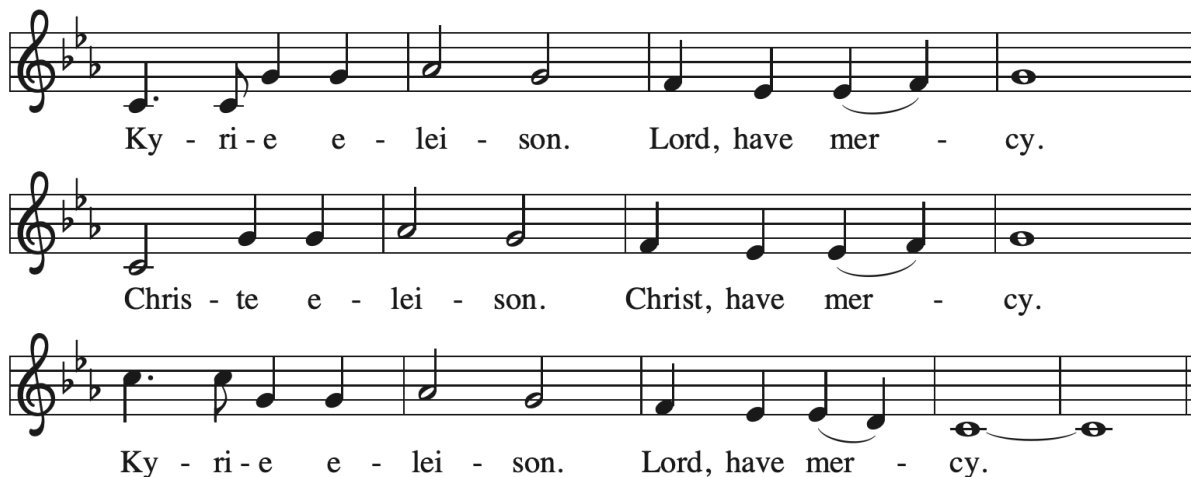
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

\* 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.**

\* KYRIE

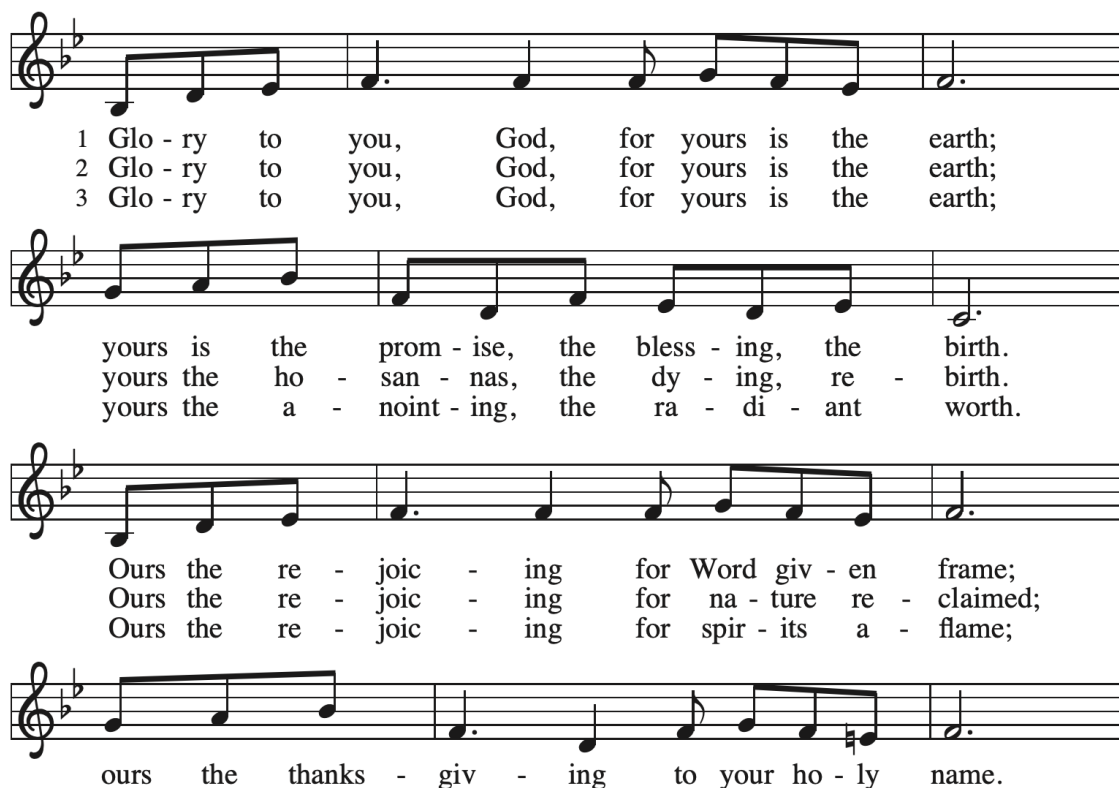


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

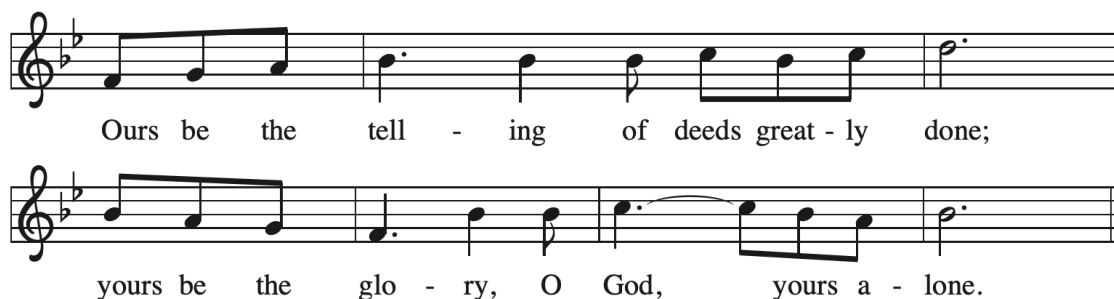


1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22—27

*God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.*

**T**he Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

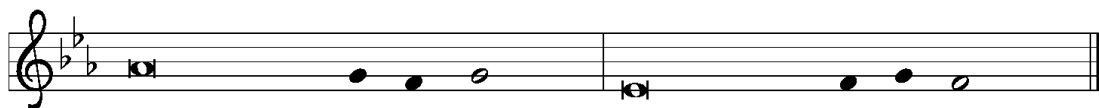
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup> were created,  
**who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.**

Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
**fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will;**

mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
**wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;**  
sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;  
**young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together.**

Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

**I**saw Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

\* GOSPEL

John 13:31—35

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Ross Goodman

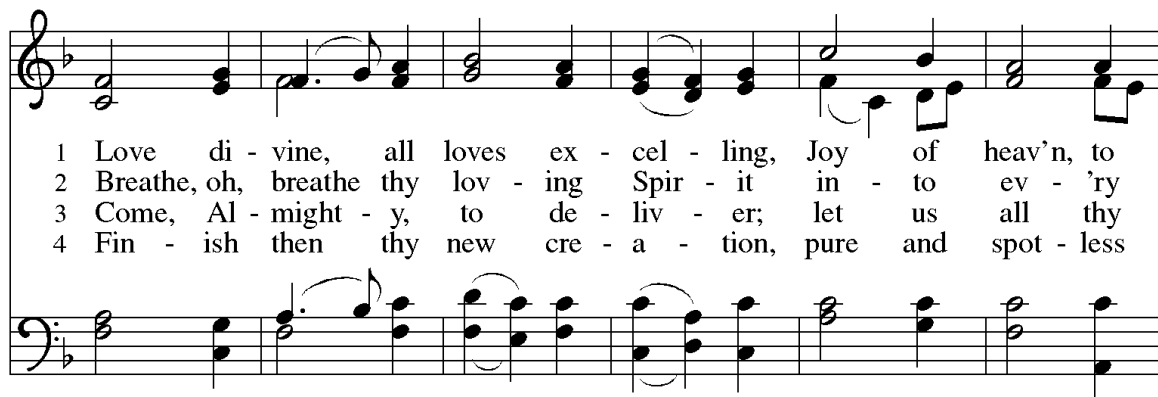
SERMON “Goodbye”

Pastor Ross Goodman

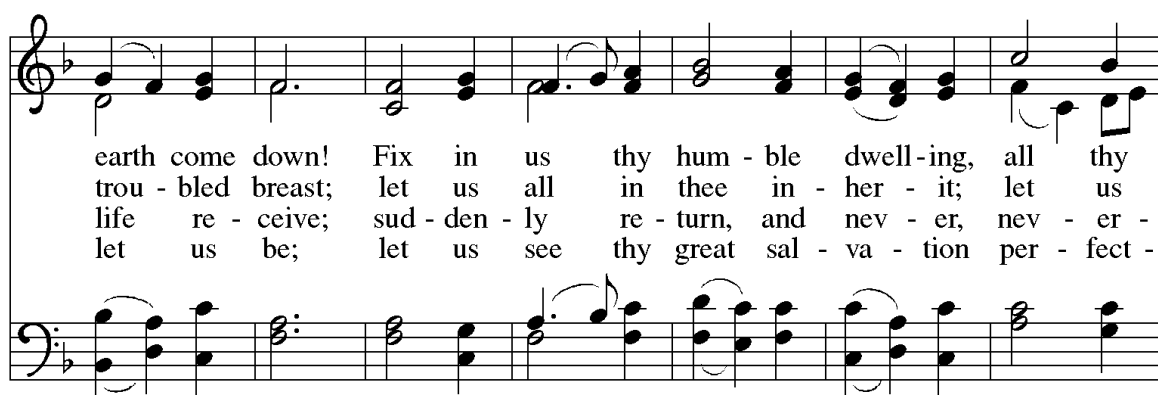
\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW 631



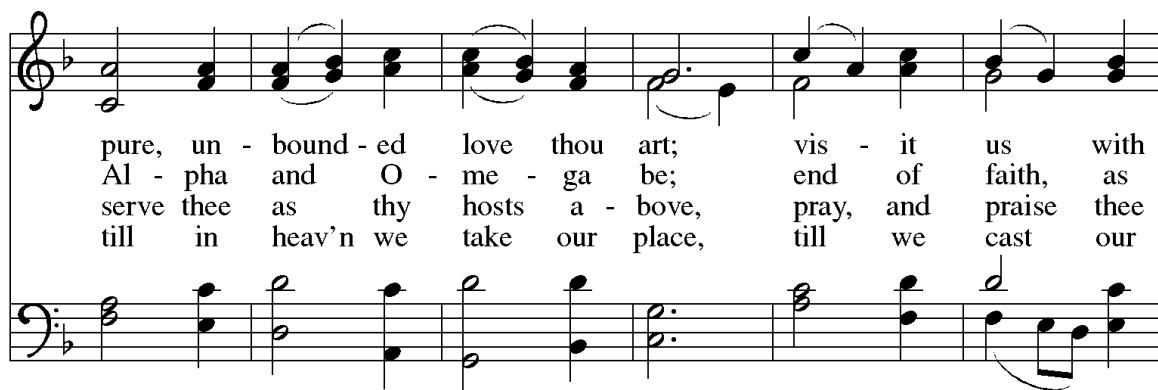
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

### \* 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.*

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, and Susan. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. 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.*

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love, especially Erik, King of Sweden, Helena, mother of Constantine, Nicolaus Copernicus. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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

"When the Saints Go Marching In"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

And when the revelation comes,  
And when the revelation comes,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the revelation comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,  
Oh, when the new world is revealed,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the new world is revealed.

And when the sun no more will shine,  
And when the sun no more will shine,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the sun no more will shine.

Oh, when they gather around the throne,  
Oh, when they gather around the throne,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When they gather around the throne.

And when the moon has turned to blood,  
And when the moon has turned to blood,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the moon has turned to blood.

Hallelujah, brothers, Hallelujah sisters!  
Hear the music go around and around.  
While the saints go marching up into glory,  
Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!

Hallelujah, brothers, Hallelujah sisters!  
Hear the music go around and around.  
While the saints go marching up into glory,  
Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!

And when they crown him King of Kings,  
And when they crown him King of Kings,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When they crown him King of Kings.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.*



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The final line of the hymn ends with a double bar line.

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

# COMMUNION HYMN

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.  
 Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the  
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,  
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your  
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us  
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and  
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we  
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,  
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 glimpse your face,  
 of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

“Healer Of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

ELW 492

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good - ness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love, we re - joice in your pres - ence.





1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;  
 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.  
 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.  
 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
 God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
 Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
 Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34  
 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

#### \* 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

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

ELW 545

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
 Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## A LITANY OF GODSPEED AND FAREWELL FOR A DEPARTING PASTOR

*A representative of the Council addresses the departing pastor:*

Today, Pastor Ross Goodman is retiring. Therefore, it is time to mark the ending of his ministry here at Saint Paul, a time to look back, and a time to look forward; a time for joy, and a time for sadness. It is a time to give thanks and praise to God for what Ross has given us in our life together.

On August 4, 1996 we called you to be our pastor; to proclaim God's word, to baptize new members into the church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebrations of the Lord's supper. With the gospel, you challenged us to follow Christ into the world. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community, and we thank you for your ministry among us.

*The pastor replies:*

It has been a privilege and blessing to be called as your pastor. I thank each of you and all of you for welcoming me into your lives and for the ways in which we have loved and served together. It has been a blessing to have spent these years with you.

After prayerful discernment it is time for me to retire.

*Congregational leader continues.*

Do you, the people of Saint Paul, with thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Ross Goodman among you, now release him from service as your pastor?

**Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor Ross, with thanks to God for the members of this community and for their ministry with you, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Saint Paul?

Pastor: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

I thank you, the people of Saint Paul, for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you. I am grateful for the ministry we have shared, and I ask your forgiveness for the mistakes that I have made. I carry with me all I have learned in this place.

**Congregation: We receive your thankfulness and we forgive you. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are held in God's mercy and love.

*Symbols of a Call to Word and Sacrament Ministry may be returned*

People of God, through your call, Pastor Ross has shared the responsibilities of ordained ministry in your midst. When he was installed, you presented him with symbols expressing that role among you. It is time for him to relinquish these symbols.

*Pastor returns the Baptismal shell to a member of the congregation.*

Congregation member: You were called here to baptize, teach, and to forgive sins.

Pastor: I now relinquish the sign of this office.

**Congregation: There is one Body and one Spirit, there is one hope in God's call to us. For your ministry among us we say: "Thanks be to God!"**

*Pastor returns the Bible to a member of the congregation.*

Congregation Member: You were called to proclaim the good news.

Pastor: I now relinquish the sign of this office.

**Congregation: The Word of the Lord is our sustaining strength. For your ministry among us we say: "Thanks be to God!"**

*Pastor will take the Chalice and return it to a member of the congregation.*

Congregation Member: You were called to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

Pastor: I now relinquish the sign of this office.

**Congregation: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God. For your ministry with us we say: "Thanks be to God!"**

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you, and made you a member of God's church. You were welcomed to Saint Paul and the mission we share as the people of God in this place. Here you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed this community through you. May you continue to be a blessing to others.

*Service continues with congregation blessing and laying on of hands*

On this day, Ross, in this place where you have poured yourself out, where you have been emptied and filled and emptied again, may you be aware more than ever of what your heart has opened to here, what it has tended and welcomed here, where it has broken in love and in grief, where it has given and received blessing in the unfathomable mystery that moves us, undoes us, and remakes us finally for joy.

This day may you know this joy in full measure. This day may you know this blessing that gathers you in and sends you forth but will not forget you.

O hear us as this day we say grace; this day we say grateful; this day we say blessing; this day we release you in God's keeping and hold you in gladness and love. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE     *This Sunday feel free to exit during the postlude*

Gospel Medley

Arranged by Brant Adams (1863-1931)  
Tunes: Assurance Phoebe P. Knapp,  
Showalter by Anthony J. Showalter  
O how I love Jesus, Trad. American melody  
and Heaven by Emily D. Wilson

*Mark Olson, trumpet*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and*  
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS  
*at* **SAINT PAUL**



**UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN EASTER**

May 18: Farewell and Godspeed, one service at 10:30am

**May 25: Summer Worship begins with one service at 9:30am**

**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: <https://rb.gy/mi7doh>

**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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