

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 14, 2024

“Peace  
BE WITH YOU!”

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**“Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve.”**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's abundant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast"

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 3:12 - 19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1 - 7

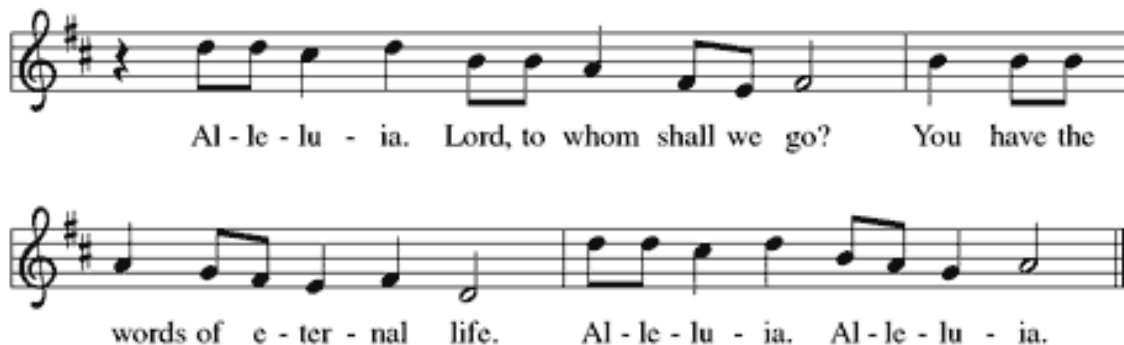
<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle- Zeller



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 24:36b - 48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

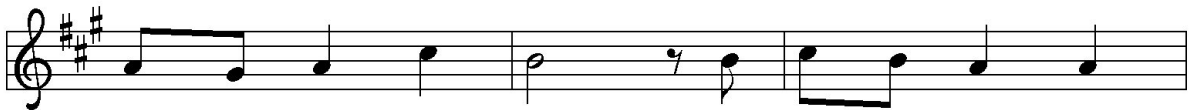
<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

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

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Apostle's Creed

**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 to the dead.  
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

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## 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

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

*please be seated*

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

## Communion Hymns

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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"As We Gather at Your Table"

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*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

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### Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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# The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

# "CHRIST IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA"



**Welcome:** The risen Christ appears among us — despite our locked hearts, our fears, our attempts to hide — and says, “Peace.” I invite you to welcome one another to worship with that same word of peace.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Rodger Luetjen, Eugene Oelrichs, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Jon Beckman, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Gene Beckman, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Gale Logan, Evelyn Brockman (mother of Pam Luetjen), Alexis Harrington, Liz Smart, Denny & Pam Karl (friends of Melisa Balke), Josephine Heimsoth, Peggy Bay, Sharon Shull, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Dorothy Brown (mother of Bob Brown), Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Sally Viebrock: E. W. Thompson Center

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will **not** meet on Monday, **April 15th**.

**Circle:** Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 15th** at 7:00pm at the home of Sharel Wienberg.



**Education Scholarship:** Annually, the Central States Women of the ELCA awards scholarships to female members of an ELCA congregation who are seeking post high school education. It is a one-year non renewable scholarship. Applications for the scholarship may be found at the ushers' stands. For any questions, see Janice. The date for submitting your application has been extended to Monday, **April 15, 2024**.

**LBPS:** Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **April 16th** and Wednesday, **April 17th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



**Planning:** The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 17th** at 3:30pm.

**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 18th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



**Newsletter:** The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 24th** at 3:00pm.

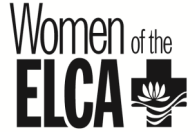
**Graduates:** We have students graduating from pre-school all the way through college. We are very proud of you and would like to share your achievements. If you are going to graduate soon, please call or email the church office.





**Ask The Pastor:** It's back! A few years ago, a group of members and friends would gather one evening a month at a local restaurant for "Ask the Pastor," an opportunity to have casual conversation about just about anything. Instead of a predetermined Bible Study, you brought the topic and the questions, which often ranged from dinosaurs to God's will and everything in between. Since there are now a couple of new places in town that serve dinner and have space in the evening we decided to bring back this kind of gathering. We'll start on Thursday, **April 25th**, at 6:00 pm, meeting at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café (105 E Main St.) Food and drinks will be available for purchase. If you can, let Pastor Stephen know if you think you might be there in order to plan for space and seating.

**WELCA:** Mid-MO Women of the ELCA Gathering will be held at **Our Savior's Lutheran in Jefferson City, on Saturday, April 27th** with registration beginning at 9:00 am. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. If wishing to share rides or for more information, please contact Janice Gerken.



The speaker for the afternoon is from the HALO program (found in both Jefferson City and Kansas City). The purpose of the program is to provide assistance to children who are homeless due to being abandoned, orphaned, and abused. HALO partners with shelter and other programs to help stretch their services.

An **in-kind offering** is being collected to assist their program. Items needed: paper towels, paper plates, Kleenex, napkins, toilet paper, and toddler-sized diapers. Donations from St. Paul's members would be appreciated. You may leave your donations in the Gathering Space; the items will be transported to Jefferson City on April 27. **Thank You!!**



**Casual Worship:** There will be NO Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **April 27th**.

~ \* ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ \* ~



**Italian Dinner:** The Cole Camp Community Betterment Association is hosting an Italian Dinner on Sunday, **April 21st**, at The German Table. There will be two seatings: noon and 5:30 p.m. The menu will include choice of chicken parmesan or salmon with dill sauce, also appetizer, salad, dessert, beverage and choice of wine or special cocktail. This will help raise funds to defray the matching cost for the Rock Island Trailhead and 1.7 miles of trail. There are limited number of tickets for each seating. \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Sam Cole at The German Table, Susan Kyle at Citizens Farmers Bank or Marge Lumpe at 660-221-1226.

**Fried Chicken Dinner:** The Cole Camp High School Class of 2027 is hosting a fried chicken dinner! Please join us on **April 21st** from 11:00am until 1:00pm in the school cafeteria to enjoy fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, and desserts and salads provided by the class. Tickets for adults and children over preschool age are \$10.00/each. Preschool or younger are FREE. You can purchase tickets from anyone in the Class of 2027 or at the door! We look forward to seeing you and serving you on April 21st! Thank you for your support.



**Ol' Time Breakfast:** The Seniors of North Benton County will have a fundraising breakfast on Saturday, **May 4th** from 6:30am until 9:00am. It will be held at the Senior Center and the funds raised will be used for the parking lot.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, April 14:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Monday, April 15:</b>	7:00pm	Esther Circle
<b>Tuesday, April 16:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
<b>Wednesday, April 17:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
	3:30pm	Worship & Music
<b>Thursday, April 18:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, April 20:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, April 21:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

April 25 ..... Ask the Pastor  
May 19 ..... LBPS Moving Up Ceremony

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen  
**Ushers** ..... Justin Tinney, Head Usher  
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



## Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Virgil & Diann Holsten  
**Reader** ..... Logan Jackson  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Tristan Fox & Kelsey Viebrock  
**Flowers** ..... Suzanne Lutjen



## Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024

**Assisting Minister** ..... Darin Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Jenna & Shelby Nash (Luther League)  
**Reader** ..... Tiffinay Nash  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Paul Fuelling  
**Acolytes** ..... Kaelyn Keith & Lane Smith  
**Flowers** ..... Janice Gerken