

SEASON OF EASTER



He is Risen

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:30 am

Welcome to worship this Lord's Day!

We are so glad that you are here this morning.

Kindly silence your cell phone.

We invite you to sit in the sanctuary in prayer and expectant hope – God is here!

******Restrooms are located through the double doors at the front-right of the sanctuary******

PRELUDE “*Andante in C Major*” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME

The assembly stands as able and faces the baptismal font.

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!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
 Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company.
 Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

APOSTOLIC 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

(ELW page 140)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is God’s Word

All creation listens.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

The Psalm will be read responsively, with the congregation reading the bold print, beginning with the Response:

Response: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!** **R**

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.** **R**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!** **R**

A READING FROM 1 PETER

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

This is God's Word
All creation listens.

The assembly stands as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Sung twice)

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 Hal - le - lu - jah.
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

The Good News of God from Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory is yours, O God.

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL ✠

✠ John 17:1-11 ✠

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Hear the Good News.

We praise your Name, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (Sung once)* (See page 8)

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

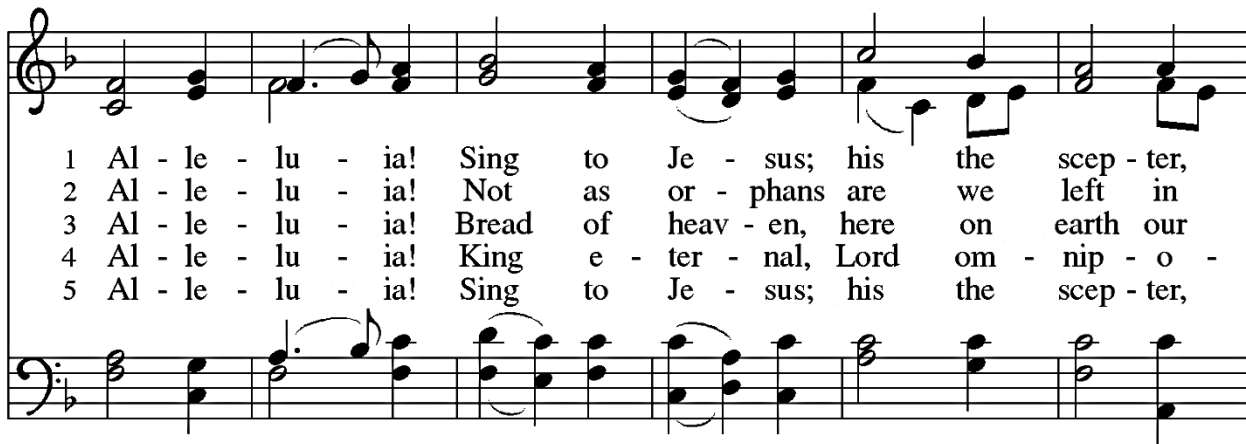
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

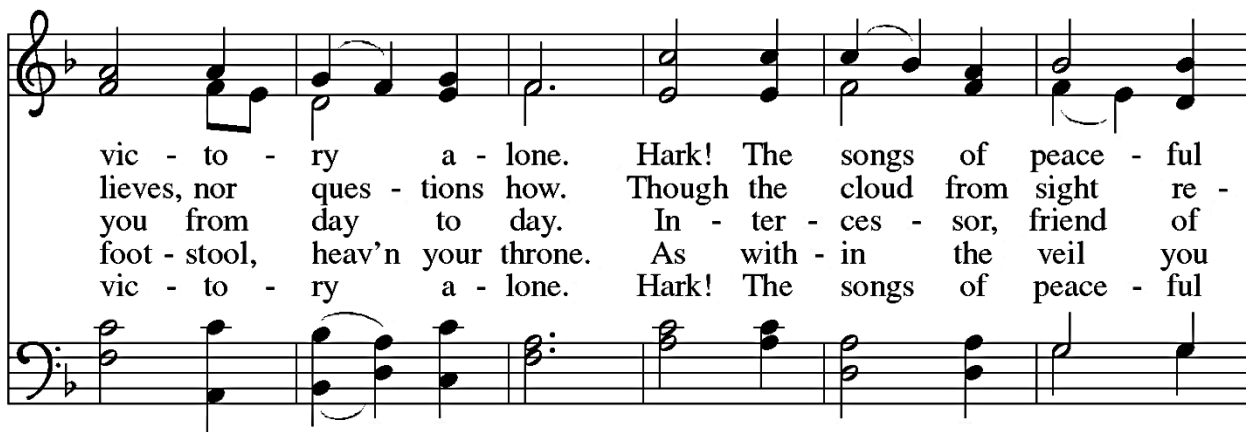
ELW 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,




his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

NICENE CREED

Living in the joy of the resurrection we confess our faith:

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.**

CREDO NICENO

Confesemos nuestra fe junto con los cristianos de todo el mundo, recitando el Credo Niceno.

**Creemos en un solo Dios,
Padre Todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra,
de todo lo visible y lo invisible.
Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado,
de la misma naturaleza del Padre;
por quien todo fue hecho.
Por nosotros y por nuestra salvación
bajó del cielo,
y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de la Virgen María
y se hizo verdaderamente hombre.
Por nuestra causa fue crucificado bajo el poder de Poncio
Pilato;
padeció y fue sepultado.
Al tercer día resucitó
según las Escrituras;
subió al cielo
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre.
De nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.
Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,*
que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma
adoración y gloria,
y que habló por los profetas.
Creemos en una sola Iglesia santa, católica y
apostólica.
Reconocemos un solo bautismo para el perdón de
los pecados.
Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you today, our baptisms renewed, boldly praying for the church, creation, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Awaken in us the excitement of the resurrection, and encourage us to seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. We pray for our bishops, pastor, deacons, mission developers, seminarians, new ministries, and lay leaders. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts and mountains, cities and countryside, with life giving rains. Grant us eyes to see new life springing forth among us. Teach us to protect animals and fish, bugs and birds. Remind us to be mindful of the slaughter of factory-farmed animals as we choose our food for our tables. We pray for all who work to keep creation safe. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Empower new life among nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation to places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and peace. We pray for all who live in fear in homelands that aren't safe. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring new hope and our hands and feet and hearts to help all who are in need, especially our neighbors experiencing food or housing insecurity. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially *(pause for insertion of names.)* We pray for all who suffer from racism, sexism, gender violence, homophobia, transphobia, antisemitism, AAPI hate, islamophobia, and for our indigenous siblings God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Embolden us to see your gracious invitation to all people to come to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. We pray for the ministries of this church: our food pantry, our lunch program, and all the ways we reach out to our neighbors. We pray for the continued safety of all who come seeking food, support, and community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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

Assembly: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BIRTHDAY LITURGY

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. *(Psalm 139:13)*

God says: ...You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. *(Jeremiah 1:5)*

Today, we celebrate the birthdays of all those born In May.

We give thanks for you and all that God has created in you.



May God bless you on your birthday and all the days of your life. May you always know the love of God for you in Christ Jesus and may it always guide you to love and to care for all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SONG

***“Happy Birthday!”
Happy birthday to you
You are God’s child, it’s true
You are loved and you are chosen
The beloved, brand new.***



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you.

In this community, we honor the sacredness of each person and their body by asking for consent. We honor one another in our greeting, passing of the peace and building relationships. Possible questions to ask as we encounter each other during the passing of the peace:

- Would you like a hug?
- Would you like a handshake or a fist bump?
- Would you like a verbal greeting?

The assembly is seated for announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive our weekly newsletter (e-Blast) visit our website: →

or visit: stpaulchurchnj.org

Scroll down to and click on the

Sign Up For Our Newsletter button.



OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERING

For Credit Card donations, please use the QR Code below:



The assembly stands as able.

OFFERTORY

Doxology w/Alleluia



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow,



Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God for



all that love has done, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it,

One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 God thanks and praise.

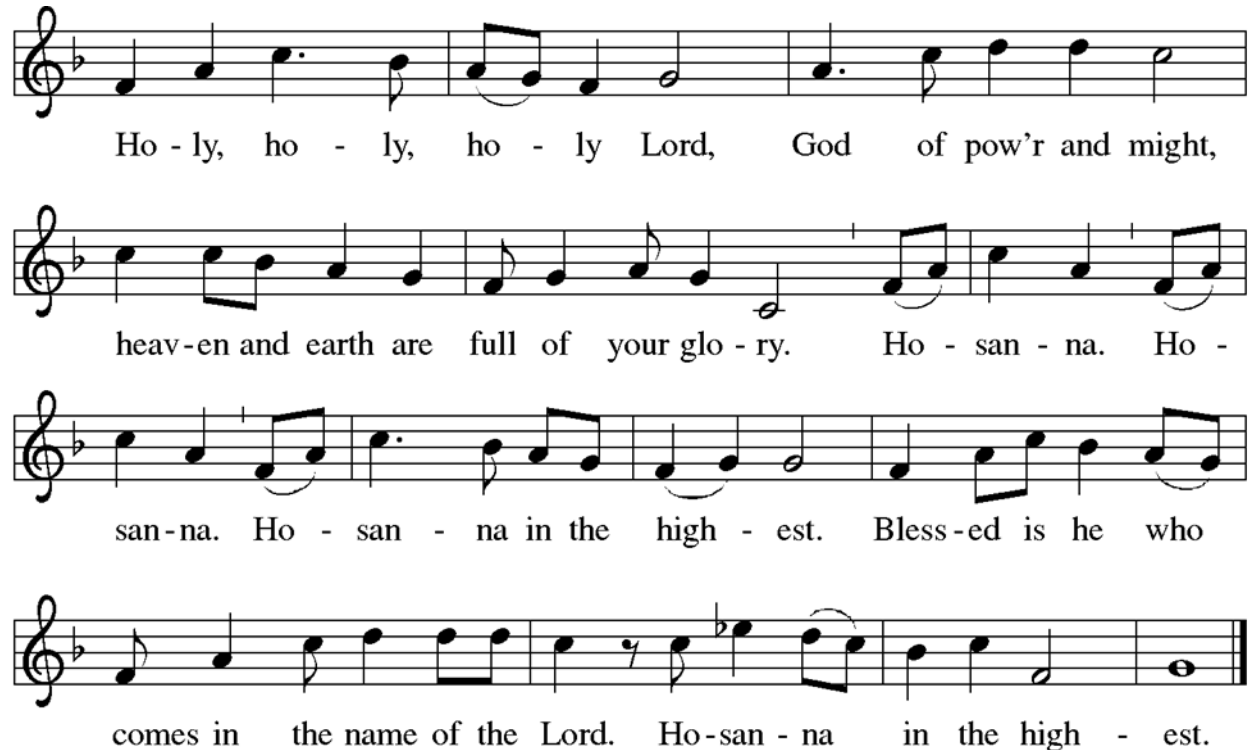
PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.*

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

EL PADRE NUESTRO

Señor, acuérdate de nosotros en
tu reino y enséñanos a orar.

**Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

**Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyos son el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION/FRACTURE

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.



ALL are welcome at Communion

Ushers will direct you when to approach the altar for communion or a blessing.

The assembly may be seated after receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMN “Now We Join in Celebration”

Please turn to page 20.

The assembly stands as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.


Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,

and to bring your healing to the nations.

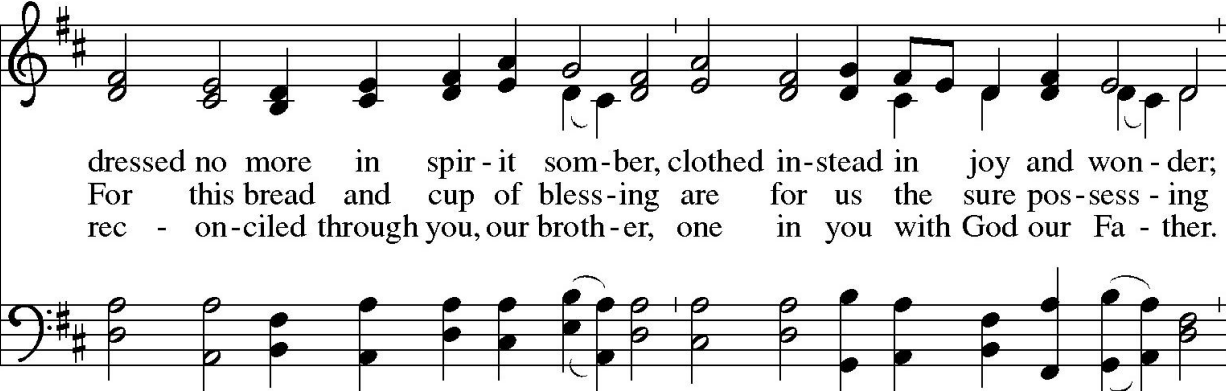
In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

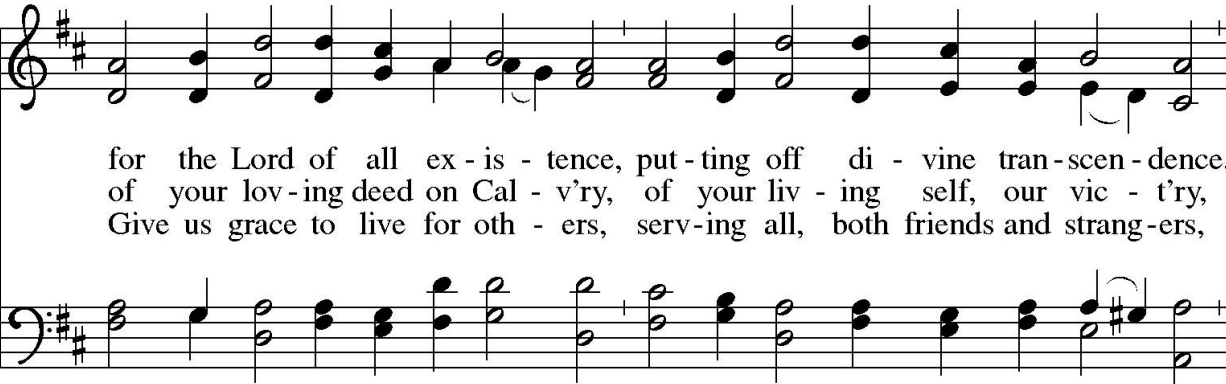
We continue on page 21 with the Blessing.



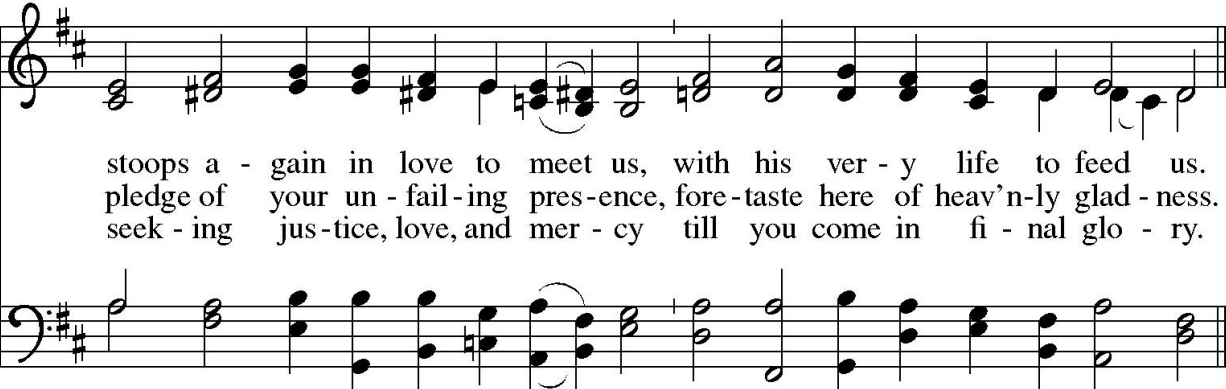
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Return to page 19 for the Post-Communion Blessing.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* **Please turn to page 22.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Song of the Lark”* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)



*It is with grateful hearts that we thank
the Rev. Maristela Freiberg
for presiding and
bringing us the Word today.*



St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ridgefield is proud to be stigma free.



*St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ridgefield, NJ sits on land that was once the
home of the Mohican, Munsee, Lenape, and Schaghticoke Native American
peoples.*



SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Please return to page 21 for the dismissal.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

Text © 1964 World Library Publications, 3708 River Rd., Franklin Park, IL 60131-2158. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

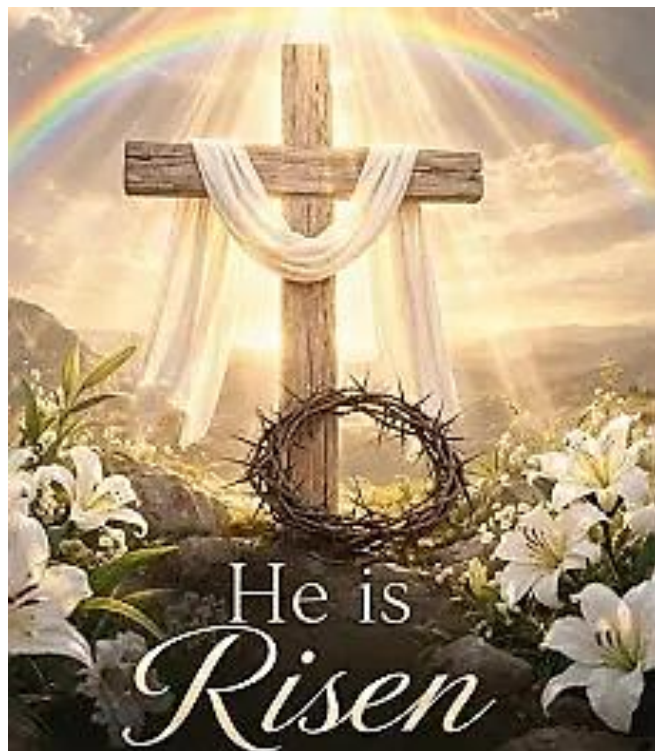


Here's What's Happening at St. Paul

Today,	5/17	4:30 pm	<i>Brave Hearts, Rising Voices!</i> Rolwing Voice Studio Student's Recital
Monday	5/18	12:30 pm	Bible Study (on Zoom)
Tuesday	5/19	7:00 pm	Prayer Circle
Wednesday	5/20	9:00 am	Morning Prayer (on Zoom)
		11:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

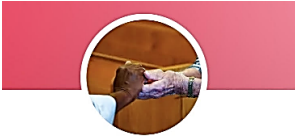
Friday	5/29	7:00 pm	LGBT Ministry Meeting (on Zoom)
Saturday	5/30	All Day	Synod Assembly
Friday	6/12	7:30 pm	Drag Unleashed – Dinner and Show
Saturday	6/13	9:00 am	Buddies of New Jersey's Health & Wellness Fair
		10:30 am	Syourapian Piano School Student's Recital
Thursday	6/18	6:30 pm	"1946" – Dinner & Film; discussion follows
Saturday	6/20	2:00 pm	Juneteenth Celebration
Saturday	6/27	2:00 pm	LGBT Ministry Pride & Praise Festival
		7:00 pm	Pride & Praise Worship



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

941 Slocum Avenue • Ridgefield, NJ 07657-1715
201-837-3189

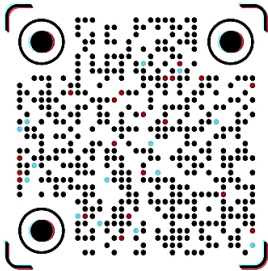
The Rev. Patt Kauffman, Pastor
pastorstpaulteaneck@gmail.com



St Paul Lutheran Church
@stpaul_lutheran_church

Rev. Kasana Akridge, Pastoral Associate
pastorkakridge@gmail.com

Sharla DeLawter, Parish Administrator
stpaulchurchnj@gmail.com



TikTok

Miki Tomita, Music Director
stpaulmusicmiki@gmail.com

stpaulchurchnj.org



Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Lutheran-Church-Ridgefield-NJ-111182607072420/>

Instagram



(@stpaulchurchnj)



Visit our You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGyOGrGdyKZkfVT3r5Y5bFw>

Robert Jacoby, Sexton
stpaulpropertyridgefield@gmail.com

William Kauffman, Communications Director
stpaulchurchcommunications@gmail.com

For information on our Food Pantry and Feeding Ministries, please e-mail:
splcpantry@gmail.com