

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## April 24, 2022

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*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Carravaggio (1602)*



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Let God's people then recognize that they are a new creation in Christ, and with all vigilance understand by Whom they have been adopted and Whom they have adopted. Let not the things, which have been made new, return to their ancient instability; and let not him who has 'put his hand to the plough' forsake his work, but rather attend to that which he sows than look back to that which he has left behind. Let no one fall back into that from which he has risen, but, even though from bodily weakness he still languishes under certain maladies, let him urgently desire to be healed and raised up. For this is the path of health through imitation of the Resurrection begun in Christ, whereby, notwithstanding the many accidents and falls to which in this slippery life the traveler is liable, his feet may be guided from the quagmire on to solid ground, for, as it is written, 'the steps of a man are directed by the Lord, and He will delight in his way. When the just man falls he shall not be overthrown, because the Lord will stretch out His hand'.

– **St. Leo the Great**, *On the Lord's Resurrection*

Trust him. And when you have done that, you are living the life of grace. No matter what happens to you in the course of that trusting – no matter how many waverings you may have, no matter how many suspicions that you bought a poke with no pig in it, no matter how much heaviness and sadness your lapses, vices, indispositions, and bratty whining may cause you – you believe simply that Somebody Else, by his death and resurrection, has made it all right, and you just say thank you and shut up. The whole slop-closet full of mildewed performances (which is all you have to offer) is simply your death; it is Jesus who is your life. If he refused to condemn you because your works were rotten, he certainly isn't going to flunk you because your faith isn't so hot. You can fail utterly, therefore, and still live the life of grace. You can fold up spiritually, morally, or intellectually and still be safe. Because at the very worst, all you can be is dead – and for him who is the Resurrection and the Life, that just makes you his cup of tea.

– **Robert Capon**, *Between Noon & Three*

## **Welcome to St. Paul!**

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We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with the Lutheran liturgy. No worries. This bulletin is designed to help guide you through the worship service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope that the Lord blesses you through our time together!

## **Restrooms, Changing Stations, and Nursing Room**

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Restrooms are located in the lobby (narthex) of the sanctuary. Both the men's and women's rooms have diaper changing tables for the little ones. We also have a nursing room for mothers and babies that is located across the breezeway, straight out of the doors on the east side of the lobby.

## **Children in the Liturgy**

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We pray that all children would know that God made them, He loves them, and He goes with them everywhere. We are glad to have little ones with us in the service. We know that they sometimes can squirm, squawk, and squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed by it! All kids are always welcome here at St. Paul. We encourage you to help them follow along and engage with them in the action of the liturgy – observe the movement of the procession, hear the music, sing the songs, smell the fire of the candles, respond with a loud *Amen*, make the sign of the cross, touch the water in the baptismal font, and wonder at the images and symbols that are all around. What Jesus does here is sure to engage us all.

## **A Note on Holy Communion**

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In this service we celebrate a sacred ritual of the Christian Church called the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper. In this rite we recall the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. In this blessed meal we have our eyes opened and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Though our faith is grounded in history, this liturgy is not merely a nostalgic looking back at the past – it is a celebration and a deep recognition that in this meal our Lord Jesus Christ is truly and really present with us in the bread and the wine. We cling to the hope of resurrection that will be ours when all things will be fully redeemed and restored in Him. All baptized Christians who have a sincere sorrow for their sin and see in this holy mystery the true body and blood of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Resurrection

## Service Notes

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The gospel lesson on the second Sunday of Easter every year is the story of 'Doubting Thomas', Jesus' disciple who refused to believe the other disciples' account of Jesus' resurrection without seeing it for himself. The placement of this story of skepticism and doubt immediately following the joy of Easter acknowledges the complexity of faith and belief. The great hope of Easter is that our risen Lord holds us in His love and care, even as we struggle and doubt. In this Easter season, which continues for another several weeks until the feast of Pentecost, there is an overt emphasis on new beginnings and new life. This season serves as a fitting time for baptism – today we rejoice in the gift of Holy Baptism as we welcome Lily Ann into the Church!

### **Mediation for the Second Sunday of Easter**

**Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Greeting and Welcome

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The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a procession as the cross leads the way, representing our life in Christ – our journey from death to life. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of salvation.

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### Alleluia, Jesus is Risen (474)

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**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent; Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem Jesus the Lamb, River of life,  
Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

### Invocation

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En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

**All Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us  
**All But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

**All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.**

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros

**All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros**

*Silence is Kept*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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## **This is the Feast**

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**Sung as a solo by the cantor.**

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## **The Prayer of the Day**

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The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Let us pray

**All Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Scripture Readings

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### Acts 5:12-20

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Revelation 1:4-18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as

white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to You, O Lord.**

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection ☩ of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## Kid Sermon

### In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease:  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His, and He is mine, bought by the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny,  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## Sermon

# The Prayer of the Church

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After the pastor says Lord in Your Mercy, all respond with **Hear our Prayer.**

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**For a Blessed Easter Season as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus  
For blessing in our outreach; CDC; LINC, Presa Community Center.  
Pastors Philip, Roy, Naresh, Matt and all church planters.  
For peace, for the well-being of the Church, and for the unity of all.  
For U.S. Leaders: President Joe, Governor Greg, Mayor Ron.  
Church Leaders; LCMS President Matt, District President Mike.  
For those in Military: Jarred, Alissa, Mark, Tom, Thomas, Ricky, Julian  
For the strength and divine energy to turn toward our enemies in love.**

*For Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

**The people of Ukraine**

**Family of Henrietta Fernandez**

**Tillie Cropper**

**Sue Burgdorfer**

**Diane Beasley**

**Teresa Medellin** (neighbor of Alicia Guerrero)

**Rosa Figueroa** (friend of Alva-Alicia)

**Reina Cox**

**Jo Ann Mallow**

**Mildred Westphal**

**Joyce Bauer**

**Daniel Stubbs**

**Robert Farris** (brother-in-law of Susan Pennington)

**Jenna, Sarah, Samuel** (friends of Michael Cruz)

**Earline Willeford**

**Albert Pedroza** (neighbor of Thomas Robledo)

**Norma Ann** (sister of Patricia Perez)

**Jo Ann Mallow**

**Rev. Bill Johnson**

**Eddie and Henrietta Fernandez**

**Beatrice** (sister of America Alderete)

**Michael Dean** (nephew of Melissa and Jim Hild)

**Cayley** (granddaughter of Robert and Linda Chetwood)

**Delia Flores**

**Everett and Keith Mason**

**Yesenia** (daughter of Anna Marquez)

**Vicky Dean** (sister of Melissa Hild)

**Austin Hernden**

**Robin Beasley Jr**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All** 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.

## Resucitó

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La muerte...¿Dónde esta la muerte?¿ Dónde está mi muerte?  
¿Dónde su victoria?

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!  
¡Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya,aleluya, aleluya!

Gracias sean dadas al Padre, Que nos paso a su reino,  
Donde se vive de amor.

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!  
¡Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya,aleluya, aleluya!

Alegría, alegría hermanos: Que si hoy nos queremos,  
es que resucitó.

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!  
¡Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya,aleluya, aleluya!

## The Offering

### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)

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Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Service of the Sacrament

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For those who wish to receive from the common cup (the chalice) please receive the Holy Supper from the lectern side – the distribution line on the left.

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The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- All** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in all people the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation tell forever of your glory:
- All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen!**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**All Amen!**

## **The Consecration**

### **The Acclamation and The Invitation**

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As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

**All Y también contigo**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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Please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying 'Peace be with you' as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for reception of the Holy Supper.

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## **The Lamb of God**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution**

**Eucharistic Dismissal**

## **Thank The Lord**

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

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We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

## **I Know that My Redeemer Lives (461)**

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I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

## Serving Today @ St. Paul

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<b>Music</b>	Judy Foerster, Ronnie Biediger	
<b>Duty Elders</b>	George Fernandez, Rick Garza, Paul Mallow	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Jeremey Segovia	
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Ojeda	
<b>Liturgist/Cantor</b>	Rev. Carlos Boerger	(carlosb@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Preacher/Celebrant</b>	Rev. Dave Murillo	(davem@stpaulsa.org)
<b>CDC Director</b>	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
<b>Deaconess</b>	Claire Jackson	

## Announcements

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### Bible Study Opportunities This Week

We have ongoing online zoom classes throughout the week – all are invited!  
**(Meeting ID #2105327341 No Password required)**

Monday @ 6:30 (Deaconess Claire – Women's Bible Study)

Tuesday @ 6:30 (Pastor Dave – Study on the book of Exodus)

Thursday @ 6:30 (Pastor Carlos – Study on the book of Acts)

### Huge Shout Out to all who helped Last Week!

We want to say thanks to all who helped make our Easter celebration so wonderful last week! From the musicians, to the Easter basket/cascarone helpers, to those who helped clean, and to everyone in between – Thanks!

### Confirmation Class

Class meets today after the liturgy from 12:30 – 2:30pm. Lunch is provided!

### Elder Meeting

The Elder Board meet this Wednesday @ 6:30

### Henrietta Fernandez Memorial Service

The service for Henri will be here at St. Paul on May the 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.

### Upcoming Events

**May 29 – The Feast of the Ascension with the Rite of Confirmation**

**June 5 – The Feast of Pentecost with Outdoor Worship and Block Party**