

The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



Christ as the Good Shepherd, Lucas Cranach the Younger (1540)



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If we are in the flock today, we must confess it is because Jesus has so often come after us and carried us back.

Norman Nagel, Selected Sermons

Nothing is far from God.

St. Monica

No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.

St. Cyprian

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you are with us today! If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with 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

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

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.

Service Notes for the 4th Sunday of Easter

In today's Scripture readings, we learn of the God who lovingly shepherds us through the trials and joys of life. In John's Gospel, we see Jesus the Good Shepherd making his astonishing declaration of being one with the Father. He calls us to hear his voice, which carries the full weight of divine authority. In Revelation Jesus is worshiped as the Lamb of God, who laid down his life in sacrifice for those he loves. The multitude of saints who believe will fall down in eternal worship of the God who promises to wipe away every tear. We also rejoice today in the gift and blessing of mothers! Happy Mothers Day to all the moms!

A Note on Holy Communion

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.

Greeting and Welcome

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.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (803)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!!

Invocation

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

All Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

This is the Feast

Sung as a solo by the cantor.

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.

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Let us pray

All Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

All Glory to You, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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

Children Sermon

For All the Faithful Women (855)

For all the faithful women who served in days of old
To you shall thanks be given, to all their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save."

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise
That faithful in Your service, our lives may sing Your praise.

We honor faithful Mary, fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother, who saved our human race.
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to your command
And lay upon your altar our gifts of heart and hand.

All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias and strive to do Your will.

Sermon

The Prayer of the Church

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

**For a Blessed Easter Season as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus
Thanksgiving for the blessings of all mothers.
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

Kaitlyn Reyes and baby Carson

Eddie and the family of Henrietta Fernandez

Tillie Cropper

Sue Burgdorfer

Diane Beasley

Diana Landgraf

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)

Rev. Bill Johnson

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

Padre Nuestro

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre.**

**Vénganos tu reino, Señor. Hágase tu santa voluntad
En la tierra como en el Cielo se hace tu santa voluntad.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre**

**Danos hoy, danoslo Señor, nuestro pan, el pan de cada día.
Y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación, antes bien líbranos del mal.
No nos dejes caer en tentación, líbranos del mal.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el Cielo
Santificado, santificado sea tu nombre**

The Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (805)

**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

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter 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 men and women 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, angels and archangels and the whole of creation speaks 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 dearth, 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

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

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.

The Lamb of God

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

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

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.

Alleluia Sing to Jesus (821)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Serving Today @ St. Paul

Music	Jim Wollmann, Ronnie Biediger, Judy Foerster	
Duty Elders	George Fernandez, Rick Garza, Paul Mallow	
Altar Server	Juan Munoz Jr.	
Lector	Claire Jackson	
Liturgist/Cantor	Rev. Carlos Boerger	(carlosb@stpaulsa.org)
Preacher/Celebrant	Rev. Dave Murillo	(davem@stpaulsa.org)
CDC Director	Deborah Stephenson	(deborahs@stpaulsa.org)
Deaconess	Claire Jackson	

Announcements

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)

Henrietta Fernandez Memorial Service

The service for Henrietta will be here at St. Paul on May the 14th @ 10am.

There will be a reception following the service in the gym – everyone is invited to attend and bring a dish or dessert to share.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet Saturday from 1–4pm.

Church Planning Council

The church council will meet next Monday @ 6:30pm.

Texas District Theological Convocation

The theological convocation of the Texas District will be this week, Monday through Wednesday, at Concordia San Antonio. Pastor Carlos and Pastor Dave will be out of the office those days as they attend the convocation.

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

