



**SAINT PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**28 APRIL 2024 † EASTER V**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

PRELUDE

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† OPENING ACCLAMATION

† Alleluia, Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

# † GLORIA

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*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



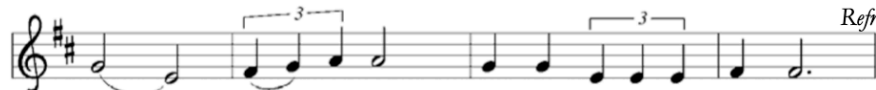
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



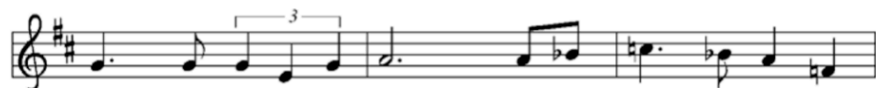
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **Also with you.** Let us pray. ...**Amen.**

READING

*Acts 8:26-40*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

*Psalms 22:24-30*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
**he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

READING

*1 John 4:7-21*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† GOSPEL

*John 15:1-8*

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

The Holy Gospel ... according to   . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the following is said.*

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

*After the Gospel, the following is said.*

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. J. Eric Thompson*

† HYMN

*See hymnboard.*

† APOSTLES' CREED

*In unison*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

† INTERCESSIONS

*After each petition, the Intercessor the following is said.*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*After the final petition, all say **Amen.** Then the Presider offers a concluding prayer.*

† PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

# OFFERTORY MUSIC

## † THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -



ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O



God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O



Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and



sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and



bless - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All



praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people.

**We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your Word is made flesh among us: with Mary in the garden, you call us by name. With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe. With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice. Your Word names our death and our life: a seed that falls into the earth and dies, rain and snow that come down from heaven to water the earth, a vine in which we abide. Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

**We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things. Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to understand the scriptures. Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life.

+ Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.

**We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.**

With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, we join in the hymn of all creation, as we offer our sacrifice of praise and gratitude. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## † BLESSING

*The Presider offers a blessing; the people respond*



## † HYMN

## † DISMISSAL

Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

# POSTLUDE

## IN OUR PRAYERS

The Backus Family, Jan Blum, Ginger Buck, Rodney Button, Lois Costanza, The Cuddeback Family, Michael K., Jeannie M., Merlyn Hann, Kay Howe, Rose Jacob, Mary Sahrle, Bill Shaver, Joyce Sliker, David Smith, Maile Thompson, Jim Wagner, the Wall Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, 6PM, Bible Study & Potluck - St. Peter's Parish Hall
- The Episcopal Bishop will be visiting Dansville on May 12th. We will join the neighbor churches for a potluck breakfast at St. Peter's at 9:15, followed by a joint service at 10:30.
- The Dogwood Festival will be May 18th. Volunteers are needed to staff the 50/50 table and assist with general hospitality.
- ELCA Daily Bible Reading can be found at <https://www.elca.org/Faith/DailyBible>
- Daily Devotions can be found at <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause>