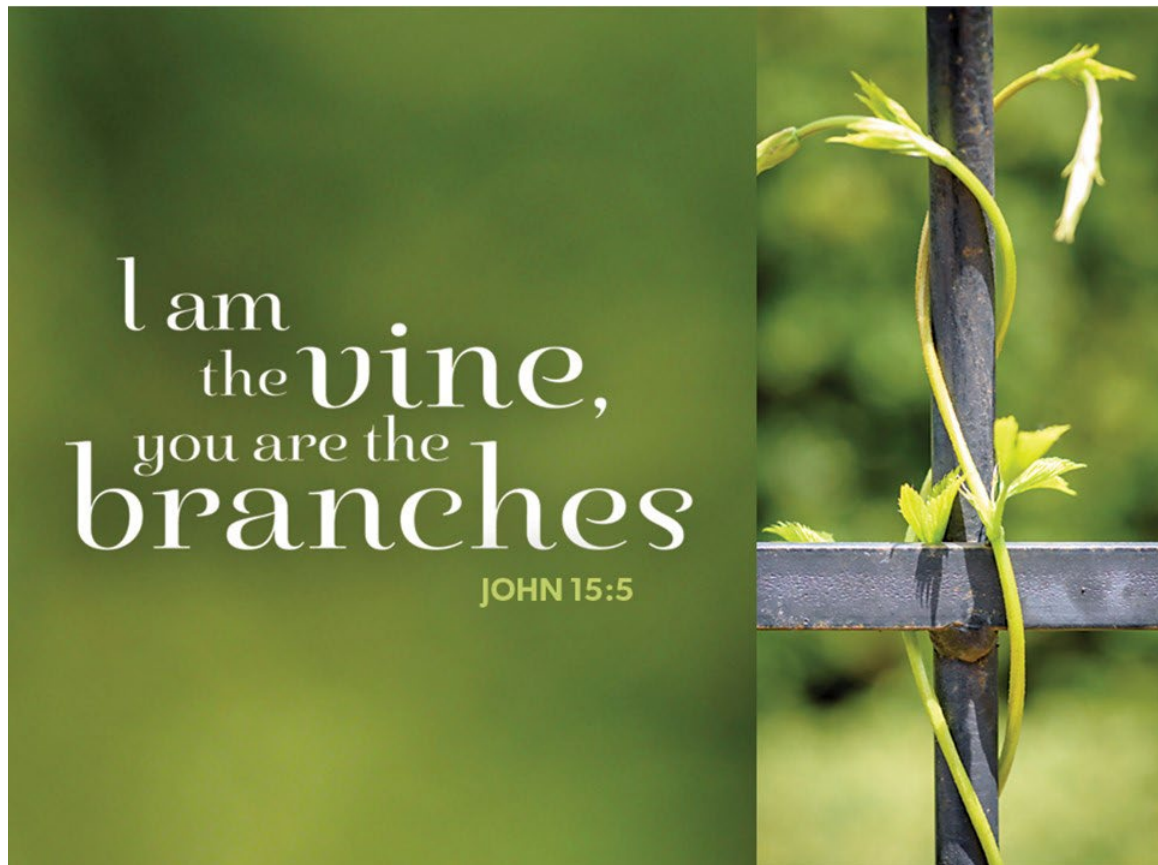


# St. Paul Lutheran Church

An ELCA & Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 28 April 2024



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

**Liturgical Worship**  
Order of Service using  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4*

In the Sanctuary, via Facebook or YouTube (links at [stpaulabq.org](http://stpaulabq.org)), or FM 89.7 in the parking lot  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

# GATHERING

## Prelude

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*, arr. J. Wayne Kerr

## Welcome & Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn, Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**, ELW Hymn 377  
(page 15 of this bulletin)

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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 verdant 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.**

Look, here is water!

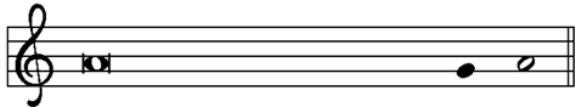
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

**\*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.**

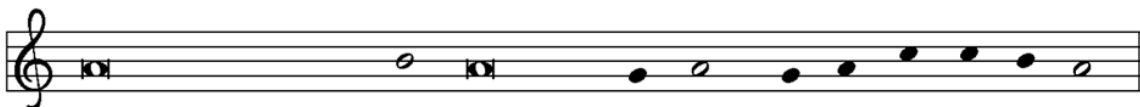
**\*Kyrie** (spoken or chanted)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



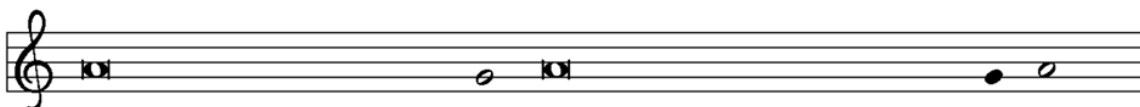
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



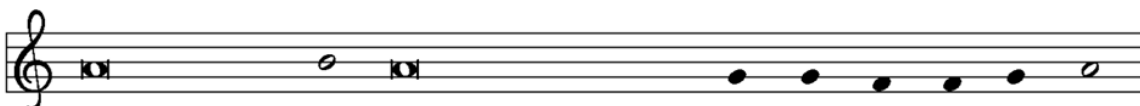
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



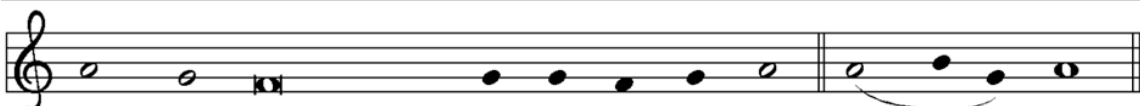
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# \*Canticle

*Refrain*

Assisting minister

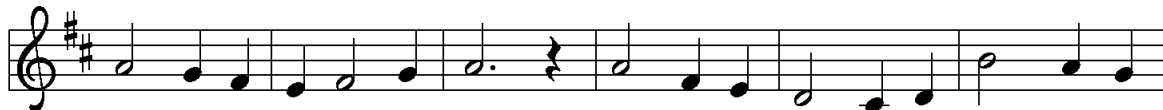


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Special Music**

*Sunshine Medley, arr. Marilyn Ham*

**WORD**

**Acts 8:26-40** (Pew Bible page 1000)

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.)

<sup>27</sup>So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>The eunuch replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some

water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:25-31** (read or sung responsively)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

**who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore  
the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

**1 John 4:7-21** (Pew Bible page 1112)

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent into the world God's only Son so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because we have been given of God's own Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as the Son is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because God first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message

#### \*Gospel Acclamation



#### \*Gospel Reading, John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible page 983)

The holy Gospel according to John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>My Father removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

## Message

**\*Hymn of the Day**, *O Blessed Spring*, ELW Hymn #447  
(page 16 of this bulletin)

### **\*Intercessory Prayers**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

Prayer requests from this week: Lisa, Rebecca, Gerda's Family & Friends, Debbie, Jerusalem, Gaza, Ukraine, Jeff, Moira, Joel, Gearhart, world leaders, the hungry & unhoused, Synod Assembly participants, our Synod Bishop election process, in thanksgiving that Iusti and team got home safe and sound, Judy, Reese, Michele, all with serious health issues, Michele, all in Hospice, Colleen, June, Art & Wade, Donna, Kim & Greg, Wilma, Denise, Sandy, Nancy, Paul, Jon, Nathan, Chloe & Linda, Jeremy, Wendy, Dustin & Samantha, Millie & Terry, Margo & Cindy, Carol Ann, Virginia & Family, Karen, Pearl, Cheryl, Mike, Greg, Sandi, Lori, Debbie, Erin, all in war torn areas, those in poverty, Rindra, Daniel, Ryan, Morgan, Rijaso, Kikao, Rotsy, Rado, Ranja, Emanuel, Theresa, Kathy, Tim, Matt, Pr. David, Rosalia, Doris, Camino de Vida, companion synods in Madagascar, Maatilyn, Joshua, Stephanie, Mallory, Patrick, Jamie, Gerry, Roger, John's Family, Deanna's Family, Matt, Suzanne's Family, Lori, Marty, Celia's Family, those who mourn, the lonely, April, Kathi, Becky, Eileen, Kay, Karen, Marlys, Sharon, David, Bonnie, Fred, Hudson, Tom & Joanne, travelers, our students and teachers and educational centers, those in fear for religion, thanksgiving for the Calico Butterfly five star recognition of hard work and delivery, help us to be bearers of good fruit in our everyday journey sharing generously.

**\*Peace**

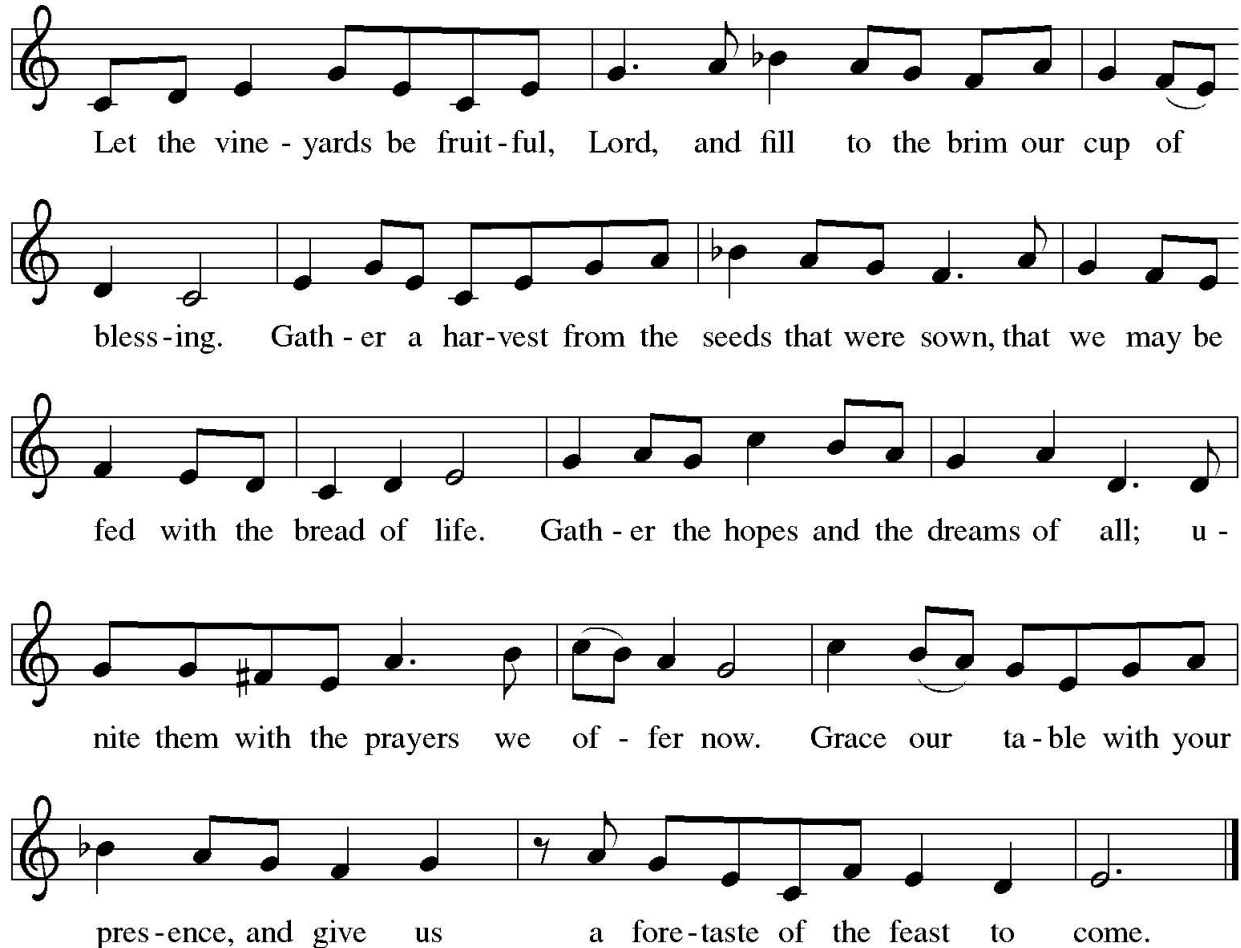
The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

# MEAL

## Offering

Offerings may be placed in the basket at the main entry doors, given electronically via our website, or via check mailed to the church office. Please place prayer request cards in the baskets, using first names only. Thank you.

## \*Offertory



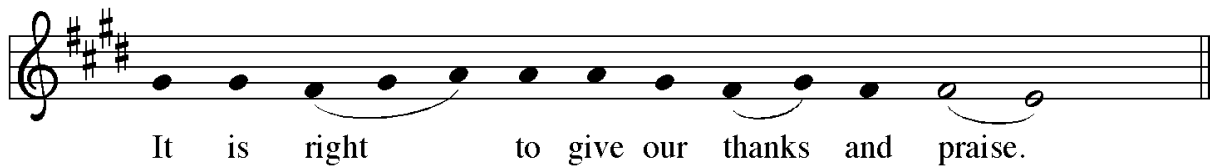
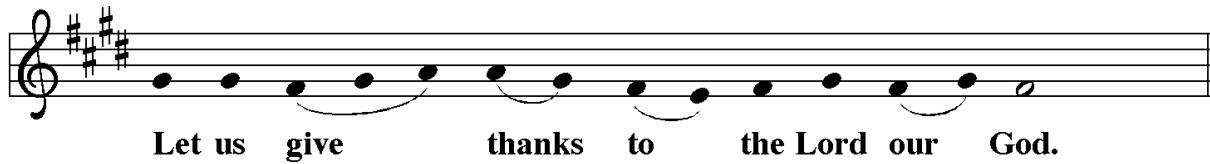
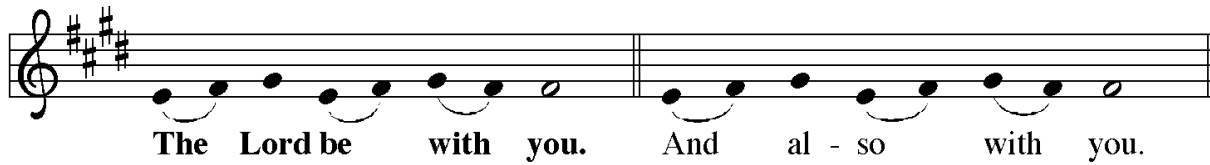
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offering Prayer

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.

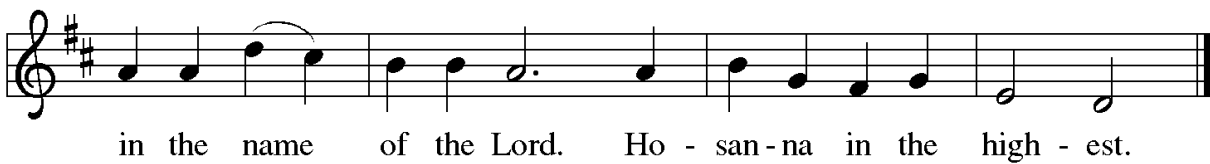
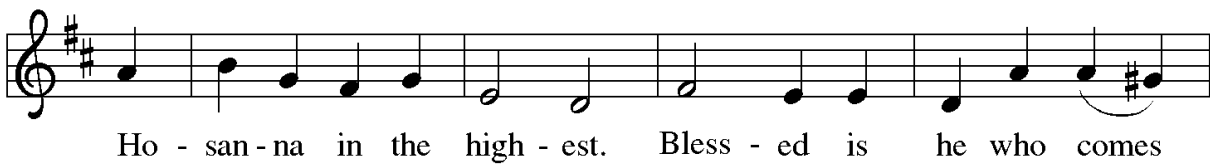
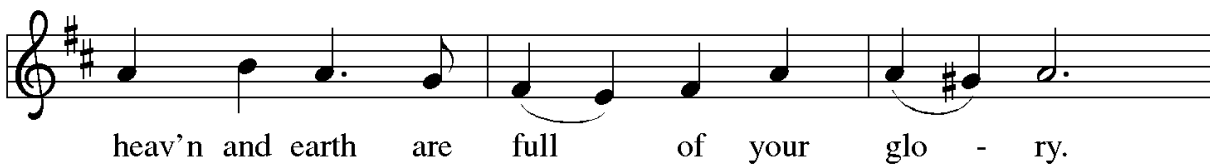
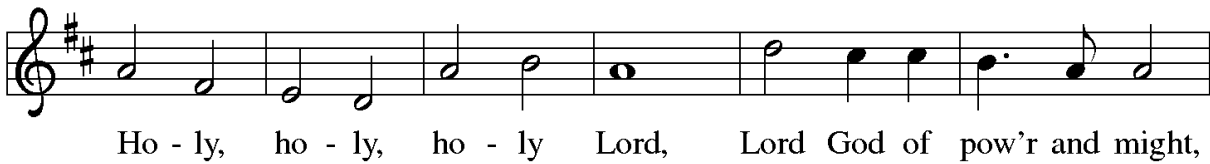
**Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving



## \*Proper Preface

### \*Holy, Holy, Holy



## \*Words of Institution

## \*Lord's Prayer

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.

## \*Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## Lamb of God

*You may be seated to sing and prepare your communion.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**For those remaining in the pews and on-line:**

All commune together as these words are shared:

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

**For those coming forward:**

Please make your way to one of the stations.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

**Time for Personal Reflection**

Candle carts are present for you to lift up your prayers.

**\*Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**SENDING**

**\*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, *Let All Things Now Living*, ELW Hymn #881**

*(page 17 of this bulletin)*

**\*Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*, arr. Cindy Berry

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## **A Thank You to Those Serving Today!**

*Pr. Kristi Koppel – Presiding      Bob Matthews – Preaching*

*Jan Bowers – Assisting Minister*

*Janet Vrudny – Choir Director      Raul Manjarrez – Organist*

*Jan Krakow & Kristie Peterson – Communion Assistants*

*Omar Durant, Bob Matthews, Clark McLean – Streaming Technicians*

*The Matthews & St. Paul – Refreshments*

*St. Paul General Fund – Flowers*

*Buzz Lenander, Matt Pettersen, Jeff Sorensen – Greeters*

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*Please take an information card from the pew rack for St. Paul staff contacts.*

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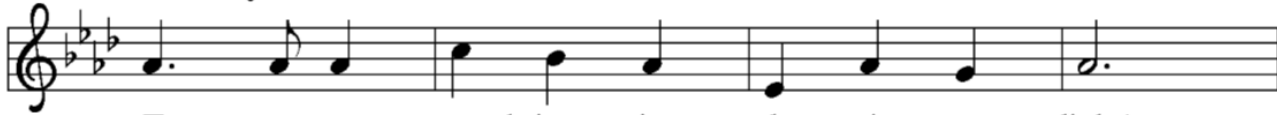


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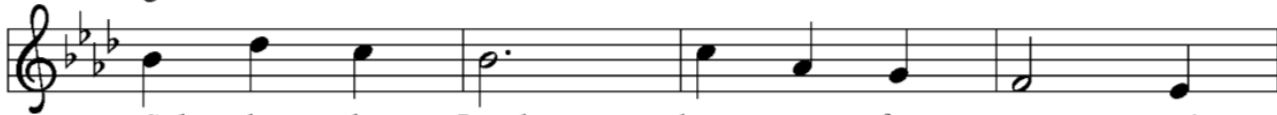
\*Gathering Hymn, Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!, ELW Hymn 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Hymn of the Day, O Blessed Spring, ELW Hymn #447**



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.



**\*Sending Hymn, *Let All Things Now Living*, ELW Hymn #881**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

# Announcements

For an announcement to be included in the bulletin and/or the weekly newsletter email blast, please have it to the office ([info@stpaulabq.org](mailto:info@stpaulabq.org)) by Wednesday at 11am each week.

**Today:** *St. Paul 101* continues in Fellowship Hall at 11:15. Please pick up your snacks and join us there! ~Pr. Koppel

**Attention Assisting Ministers and Communion Assistants:** The current schedules for assisting ministers and communion assistants end at the end of May. Shortly (after I return from Synod Assembly), I will be making the new schedules. This schedule will cover June through November-- up to Advent.

This is your chance to tell me of any dates you know you will not be able to serve. Of course, as always, if you find that a date does not work for you, please find a replacement or trade with someone. The roster of servers is always included on the schedule I send out, plus it is posted in the sacristy. *Please do not call me, Deb or Kristi to find you a replacement unless it is a last minute emergency.*

**Everyone:** Have you ever considered becoming more involved with the worship service? We are always in need of more communion assistants and assisting ministers. Over the last months, we have lost people in these positions. Please consider serving in this way. Those of us who do this find it very meaningful. Personalized training available! Please see me to find out more information or sign up! ~Peace, Terry Cole, [tecole51@comcast.net](mailto:tecole51@comcast.net)

## PRIDE

**Albuquerque Pride Parade-Save the Date! 8 June.** St. Paul is registered for the Pride Parade! If you would like to participate in any way, be it marching, riding, or helping to decorate our float, please be in touch with me. Any help would be greatly appreciated! We will be meeting 5 May after worship to discuss the many details. Please attend!  
~Jan Bowers

**First Tuesday is coming soon!** May 7th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm we'll meet at SW Grape & Grain, 3401 Candelaria NE. There is beer to purchase but if that is not your preference, bring your own beverage. They have chips to buy, but most folks bring a snack to share. This is just a time to visit and catch up on news. Come join us! For those who are still working at this time, we urge you to find a time and place that will work for you and your families. Church friends are often friends we keep for life, no matter where in the world we end up going. ~Nancy Matthews



**Calico Preschool Announces Earth Day Family Recycling Contest.** Made out of recycled or reusable items from around the home, families can be as creative as they'd like and surprise us with their projects! On May 5, the projects will be on display in the Welcome Center, and St. Paul members can vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. ~Marisol Flores-Gutierrez, Director

**Visiting today?** Please fill out a "Welcome" card in your pew so we can get to know you! ~Pr. Koppel

### **Opportunities to Donate:**

- Donations of nonperishable foodstuffs to the Storehouse (barrels in the Narthex). Pet food is also welcome.
- We collect aluminum so our children can spend that money on ministries that support families around the world. Place your donations in the blue bin in Friendship Corner.
- We also collect the pop-tops from all aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House. Place your donation in the basket under the clock in the office.

Thanks! ~Nancy Matthews

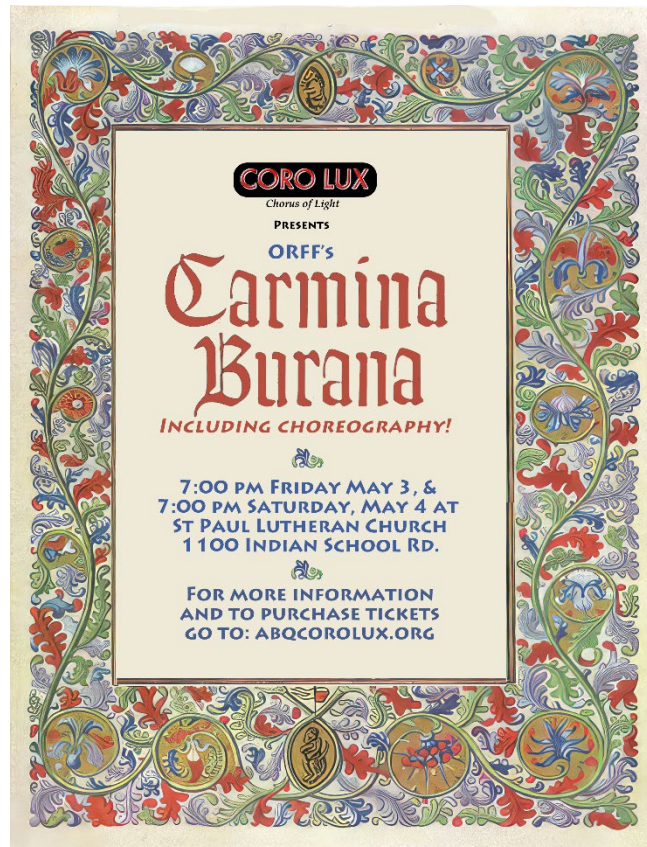
## **From Local Partner Organizations**

### **Today:**





**Church Women United**, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Friday, May 3rd at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, 1004 24th St. SE. The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with brunch. The program will begin at 10:00 and focus on Health and Wellness. State Representative Natalie Figueroa will speak on health issues in New Mexico. Hygiene items will be collected for Haven House, a domestic violence shelter in Rio Rancho. For those wishing to carpool, be at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church parking lot at 5301 Ponderosa Ave NE by 8:30 a.m. Come join us and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Marilyn Stoops at [mstoops@swcp.com](mailto:mstoops@swcp.com) or call at 505-265-8358.



**Lutherhaven Lodge at Fenton Lake Spring Event.** May 4, 9am-2pm.

*What are we doing?* Seasonal start up at the Lodge.

*What is involved?* Various activities including cleaning inside, external ground clearing, initial seasonal startup duties, general maintenance, and anything else needing attention.

*How can you help?* Consider coming up to help with any needed activities and or to learn about becoming a member and how to reserve/utilize the lodge. (Please RSVP via contact options below.) Lunch provided!

*Are there other ways to help?* Absolutely! We accept monetary donations, and please pray for us! 280 Lake Fork Road, Jemez Springs, NM 87025 (505) 275-2436, [lutherhavennm@gmail.com](mailto:lutherhavennm@gmail.com), [www.nmlutherhaven.com](http://www.nmlutherhaven.com)

## From the Rocky Mountain Synod and ELCA

**Civic Life and Faith:** The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. At this time the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. You can participate by filling out a survey, or by participating in a hearing in your synod, if available. Hearings are public gatherings where participants share their specific affirmations or concerns about a draft statement. The feedback period will be open until Sept. 30, 2024. Visit <https://elca.org/civicsandfaith> to download the draft statement.

**Bread for the World.** On May 2 at 8pm ET, the Interfaith Campaign for Food and Nutrition Security invites you to unite in spirit and action with members of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths, along with all other faith communities. During this National Day of Prayer, we will collectively commit to eradicating food and nutrition insecurity throughout the United States.

The virtual event will feature religious leaders, anti-hunger activists, and public health advocates from around the country who will discuss these critical issues as we pray for an end to hunger and nutrition insecurity. Mobilizing communities of faith is critical to the success of these efforts. <https://www.bread.org/>

**Episcopal, Lutheran partnership focuses on asylum-seeker sponsor training.** Building on a shared vision for gospel-centered hospitality and inclusion, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and AMMPARO, the migrant ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), have entered into a partnership to better train and support asylum-seeker sponsors.

Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) is the ELCA's strategic commitment to accompany migrants. In this new collaboration AMMPARO will use the *Neighbor to Neighbor* program designed by EMM to provide training for community sponsors.

The two groups will coordinate efforts as they work with sponsors who welcome new neighbors by offering friendship and fostering community connections. The work will focus on providing practical support such as housing, accessing services, enrolling children in school and supporting adults as they learn English and secure employment. Read more at: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8220>

## May at St. Paul

Thu 2 May		<i>Friends Feeding Friends</i> providing First Thursday meal for <i>HopeWorks</i>
Fri 3 May	7pm	<i>Coro Lux</i> in Concert: <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Sanctuary
Sat 4 May	7pm	<i>Coro Lux</i> in Concert: <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Sanctuary
Sun 5 May	10am 11:15am	Worship <i>St. Paul 101</i> , Fellowship Hall
Tue 7 May	4-6pm	<i>First Tuesday</i> , SW Grape & Grain, 3401 Candelaria NE
Wed 8 May	1pm	<i>Ice Cream Social Hour</i> , Dairy Queen, 4104 Louisiana Blvd NE, 87109
Sun 12 May	10am 11:15am	Worship Adult Faith Development: <i>ABQ Open Space- Jim Sattler</i> , Conference Room
Sun 19 May	10am 11:15am	Worship – Pentecost, <i>Bread For The World</i> Sunday Adult Faith Development: <i>Synod Assembly Report</i> , Conference Room
Tue 21 May	1-3pm	<i>Women Rowing North</i> Book Group, Chapel
Thu 23 May	9-11am	<i>Women Rowing North</i> Book Group, Chapel
Sun 26 May	10am 11:15am	Worship <i>God's Work Our Hands</i> Monthly Project: put together senior supplies kits for <i>Adopted Families</i>
Mon 27 May		Office closed for <i>Memorial Day</i>

**Note:** Saturday, June 1 @ 2pm *Barbara Maxwell* Memorial & Reception

For meetings and other building uses, please visit St. Paul's online calendar:  
<https://www.stpaulabq.org/calendar>