

The Festival of the Resurrection– Easter– March 31, 2024

Prelude Improvisation on Victimae Paschali Laudes
Prelude on a Latin Easter Hymn arr. Roger C. Wilson

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" **ELW 365**

Apostolic Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

This is the Feast **ELW Pg. 149**

L This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **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.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you **C** **And also with you**

L Let us pray: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die everyday to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. This the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 151

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 16th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



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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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Hymn 752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Marcia plays brief intro, then we sing once.

Prayers of the Church

L Joyful for Christ's new and eternal life, we draw near to him in prayer.

AM For every heart that rejoices in God's promise of salvation, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For those who exercise authority in this world, that they may remember the higher authority of God, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the wisdom to live in harmony with our temporal, tangible world, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and the lonely, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For those suffering violence: Palestinians, Israelis, Ukrainians, and all who receive hate and harm, that they may come to know safety and a just peace, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**
Please share a sign of God's peace.

Anthem For He Loved Me Words by Stephanie S. Taylor and Michael E. Showalter
Music by Michael E. Showalter

Jesus came to be my Savior; for he loved me! Yes, he loved me! Son of God born in a manger; for he loved me! Yes, he loved me! Angels call to shepherds in the night, singing, "Glory be to God on high." Christ had come to be the one true light; for he loved me! Yes, he loved me! For he loved me! Yes, he loved me! For he loved me! Yes, he loved me! In the tomb he laid to set me free. Then he lives ever to intercede; For he loved me! Yes, he loved me! Jesus reigns, forever Lord of Lords, for he loved me! Yes, he loved me! By his grace, my hope has been restored; for he is worthy of the highest praise. To the king of kings, my song I raise. I will live to serve him all my days; for he loved me! Yes, he loved me! For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!

Offertory Hymn

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – page

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface is spoken or chanted.

Sanctus

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. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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**

The Agnus Dei

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.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music Variations on "Now the Green Blade Rises", arr. by Keith Kolander c. 1999 by Concordia Publishing House as an organ solo

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. C **Amen**

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C **Amen.**

Susan Racloz on Trumpet

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C **Thanks be to God**

Postlude Variations on "Lasst uns erfreuen", arr. by Denis Bédard c. 2006
by Éditions Cheldar as an organ solo

Please observe a reverent quiet

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



**Celebrating their
First Communion today**

**Eli Charles Boda
Joseph Michael Weber, Jr.**

Around the Church

4/3	Finance Meeting	6:00 pm
4/8	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
4/1	Hilltop Advisory Committee meeting	4:30 pm
4/15	Chris. Ed. Meeting	6:30 pm
4/17	Womens & Mens Breakfast	8:30 am
4/22	W of the ELCA	6:30 pm
4/27	Fellowship Dinner	5:15 pm

NO BIBLE STUDY NEXT WEEK.

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom &
10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

Needed weekly	\$4948.00
Received last week	\$3,3914
Shortfall	(\$1,557)



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Francine Ahrens	Pat King	Louise Roche
Peggy Ali	Jason Lashbrook	Judy Schaller
Joyce Almsted	John Lewis	Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Diane Boscarino	David Little	Teri Seleman
Cherie Brown	Rebecca Little	George Shank
Eli Boda	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Sigrid Smitley
Selma Boscarino	Abigail Marine	Deb & Jon Sterling
Sharon Cable	Eric Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll
Leif Dallaire	Michael Marine	Jackie Quinn Wassik
Emily Decker	Richard Marine	Ed
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Jen O.
Betty Enbeskotte	Mike Martin	Jaiden
Mark Enbeskotte	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Diane H.
Jan Eucallito	Michael Meyers	Steve
Bruce & Liz Falls	Rich Minelli	Angel Marie
Ashley Friday	Baby Amelia Mosca	Lou W.
Rosemarie Foth	Bill Muhl	Curtis
Joan Gerard	Dennis Nalette	Shayla W.
Ruth Grech	Karen Ness	Steve
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Tom O'Brien	Jack W.
Kathleen Hilton	Lea Orriola & family	
Shannon Hilton	Russell Palmer	<u>Family and friends of</u>
Jake Hoadley	Maria Payne	Ida Maillet
Erma Horn	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Robert Doyle , Sr.
Amy Rose Jensen	Jack Quinn	<u>Our Nursing Home Members</u>
Ed Killingbeck	Caroline Quintal	Dee Gammon
Lynn Killingbeck	Roman Radzins	Midge Rosenbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck	Jonathan Richard	Calvin Bensch

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn

Eric Beyus

Major Zachary Fulton

Brandan Holbrook

Jonathan Connell

Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer

Peter Hutchinson

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center Celebrating 50 years!!!

Come celebrate this important ministry of St. Paul's!

Hilltop ELC Annual Art Show & 50th Celebration

Friday, May 3 5:30 to 7:30 pm St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Mother Goose will be story telling

food truck for a light dinner to purchase



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the
Director of Hilltop
Barbara Mazzei 860.482.3727

