

# Easter 3– April 14, 2024

**Prelude** Portions of A Little Easter Suite, arr. by John Leavitt c. 1997 by Concordia Publishing House as an organ solo

## Children's Sermon

**Opening Hymn** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ELW 385

## 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.**

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Pg 149

**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: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 4 read responsively

- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender<sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon-<sup>1</sup> or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek<sup>1</sup> after lies?”**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders<sup>1</sup> for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me<sup>1</sup> when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and<sup>1</sup> do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up-<sup>1</sup> on your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed<sup>1</sup> sacrifices,  
and put your trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us<sup>1</sup> any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon<sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness<sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
more than when grain and<sup>1</sup> wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie<sup>1</sup> down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me<sup>1</sup> rest secure.**

## Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Holy Wisdom Holy Word

**C Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

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

**Holy Gospel according to Luke 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

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 Trusting Christ's promise, we pray for all in any need.

AM For the whole Church, that the risen Christ may guide all our words and deeds,  
Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For all who hold public office, that they may use their authority for the good of all,  
Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For a spirit of awe at our precious planetary home, that we may be its careful  
stewards, 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** Just a Talk with Jesus words & music by Cleavant Derricks, arr. Stan Pethel

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in; and then a little light from heaven filled my soul. It bathed my heart in love, and wrote my name above; and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole. Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, you will know a little fire is burning. You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right. It makes it right. Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer; and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day. A mist of sin may rise, and hide the starry skies; But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, You will know a little fire is burning. You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right. It makes it right. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears; but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night, I go to him in prayer. He knows my every care; and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right, it makes it right. Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, tell him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, you will know a little fire is burning. You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right It makes it right. Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell Him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, you will know a little fire is burning. You will find a little talk with Jesus, find a little talk with Jesus, find a little talk with Jesus makes it right. Have a little talk with Jesus. Hmmm

## 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 –

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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

Pg. 153

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.***

*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

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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, grant us peace.

*Communion is distributed.*

**Communion Music** Meditation on "Love Divine", arr. by J. D. Bledsoe c. 1990 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Songs of Calvary for Piano"

## 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 give you peace. **C Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

**ELW 377**

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord . **C Thanks be to God**

**Postlude** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen, arr. by Karl Osterland tune c. 1968 by Augsburg Publishing House setting c. 2006 by Augsburg Fortress

*Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.*



# Around the Church

4/15	Chris. Ed. Meeting	6:30 pm
4/17	Women's & Men's Breakfast	8:30 am
4/18	Worship & Music Committee Meeting	6:00 p,
4/22	W of the ELCA	6:30 pm
4/27	Potluck & Estate Planning	6:00 pm
4/27	Fellowship Dinner	5:15 pm

*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:

<b>Needed weekly</b>	<b>\$4948.00</b>
<b>Received last week</b>	<b>\$3,244</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$1,704)</b>

# Minimalist bulletin

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



## 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

Fellowship Committee presents  
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



**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  
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### **Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center Celebrating 50 years!!!**

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

**Hilltop ELC Annual Art Show & 50th Celebration**

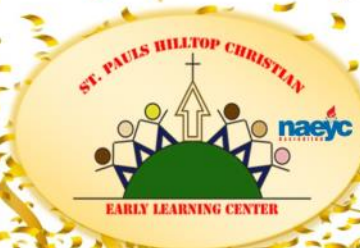
**Friday, May 3 5:30 to 7:30 pm St. Paul's Fellowship Hall**

**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





St. Paul's is having a Penny Auction on May 10th.  
We are looking for new/gently preloved items for it!

Donations can be dropped at the office during  
business hours or on Sundays on the spare desk.

**ALSO**

The St. Paul's Tag Sale will happen sometime in June  
(date TBA) drop your treasures off on the brown push  
cart in the office hallway during business hours or  
on Sundays.

**Thank you for supporting St. Paul's!**