

# For the Living of these Days April 7, 2021

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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**ST. PAUL'S Sermon and Lessons for the week 1-740-247-5551**

**COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**Saturday, April 10 AT 4 P.M.!**

**WEAR A MASK! BRING HAND SANITIZER! SIT IN MARKED PEWS and  
OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN FAMILY GROUPS! PLEASE, DON'T  
COME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL.**

**Brrr It's cold, but we need to keep air moving so a few windows will be left open.  
CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OUR SERVICE ONLINE LIVE ON FACEBOOK OR GO  
TO STPAULSELCA.ORG, FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE**

He is Risen! On Saturday, there were quite a few of us who did respond (behind our masks) that, "He is Risen Indeed!" This brought me back around to something I ponder from time to time – the traditions that surround worship. Verbal responses, lilies on the altar, our king-sized advent wreath, the songs we sing – where do they stop and our faith begin? Do these traditions shore up our faith or get in the way? I don't know the fancy answer, what I do know is how they make me feel. Our traditions make me feel like I am home. I rest in the arms of my father and savior, in those arms of unconditional love. Do I need these traditions to prove to me, like Thomas that our Lord and Savior exists, that He is risen? I don't think so. I think that they connect us to the ribbon of faith that has existed since that first Easter morning and to each other when we bask in the comfort of our traditions and each other. He is risen indeed! *Kerrill*

*Please keep Steve Gall in your prayers. Janet tell us that he is back in the hospital awaiting transfer to Riverside for a heart procedure.*

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Steve Gall	Carmella Holman	Peg Hupp	Pamela Graham
Tambra Simon	Ernie Cooperider		

**Those with long-term ongoing concerns:**

Marshall Rosene	Ginny Baker	Margaret Marx	Dawn Campbell
Pastor Betsy	Betty Neighbarger	Rose Godenschwager	Mary Beamer
Ruth Swinehart	Wilma Keller	Frances Slebodnik	Davey & Mary Saylor
Mary Zartman	Terry Nelson	Terrie Baker	Alice Smith

## April Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Brooker; 11<sup>th</sup> Deborah Hall, Richard Larson, Stephanie Strobe; 12<sup>th</sup> – Doug Berg  
13<sup>th</sup> – Timothy Baker, Donna King;  
14<sup>th</sup> – Sheila Carpenter, Becca Godenschwager, Alex Triplett, Madison Wittman;  
15<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Mumaw

## April Anniversaries

13<sup>th</sup> – Charles & Lisa Hill (19)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday After Easter

Saturday, April 10, 2021 4 p.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup

Organist: Timothy A. Utterback

Choir & Ringers Director:

Council President: Tim Jordan

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch



**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Dear Friends, please remember that there will be no singing or speaking in unison during the service to reduce the possible spread of disease. All text will be read by the supply pastor and singing by the cantor. The offering plates will be by the exit doors as you leave today. Standing at this service is optional.*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *"Partita on Noel Nouvelet" - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown (b. 1942)*

**RINGING OF THE BELL** *(please rise if you are able)*

**ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.* Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** The Lord be with you. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**PSALM 133** *(The cantor will sing)*

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,

when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

**THE LESSON** *1 John 1:1 to 2:2*

*St. John writes:* <sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, 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—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *The Word of the Lord!*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** *according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter (verses 19-31)*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *The Gospel of the Lord!*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #384** *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

*That Easter day with joy was bright; The sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!*

*O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.*

*O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from every weapon death can wield.*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!*

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

## **THE PRAYERS**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *The cantor will provide the responses*

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

Lift up your hearts! *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the lord our God! *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of

the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

### **Cantor will demonstrate at lectern**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
*(Please open your wafer and hold it up.)* broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying  
*(Please raise your cup but **do not open it yet**)* This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us: 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.

Now my brothers and sisters in Christ, please join me in sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The body of Christ given for you *(Please consume the wafer).*

The Blood of Christ shed for you *(Please open your cup and drink the juice.)*

### **THE BLESSING**

And now may the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

**EASTER BLESSING PRAYER** - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**BENEDICTION** Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. AMEN.

### **SENDING HYMN – “Resurrected Light” – Judith & William Rauch**

*Into our darkness a light intrudes, beckons, ignites and brightly broods. Kindling our hope and firing love, reaching to all below, above. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Into our darkness a light intrudes, standing against our foolish feuds. Bringing from evil wondrous good, placing before us servanthood. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Into are darkness a light intrudes, burning the chaff of human moods. What is this force that shines so bright? It is the Christ, resurrected light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**DISMISSAL** Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** “The Risen Christ (Woodlands)” - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown (b. 1942)