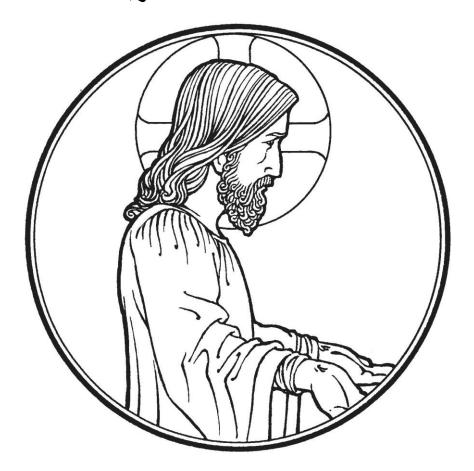
Quasimodo Geniti



Like newborn infants, Alleluia! Long for the pure spiritual milk. Alleluia!

The First Sunday after Easter

April 16, 2023 9:30 a.m.

<u>This Morning's Hymns</u> 467 470 548 487 633 490 474 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

Hymn

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- C who made Heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk. Alle- I luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*

shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*

I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | Lord your God,*

who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*

and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

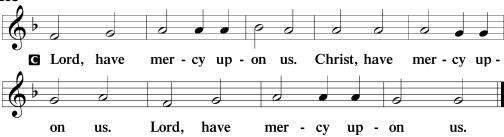
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

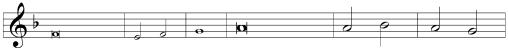
Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk. Alle- | luia.

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, oùr Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Hòly Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1–14

In those days the prophet Ezekiel said: ¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." ⁴Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from

your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

I This is the Word of the Lord.



Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c



Alle- | luia!*

Alle- | luia!

He has risen | from the dead,*

and behold, He is going before you to | Galilee

Alle- | luia!

Epistle 1 *John 5:4–10*

Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace | be with you."*

Dearly Beloved: ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the One who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Sequence Hymn Cantor/Choir

Christians, to the Paschal Victim



"The tomb of Christ, who is liv-ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion;



Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:



At that time: ¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was

also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

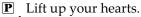
At the end of each petition:

- **P** Let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface





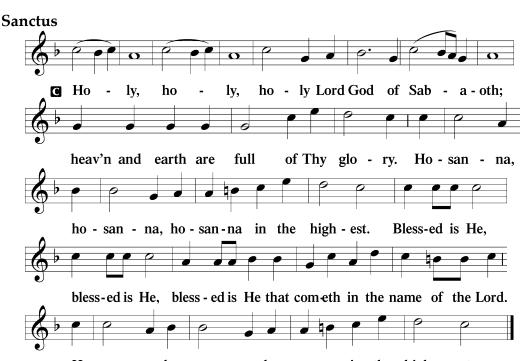


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Exhortation to Communicants

The Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

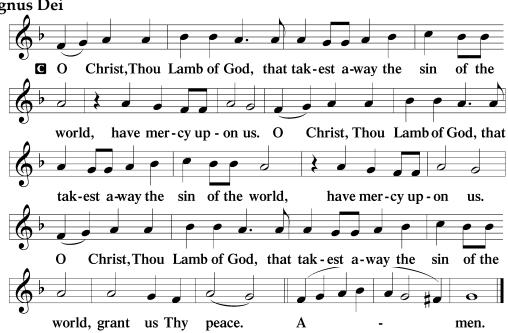
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



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Distribution Hymns

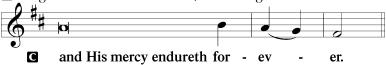
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Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 16	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Study	Library
		Sunday School	Mueller
Wednesday, April 19	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
Saturday, April 22	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
04/20 – Elyse Hulguist	

PASTOR PROCTOR OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Proctor will be attending a conference in Fort Wayne, IN in early May. He will be out of town Wednesday, April 26—Saturday, May 6. No midweek Bible study, Confirmation, or Saturday morning Matins while he is away.

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK—Sunday, April 30, 2023

The next 5th Sunday of the year is Sunday, April 30, 2023. After the Divine Service we will enjoy spending time together with a meal. Please bring a dish to share. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class that morning.

TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2023. The price is \$19.20 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness Magazine, please contact the church office. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, and designate for Lutheran Witness. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write Lutheran Witness on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. The deadline to subscribe is April 23. You may also subscribe to the magazine directly at www.cph.org/witness.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST

Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can listen ondemand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaullutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Kevin Stamm - recovering from surgery and spinal infection

Beulah Richards – for health concerns

Christopher Richards – recovering from fall and receiving physical therapy

Barbara Sand – upcoming doctor appointments to address multiple health issues

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Charlie Cook – recovering at home

Bea Hendricks - fell and currently in a care center

Michael Moreno - recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler - health issues

Jon Brant – health problems

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Dennis Stonecypher - seeking employment

Suzanne Berna – health concerns

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues Suzi Riley - suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Lu Albanese (friend of Vickie Hulteen) will be undergoing surgery for an intestinal growth on April 14.

Robin Proctor (mother of Pastor Proctor) broke her wrist and recovering from surgery.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment. Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. **PSWD Missions**

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, friends, or relatives): Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith