



**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Paulding, Ohio**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Communion**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.** The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

*\*please stand as able*

**PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION**

How have you been able to

- know Jesus more clearly?
- Love Jesus more dearly and
- follow Jesus more nearly?

**\*GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

*Congregation is invited to kneel or stand as able.*

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*Congregation stands as able.*

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**ELW 594**

*“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”  
(verses 1, 2, & 4)*

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
with exultation springing,  
and, with united heart and voice  
and holy rapture singing,  
proclaim the wonders God has done,  
proclaim the vict'ry God has won,  
how precious was our ransom!**

**Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,  
death brooded fiercely o'er me,  
sin was my torment night and day;  
in sin my mother bore me.  
My own good works all came to naught,  
free will against God's judgment fought,  
so firmly sin possessed me.**

**You said to your beloved Son:  
"Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
and bring to all salvation;  
from sin and sorrow set them free;  
slay bitter death for them that they  
may live with you forever."**

**\*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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

**W&P 90**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

**Lord, I love to sing Your praises.**

**I'm so glad You're in my life.**

**I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,**

**From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,**

**Lord I lift Your name on high.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalms 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING****1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW pg. 151**

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

**\*GOSPEL****John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but

I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MORNING MESSAGE**

**Pastor Clyde Singh**

**HYMN**

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is ”*

**ELW 502**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

**\*NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

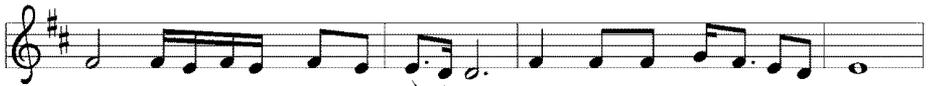
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of 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.

**\*PRAYER SONG AND PRAYERS**

**WOV 775**

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

*Each petition concludes: “Hear us, O God.,”*

*The congregation responds: “Your mercy is great.”*

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.

*Congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need especially Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Pat Ross, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clippinger, Burl Barnes, Deb Howell and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta Gray, Tom Zuber, Mick & Romaine Boundy, Josh Webb, Joey DenHerder, Kyle Schlatter, Brianna Rupp, Linda Girod, Kathy Laney, Camden Sprow and Nancy Kuns. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, our military personnel Jordan Phlipot, Taylor Hatcher, Jared DeLong, Miah Coil, Brad Crawford, Adam Deatrick, Adriana Gonzales, Ian Munger, Brendon Lothamer, Grace Basson, Westen Phlipot and Macy Iler that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sings the last line of "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" after the last petition. Congregation stands as able.*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING CANTICLE** *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

**ELW 860**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,**

**singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,**

**singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,**

**singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

**\*PREFACE**

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:

**\*SANCTUS**

*“Holy, holy, holy...”*

**ELW 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.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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: 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

**\*COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**\*THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE**

*“One Bread, One Body”*

**W&P 111**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*"We Are Called"*

**ELW 720**

**Come! Live in the light!**

**Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!**

**Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

**We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song!**

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Allow the spirit to help you to know Jesus more clearly. To love Jesus more dearly and to follow Jesus more nearly day by day.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Birthdays:**

Matthew Bergalowski.....	April 26
Bailey Meyer.....	May 1
Holly Gaisford.....	May 2

**WHEN YOU PRAY, REMEMBER.....**

Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Pat Ross, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clippinger, Burl Barnes, Deb Howell and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta Gray, Tom Zuber, Mick & Romaine Boundy, Josh Webb, Joey DenHerder, Kyle Schlatter, Brianna Rupp, Kathy Laney, Camden Sprow and Nancy Kuns.

**Those Serving In The United States Military:** Jordan Phlipot, Taylor Hatcher, Jared DeLong, Miah Coil, Brad Crawford, Adam Deatrick, Adriana Gonzales, Ian Munger, Brendon Lothamer, Grace Basson, Westen Phlipot and Macy Iler.

**Child Fund Orphans:** Andre & Ana

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021:**

**OFFERING April 18: \$1636**

**NEEDED WEEKLY: \$3006**

**The flowers adorning our altar** this morning are given to the glory of God by Margaret Phlipot in memory of Jerry and in honor of her newest great-granddaughter Paisley Kay.

You are invited to join Sunday school teachers, parents/students in prayer for our future at St Paul. We will be silently praying in our pews or at home on Sundays from 10:15-10:30 a.m.

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, April 25, 2021:**

Pastor.....Pastor Clyde Singh  
Pianist.....Bill Brune  
Reader.....Camille Myers  
Communion Assistants.....Peggy Thomas and Mary Clark  
Usher.....Doug Burtch and Dave Burtch  
Money Counters.....C.W. , Sandra and Cindy Kauser  
A/V Tech.....C.W. Harper & Jon Rhodes

**THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, May 2, 2021:**

Pastor.....Pastor Clyde Singh  
Pianist.....Bill Brune  
Reader.....Renee Boss  
Communion Assistants.....Cindy Kauser & Sandra Harper  
Usher.....Tim & Renee Boss  
Money Counters.....Dennis & Cheryl, Sue Beck  
A/V Tech.....C.W. Harper & Jon Rhodes

**2021 Year of Generosity memory verse:**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

This week’s Bible readings:

Monday, April 26, 2021.....Matthew 17  
Tuesday, April 27, 2021.....Matthew 18  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021.....Matthew 19  
Thursday, April 29, 2021.....Matthew 20  
Friday, April 30, 2021.....Matthew 21  
Saturday, May 1, 2021.....Matthew 22  
Sunday, May 2, 2021.....Matthew 23