

March 29, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

This is the week we prepare to celebrate Easter—the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday services will be offered in the sanctuary at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. Easter service will also be streamed via Facebook Live. All Easter services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

As a gentle reminder, we ask that if you plan to worship in the sanctuary, please remain masked for the duration of the service in order that we might keep each other safe. Thank you.

Pastor Becky will take three of her sabbatical weeks beginning Monday, April 12. With Pastor Dee taking medical leave, Abby Bushman has been hired part time as our Ministry Assistant—helping with Sunday School, youth groups and office projects.

While Pastor Becky takes time off, Daily Devotions will not take place. They will pick back up when she returns in early May.

St. Paul Church is hosting a Rummage Sale on April 15, 16 and 17. Donations of your household items can begin to arrive and be placed in front of the stage in the auditorium beginning Tuesday April 6. All proceeds will go to the Project of the Year: The Blessing Pantry.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP

Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of March 29, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,247.69(weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$8,793.00(ytd)
Income \$78,184.73 (ytd)
Expenses \$73,908.59 (ytd)
Balance \$4,276.14 (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$4,027.00(ytd)
Endowment Income (\$918.85) (ytd)
Expenses \$2,599.38 (ytd)
Balance \$74,153.14 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$5,168.00(ytd)
Expenses \$4,090.29(ytd)
Balance \$7,327.91

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$10,081.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$2,110.08(ytd)

BP Balance \$15,852.07

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$359.00(weekly)
Income \$7,183.00 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)
Balance \$1,222.00(ytd)

Please remember the family of Donna Culver in your prayers. Donna passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Easter Jelly Bean Poem

Red is for the blood he gave
 Green is for the grass he made
 Yellow is for the sun so bright
 Orange is for the edge of night
 Black is for the sins we made
 White is for the grace he gave
 Purple is for his hour of sorrow
 Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of Jelly Beans, Colorful and Sweet,
 Is a prayer, Is a promise, Is a special treat
 May the joy of Christ's Resurrection
 Fill your heart and Bless your life.

APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY



The resurrected Jesus is with us, alleluia!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	God shows no partiality
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ died for our sins
Wednesday	John 21:1-18	Jesus is risen
Thursday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection
Friday	Matthew 28:1-20	The resurrection of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalms 118:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of resurrection hope, overcome our fears and gladden our hearts, for you are near with saving grace through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

Mealtimes Prayer:

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:1) (Traditional prayer for ending a meal)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be your strength and your salvation. (Psalm 118:14)



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APRIL 4, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What event have you experienced that left you speechless?
- What do you think it was like for Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James to stand before an angel at the empty tomb and receive awesome yet unbelievable news?
- The women left the tomb and said nothing to anyone. Why do you think they were afraid?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 16:1-8.

Which is harder to believe: that Jesus rose from the dead or that the Gospel of Mark ends with the words, "they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid"? In fact, later Scripture text copiers were so dismayed by the original ending that they added more verses. It just didn't make sense that the original text seemed so bleak. Instead of saying to the world, "Christ is risen, alleluia," they leave committed to say nothing for they were afraid. Perhaps part of the Gospel message is the realization that our human frailty will always get in the way. What is evident is that the message did get out. We are reflecting on that message now. In the midst of human frailty and failures what we celebrate on Easter Sunday is that God wins and continues to win by delivering on God's promises no matter what. Alleluia, we as Jesus' followers have a ministry to do for the world because Jesus rose from the dead. Yes, we may be imperfect workers, but the promise still holds true and we still have good news to tell the world. Alleluia, Jesus has been raised, is loose in the world, and is out ahead of us now. "[Jesus] is going ahead of you to [name your own destination]; there you will see him, just as he told you" (v. 7). How does knowing that Jesus goes ahead of you wherever you go impact your life as a follower?

Pray: **God of glory and might, we give you thanks for the resurrected Christ who walks with us daily. Amen. Alleluia.**

SERVICE

There are many people who serve others and work on Easter Sunday in such places as in hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire stations, and restaurants. Is there a way you can share Easter resurrection cheer with those who are working?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Easter Day is full of church and family traditions to enrich our lives of faith. One tradition is to shout out and sing alleluias after its absence during the season of Lent. Alleluia means "praise the Lord." Begin each day this week with the words, "Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia." If others are present, say these words together with a high-five.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



**Alleluia!!!
Christ Is Risen!!!!**

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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-On July 23, 2020 Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship. Masks are essential to help keep those around us safe. Thank you for cooperating.

**April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday**

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cheyenne Olt

Dick Hudson

Amy Scheer

Joyce Gilberg

Terri Mullins

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

Liturgist-7:30am Service

Liturgist-9:00am Service

Liturgist-10:30am Service

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER GREETING: My friends, Christ has been raised from the dead. "O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting?" Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

CHRIST CANDLE PROCESSIONAL AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

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No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Chalice Worship; Disciples of Christ)

Leader: The tomb is empty!

People: Sound the trumpet

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: Sound the trumpets!

Leader: Christ leads us on the road to life!

People: Sound the trumpets!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 People: Christ is here! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER

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The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

System 1:

Chords: C, G/B, C, F/A, F, F/C, C, C/E, Dm7, C, F/A, C/G, G7, C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2' Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 2:

Chords: F/A, C, F, C/E, Dm7, C, C/G, G, C, C/E, Dm7, C, F/A, C/G, G7, C

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 3:

Chords: G, D7/A, G/B, G, C/E, G7/D, C, G, G/B, D7/A, G, C/E, G/D, D7, G

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 4:

Chords: G, C/E, C, F/A, F, F/C, C, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7/F, C/G, G7, C

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER INVOCATION (in unison)

O living Lord, on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst of your disciples as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them of your peace. Come to us, we pray, with your resurrection power and make us glad with your presence. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may serve you and spread your good news throughout our communities, our nation and our world. We offer our lives to the glory of your great name. Amen.

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Jesus' Resurrection!!!!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Ryan Birt, Annabelle Wenning, Peg Henschen, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER. SILENT PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of ceaseless new beginnings, we rejoice that through your powerful love Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. In the resurrection, you have shown that neither trouble nor persecution, hardship nor poverty, danger nor death can separate us from your love. Free us to trust in you that we may live in the confidence of your children. SILENCE

In the resurrection you were victorious over sin, violence, and oppression. Free us to risk ourselves in the struggle for justice and peace that we may be your partners in restoring all creation to your will. SILENCE

In the resurrection you have opened the gates of eternal life. Free us from the fear of death that we may serve you with courage. SILENCE

In the resurrection you bring new possibilities out of hopeless situations. Free us from all despair that we may bring your hope to those who have lost heart. SILENCE

In your resurrection promises, we acknowledge that you hold each of our lives and that we are your beloved children. Be with all who are sick. Be with the dying and those who mourn. Move each of us to offer hope in our world that cries out for resurrection, hope, and love. SILENCE

In the resurrection you come to us in surprising ways. Quiet our busy minds and heavy hearts that we might hear your fresh word for us this day. SILENCE

Through the presence of Jesus Christ among us, draw us into a community of freedom, hope and love. Work your new creation among us that we may serve you without fear. God Most Holy, God Most Loving, God Most Knowing, we praise your name forever. SILENCE

All of this we pray in the name of the Risen Christ who taught us to pray...**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

7:30am Service	“He is Risen” arranged and played by Tim Olt	
9:00am Service	“He Arose”	Bell Choir
10:30am Service	“Morning Has Broken”	Cheyenne Olt

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 118:17-29 (NRSV)

*I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

*18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.*

*19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.*

*20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.*

*21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

*22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.*

*23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!*

*26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

*27 The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.*

*Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.*

*28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.*

*29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

(The Message)

At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn't find the body of the Master Jesus.

4-8 They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, "Why

are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up. Remember how he told you when you were still back in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, be killed on a cross, and in three days rise up?" Then they remembered Jesus' words.

⁹⁻¹¹ They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the Eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them kept telling these things to the apostles, but the apostles didn't believe a word of it, thought they were making it all up.

¹² But Peter jumped to his feet and ran to the tomb. He stooped to look in and saw a few grave clothes, that's all. He walked away puzzled, shaking his head.

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Did you know there are at least two holy sites in Jerusalem, claiming to be the authentic, original tomb of Jesus? It is true. The first is housed in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, sometimes known as the Church of the Resurrection. Consecrated on September 13, 335, the church houses a variety of Christian (mostly eastern and African) denominations. And here is your Easter morning trivia—because these varieties of Christians haven't always gotten along, centuries ago the Christians handed the keys to this incredible building to a Muslim family who have passed down the keys to their descendants to this very day.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is packed with Christian pilgrims from all over the world. Candles and candleholders dangle from long chains on the ceiling. Some people kneel and kiss the ground where Jesus was buried. Honestly, there is so much happening there that it is easy to get overwhelmed.

But just a short walk away, outside the walls of ancient Jerusalem at the Damascus Gate, is the Garden Tomb—the site where many protestants believe Jesus was buried. In this lush and quiet garden, there is a stone-hewn grave. Nearby is a small hillside with rock formations that

look like skulls. Remember from Holy Week: Golgotha—the Place of the Skull.

The Holy Land is like that. There are multiple Upper Rooms. At least two gravesites. An uncertain location outside Bethlehem for the shepherds. A cave that could have housed the Baby Jesus. The steps outside the ancient temple walls where Jesus might have taught his disciples. To visit Israel—and Jerusalem in particular—one needs to let go of the need to GET IT RIGHT and operate instead on faith and mystery and grace.

It is the same with today's Easter story. All four of our gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, have stories of the empty tomb, but like the variety of tombs, the stories are close, but by no means exactly alike.

In Mark, when the women go to the tomb, they are met by a mysterious young man who tells them that Jesus is alive and that they should tell the disciples. The Gospel of Mark ends with the women running away, telling no one.

In Matthew, an angel appeared to the women at the tomb telling them about Jesus. As they hurried away to tell the others, they met the Risen Christ.

In John, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone. And there she found the tomb empty and went to tell Peter and John. Still upset and weeping, she meets a man in the garden she assumes to be the gardener. It isn't until Jesus calls her by name that she recognizes the Risen Christ.

In today's reading, we have just the bare beginnings of the Easter story. In it, instead of angels, we hear of two men bathed in light. They tell the women that Jesus has been raised, so they hurry and tell the 11 apostles. But the women were not believed by Jesus' closest followers.

The reading for Easter morning ends there, but the story most definitely does not. If we were to read just a little bit further in Luke, we would hear the story of two of Jesus' followers walking on the road to Emmaus. Jesus joins them, but they do not recognize him. It isn't until he breaks bread with them that evening that their eyes are open and they realize the man they have traveled with all afternoon is the Risen Christ.

So I wonder: are we like the women, like the disciples, looking for Jesus in all the wrong places? During Holy Week we traveled to the heart

of Jerusalem—to the betrayal and death of our Lord. We held vigil while he lay in the tomb.

And then comes Easter. We gather this day to sing our alleluias of joy. For he IS alive and Jesus is not where we expect him to be. The tomb is empty. The garden is empty. Jesus has already taken off down the road to break bread with believers who are still just barely coming to believe in resurrection.

My friends, where do YOU look for the Risen Christ? He is no longer on the cross (which is why Protestants have an empty cross). He has walked out of the garden and is now walking the highways and byways of our lives—meeting us where we are.

For here is the good news for each of us this Easter morning. We are PROBABLY looking for the risen Christ in all the wrong places. That is true. But the good news is that no matter which way you turn, no matter how many times you might have fallen into a ditch, no matter how lost you find yourself, Jesus will always find you. He will seek you. He will save you. He will call you his own.

At Easter we are reminded that we need to stop looking for the living among the dead. We need to step back into life—in all its glorious messiness, that we might love and serve Jesus who loves beyond imagining.

On this Easter morn, on this Day of Resurrection, I share with you words from Clarence Jordan, the founder of the Koinonia community in southern Georgia and the writer of the Cotton Patch Gospel in the 1960's: *The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.*

My friends WE can be Jesus' carried away church—serving this community joyfully. Welcoming all into our hearts, our lives, our sanctuary. The grave may be empty, but because of Jesus, our hearts are not. And with full and joyful hearts, we are sent out to share HIS love, HIS joy, HIS life with others. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING SENTENCES: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors others, to serve with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts: signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to the world your triumphant love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (communion liturgy written by Pastor Becky, integrating Carrie Newcomer's Room at the Table. Used with permission of Ms. Newcomer)

In the United Church of Christ, we practice an Open Table. You need not be a church member to commune; you need only a sincere desire to draw near to Christ and seek peace with your neighbor. Communion elements are available on the offering tables. We hold the elements and commune together.

COMMUNION INVITATION

Leader: No matter where we go in this life, no matter what we have experienced, Jesus invites us to this meal, to his table.

Music Leader (singing): *Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on margins.*

There is room at the table for everyone.

This is where it all begins; this is how we gather in.

There is room at the table for everyone.

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone

But there is room at the table for everyone.

This is how it all begins, let us sing a new world in:

There is room at the table for everyone.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Gracious God, we gather as your children today, filled with joy, for Christ has risen and our lives will never be the same.



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We praise you, O God, for what you have done for us in Christ Jesus. Through him, we experience your love, your forgiveness, your grace. And so we sing:



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We thank you, Holy One, for these gifts of bread and wine—that this joyful meal shared is a foretaste of your glorious Kingdom.



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We humbly ask you to pour your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon our lives. May we be nourished for lives of service in your name.



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: Amen!

Music Leader (singing): *There is room for us all; and no gift is too small.*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Music Leader (singing): *There's enough if we share; come on pull up a chair.*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: It is through the broken Bread we recognize the risen Christ.

Leader: It is through sharing the Cup of Blessing that we know forgiveness today and always.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Leader: The Body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

The Blood of Christ, poured out for you. Take and drink.

Music Leader (singing): *No matter who are you; no matter where you're from,*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Music Leader (singing): *Here and now we can be the beloved community:*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: Amen!

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The Day of Resurrection!

C F/C C C/Bb F/A C/G F G

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!

G7 C C7 F/C C G/D D7 G

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

G7 C7 F A7/E D7 G

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

G/F C/E Dm7/F C7/G F/A F C/G G7 G C

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

People: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ!

Leader: Let us rejoice in the power of resurrection!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Pass the Love

Pass the Love

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F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be yours today and forevermore!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

*You have turned mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.*

--Psalm 30:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance-Online-Daily Devotions Avg.-67, March 21-Sunday Worship Online-270, In Person-99, Sunday School Online-98, In Person 14, Teachers-7, Splash-2, Leaders-2, March 24-Sr/Jr High Youth Group-10, Leaders-5.

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH. When Rev. Becky takes sabbatical time in mid-April to early May, Daily Devotions will be on hold until she returns.

Sundays in April-Sunday School will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am. **Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

April 4. Easter Sunday! Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30, 9:00(and via Facebook Live) and 10:30 a.m. Service will include music, prayers, scriptures, preaching and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

2021 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like or call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you. Open dates the rest of the year **August 22nd & 29th**.

March/April Upper Rooms-have arrived! They are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. The box is locked and will be checked often. Thank you!

Blessing Pantry-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs-Paper Plates, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Hand Soap, Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes, Storage Bags, Garbage Bags and Dry Pet Food. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Calendar-Week of April 4, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School-in person & via Facebook Live
	7:30am	Worship-in person
	9:00am	Worship-in person & via Facebook Live
	10:15am	Worship-in person
	5:00pm	Splash-in person
Monday	All Day	Office Closed
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul
3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.

Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring or refund to cancel this donation.

2019 Easter Flower Memorials

In Memory of John A. Ahlers by Marlene Ahlers

In Memory of Howard and Lorma Wiehe by Marlene Ahlers

In Memory of Loved Ones by the Allen Bushman Family

In Memory of Angela Lynne Bushman and Loved Ones by the Dennis & Gert Bushman Family

In Memory of Loved Ones by Jill and Joe Borkowski (2 plants)

In Memory of Don Dicke, Mike Dicke and Harry Ingram by Lois Dicke and Chris Dicke

In Memory of Loved Ones by Burt and Jan Fiser

In Memory of Ron Hittepole by Marlene Hittepole and Family

In Memory of Andrea Hittepole by Marlene Hittepole and Family

In Memory of Don B. Hoelscher by Anna L. Hoelscher and Family

In Memory of Marta K. Hoelscher by Anna L. Hoelscher and Family

In Memory of Don R. & Rodney R. Miller by Cheryl and Rick Homan

In Memory of Edgar and Vilma Rump by Cheryl and Rick Homan

In Memory of Ralph Plattner by Cheryl and Rick Homan

In Memory of Our Parents by Dick and Ann Hudson

In Memory of James and Irene Jarvis by the David Jarvis Family

In Memory of Robert Finke and a Gift for Mary Finke by Staci and Gary Jones (2 plants)

In memory of Johann Klein and Loved Ones by Mary Klein

In Memory of the Birthday of Tyler James Kuhn by The Kuhn Family

In Memory of Roland and Sally Meckstroth by Sher, Jeff and Greg Meckstroth

In Memory of Our Parents by Rob & Diane Paul

In Memory of Loved Ones by Vernon & Julie Paul

In Memory of Don R. and Rodney R. Miller and Ralph Plattner by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Jesse & Verona Miller and Verdella Schaefer and a gift for Dale Schaefer by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Raymon, Anna, Eugene, and Richard Plattner and a gift for Betty Plattner by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Edgar, Vilma Edward and Mamie Rump and a gift for Alice Hegemier by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Shirley Schaefer by Gary, Donna, Amy and Kelli Schmitmeyer

In Memory of Greg Bushman and a gift for Allen Bushman and Family by Gary, Donna, Amy and Kelli Schmitmeyer

In Memory of Janice Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family

In Memory of Mack and Vernita Wellman by the Stevens and Wellman Family

In Memory of Omer and Vernita Hickerson by Joyce and Mike Topp

In Memory of Lester and Ruth Ann Topp by Joyce and Mike Topp

In Memory of Family and Loved Ones by Mark and Paula Topp

In Memory of Robert Wilson by Carol Wilson and Family

Our sincere appreciation to those purchasing Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary this wonderful Easter Day! Donors may take their plants at the conclusion of the 10:30am worship service. Thank you!!

We apologize that there are no Daisy Mums available. Our supplier did not receive any from their supplier.