

April 25, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

As we move more deeply into the Easter season, our Christian faith reminds us that we are Easter People—no matter the season. For what God has done for us through Jesus, we offer him our thanks and praise.

This Thursday, April 28, Pastor Becky will begin a 5-week Bible Study series entitled *Unafraid—Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. We will meet in the church library at 6:30 each Thursday. Because this Bible Study is video-based, we are only able to offer it in-person.


We are offering a Potential New Member Class on Sunday, May 1 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Attending the class does not obligate you to join—it simply provides information about St. Paul Church and the United Church of Christ. The class also offers the opportunity for folk to get to know one another better.


2022's Project of the Year includes various upkeep and maintenance at St. Church. Last week, Lima Pipe Organ Company let us know that part of the Pedal 32' Contra Fagotto stop is no longer working on our beloved organ. This particular stop is not connected to the pipes, but is part of the electronic tone generators that were added in 1994. The cost to repair this will be no more than \$4,500. Our hope is that we can raise these funds by summertime to have repairs completed before September. You can mark your giving for this project as "Project of the Year."


Another project we are seeking funding for is our upcoming Art Camp Festival. Instead of our traditional summertime Art Camp, St. Paul Church is hosting an Art Camp Festival on Wednesday, June 8 in the evening. This event draws children, youth and families from New Bremen and area villages and towns. We offer a free meal, bouncy houses, crafts, games, music, New Bremen's canine officer and New Bremen's fire trucks. Last year we easily fed 500 people at the Art Camp Festival.

The cost for this year's Festival is just under \$5000. We have raised a portion of the funds, but we invite you to prayerfully consider donating to the Art Camp Festival. This fun-filled evening showcases St. Paul Church's hospitality and outreach to the community. We thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our community.

We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your generosity. We thank you for your love for God and neighbor. Blessings,

 Roland Dicke
Council President

 Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP

 Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of April 25, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$15,379.96(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$7,600.00(ytd)
Income \$123,147.13(ytd)
Expenses \$99,420.76(ytd)
Balance \$23,726.37(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$32,054.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$2,161.11)(ytd)
Expenses \$9,248.02(ytd)
Balance \$57,293.96(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$646.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$3,964.50(ytd)
Expenses \$8,136.89(ytd)
Balance \$8,046.43(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$6,987.00(ytd)
Expenses \$5,626.51(ytd)
Balance \$30,521.61(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$64.50(weekly)
Income \$8,207.50(ytd)

E-Giving @ St. Paul

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

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

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.



Paul's Conversion

May 1, 2022

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who calls us, you took Saul and turned him in a completely new direction. You challenged Paul to become what he hated, and to help others to know a loving God through a risen Christ. Shape us so that we might be molded to your will. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 'He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Saul's life took a dramatic turn in a single moment. Paul would be forever changed.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.

What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called to go straight to a man known to persecute and kill Christians?

For the littles: What scares you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you courage to face scary things. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most. Consider how God feels about them.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Acts 9:1-19a, Paul's Conversion
Monday, Acts 9:19b-22, Saul Preaches in Damascus
Tuesday, Acts 9:23-31, Saul Escapes from the Jews
Wednesday, Acts 9:36-43, Peter in Lydda and Joppa
Thursday, Acts 10:1-16, Peter and Cornelius
Friday, Acts 10:17-23a, Peter and Cornelius
Saturday, Acts 10:23b-33, Peter and Cornelius



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Bev Plattner

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

Diane Gilberg

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist

Sr. Deacon

Music Director

Liturgist/Sr. Elder

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CROSSROAD CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

Kim Hemmelgarn

Many children struggle – either because of who they are or because of what's happened to them. They have emotional and behavioral

difficulties. Crossroad Child and Family Services in Ft. Wayne, Indiana is where they get help, healing and hope. Help support the children in our backyard by giving to our May CROSSROAD Mission.

Children who come to Crossroad learn to value themselves and others. Values provide the solid ground the children need as they learn, change and become “valuable” adults.

For decades, judges, educators, social service professionals, and parents have turned to Crossroad for help with troubled children. Crossroad has become the rock of certainty for its children and for those who love and care about them. Crossroad offers a continuum of care that meets the needs of hurting children and families in Indiana – and beyond to neighboring states such as ours.

This non-profit treatment provider for at-risk children and their families needs our support. The UCC established Crossroad in 1883 and St. Paul has been a continual supporter to this organization. Let’s continue our support! Thank you!

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 120. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is on a treble clef. Chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff.

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 (adapted from Psalm 67)

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and shout for joy!

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* Verses 1 & 4

EASTER

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 289

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Easter and New Life, we spend so much of our time doubting you, doubting ourselves, failing to place our trust in you. Our lack of faith causes us to stumble and when we fall, we fall far. Forgive us our sin & brokenness and lift us so that we can rise to the challenge of carrying out your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful and just. God offers forgiveness for all who ask it. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus.

People: Amen! Praise be to God!

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is the vocal line with lyrics. The second and third lines are accompaniment lines with lyrics. The fourth line is a final melodic line with lyrics. Chord symbols C, Am7, D7, D, G, D, and Em are placed above the notes in the second and third lines.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kinley Christine Manbeck

Congregational Response: We promise our love, support and care.

Kinley is the daughter of Cody and Katie Manbeck. Her sponsors are Lauren Crouch and Shaun Voress. Congrats to the Manbeck Family!

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Borning Cry

BAPTISM

680

Borning Cry

Unison G Gmaj7 Am
G Am
Gmaj7 Am
G

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

G Gmaj7 Am
G Am6
G

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you

G Am
G C
E Am7 D7sus D7 G (Fine)

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

C G
B Am G

I was there when you were but a child with a
If you find some - one to share your time, and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D D9 G Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{Am6}{C}$

faith to suit you as well; in a blaze of light you
 join shut your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wear - y eyes, I'll be there as I have

Bm7 Em A $\frac{G}{A}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ $\frac{Em}{A}$ D D7

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *D.C. (vs. 1) al fine*

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: The baptism of Kinley Christine!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Donald Mohrman (St. Rita's), Carol Mohrman, Julia Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

Please keep the family of Jim Moeller in your prayers. Jim passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Life-Giving God, we lift up to you today the world, our nation, our state, our community and our congregation.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Lord God, your persecutor, Saul, suffered a great shock on the way to becoming your servant, Paul. Awaken us where we have fallen asleep, and shake us out of harmful habits and destructive attitudes. Show us how to fully employ our best gifts to your glory. Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lights may not blind us nor voices thunder in our ears, but the waters of this blue planet are steadily rising, and the effects of our abuse and neglect are unmistakable. Teach us to recognize warnings while we have a chance to be part of the solution in preserving our cosmic home. Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Sometimes the unenviable task falls on us, and you ask us to face what we fear most. Give us the courage of Ananias, who though he was terrified, obeyed your command and followed, to the benefit of millions. Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Make the scales fall from our eyes and restore us to fullness of vision and strength by your Spirit, O God of hope and healing. Send your mercy upon all who are grieving, all who are sick, all who need touched by your love. Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Following the trail blazed by the earliest carriers of the Good News, we take our place in the line of the saints in heaven whose joy it is to praise your name forever. Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty and merciful God, you have provided us with everything we need to carry out the work before us. Accept our prayers and fortify us for your ministries and missions set before us. 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:1-19a (NRSV)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him

stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Leader: This is one of the greatest dramas in Scripture.

People: The conversion of Paul.

Leader: It has everything: an evildoer, a fall from a horse, a blinding light, a voice from heaven, and a man whose life it utterly changed in an instant.

People: Saul, the greatest persecutor of Christians, becomes the great Christian evangelist.

Leader: But what of the people he had made to suffer? How did they react to his sudden change of heart?

People: Did they say, "Yeah, right. SURE he's different now."?

Leader: Did they still fear him?

People: After all, leopards do not change their spots.

Leader: If someone shows you what they are, believe them.

People: And Saul had shown the Christians hatred, and he had persecuted them.

Leader: By rights they shouldn't have trusted him for a second.

People: But then Jesus called his faithful disciple Ananias.

Leader: Jesus sent Ananias to restore Paul's sight.

People: And the faithful disciple obeyed.

Leader: In that miraculous act of healing, another miracle happened.

People: The Christian church forgave Paul.

Leader: They saw Paul through God's eyes. They understood that he had been redeemed.

People: They recognized him as a beloved brother in faith. They knew Saul no more.

Leader: They listened to Paul as he went out, not to kill, but to make disciples for Christ.

People: They hung on his words of wisdom as he wrote to churches all over the known world.

Leader: They welcomed him into their midst as a leader.

People: It wasn't just one heart that was changed on the road to Damascus, but many.

Leader: Paul became as beloved as he had once been reviled,

People: And was recognized as a great gift to the church.

Leader: And now, today, who do we know who has had a change of heart?

People: A well-known sinner, a prisoner, someone hated and distrusted by the world.

Leader: Can we take a step forward in faith about this person?

People: Can we give this person a second chance, just as God gives us a million chances?

Leader: Again and again, the stories of Scripture tell of imperfect people used for good by a perfect God.

People: Paul was one of those people.

Leader: If God can forgive, if God can renew the spirit of someone so lost, can we do less for one another?

People: Can we do less for ourselves? Every story is a Saul/Paul story in one way or another.

Leader: Christ never stops reaching out to us to turn away from our willfulness, from our sin.

People: May we too, be blinded by the light of God's love.

Leader: And may we see with new eyes, with new hearts.

People: And then may we bravely go out into the world to share the incredible news of our hope and new life we have in Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE

Here I Am!

Piano/Organ

Here I Am!

Word and Music
by J. L. Salt(er)

♩ = 160

The musical score is written for Piano/Organ in 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano/organ accompaniment line. The chords are indicated above the vocal line. The lyrics are: 'Here I am! I heard you calling me, Then you set me free and finally I see! Now I know that he who I despised opened up my eyes, made me realize Je - sus is the Lord of me.'

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SERMON

*The purpose of life is not to be happy.
The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be
compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived
and lived well. -Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The extended Easter season is a reminder that because of Christ Jesus' resurrection, we are transformed by forgiveness and grace and love. We are transformed. We are made new. Like Saul, when we encounter the Risen Christ, our lives will never be the same.

Today, I share with you some stories of transformation.

Bryan Jarrett is a man who is changing the world one child at a time. He grew up in a small farming community in the rural south. As a child, his father would disappear for days or weeks at a time. Then one day, his dad left and never returned. Without his father's protection, young Bryan was sexually assaulted by an extended family member. As a teenager, he relied on alcohol to numb the pain. All told, Bryan's life was defined by abuse, abandonment and addiction.

When he was in his late teens, he learned about Jesus and became a follower. The love he experienced through Jesus and his newly formed faith healed and transformed his life. As he became an adult and married, Bryan realized that his heart was full of love for those who are the forgotten, the overlooked and the hurting. He and his wife, Haley, founded Lonesome Dove Ranch.

Located in Royce City, Texas—a tiny rural village on the northern edge of the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex—Lonesome Dove Ranch encompasses 120 acres of working ranch land. It is here that children who have been abused and abandoned can attend camp at the ranch for a week of play (fishing, archery, bonfires), ranch work, therapy and even equine therapy. The horses on the ranch have also been rescued from horrific situations. Together, the horses and the children grow in trust and love.

Trained professionals and adult volunteers work with the children at a ratio of 3 adults for every one child. Bryan and Haley understand that a week on the ranch cannot erase a lifetime of trauma, but it is a start. A very good start.

Bryan Jarrett jumped into the deep end of his Christian faith to transform his own painful childhood into an opportunity to bring healing and hope to children in similar situations.

Here's another story of lives transformed. After the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010, chef Jose Andres knew he needed to do something to address the dire needs of the Haitian people. Working closely with his wife, Patricia, and his business partners Rob and Robin Wilder, Jose founded the nonprofit organization World Central Kitchen. World Central Kitchen began with a simple idea—wherever people are

hungry throughout the world, send in cooks. Not tomorrow. Send them today.

World Central Kitchen is often the very first to the frontlines of humanitarian, climate and community crises, providing both meals AND systems so that ultimately local folk can be part of the solution to hunger. Jose's organization does not just arrive with food. They stay and cook and serve meals for people in disaster zones the world over.

In early March following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Jose Andres and World Central Kitchen arrived on the frontlines of the conflict—one day after hostilities began. I invite you to watch this video: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1500223377860186118>.

Like Saul who became known as Paul after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, Bryan and Haley Jarrett and Jose and Patricia Andres have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the lives of others—one child at a time, one meal at a time, (and in Paul's case) one letter at a time.

And what about each of us? Of this I am convinced: when we encounter Jesus' love, Jesus' forgiveness, and Jesus' grace, our lives are never going to be the same again. We are set on fire to share that love, forgiveness and grace with others. As Jose Andres once wrote, "Many complex problems have simple solutions. Sometimes you just need to decide to do something. Sometimes you just have to show up with a sandwich or some warm rice and beans. You'd be amazed at the power of a plate of food. It can change the world, and so can you."

I'll ask again. What about us? What about you? Now that you have experienced Jesus' love, how will you share that love and that hope with others? Perhaps you will volunteer at the school or teach Sunday School. Perhaps you will volunteer at the Blessing Pantry. Perhaps you will write and send letters or cards of encouragement. Perhaps you will cook a meal for a lonely neighbor. Perhaps you will lengthen your prayer list—offering to God the many burdens in our world.

Transformation happens one sandwich at a time. One child at a time. One letter at a time. One prayer at a time.

Today, I invite you to be bathed in the love of Jesus. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are precious. You are sent out to share his love with others. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: Whenever we offer our best to God: be it our time, our tithes, our treasure, we pray that these offerings might be used to bring hope to the hopeless, healing to the hurting, food to the hungry: all for the building up of God's kingdom in this community and beyond. When you give to God through St. Paul Church, your ministry dollars do much to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. You are invited to give joyfully and generously.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system has the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the treble staff, various chords are indicated: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy God, we often think we know where we are going when you turn us in a new direction. Steer us toward gratitude, compassion, and generosity so that all may come to know you and your love. Accept these gifts we offer to help bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION: After his baptism, Paul took food to regain his strength for the mission Jesus set upon him. At this holy table we are fed—nourished for strength to carry out the mission Jesus sets upon us. Come, for all is ready and waiting for you.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: It is good to give God thanks.

Leader: Let us pray. It is not only right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places, to give you thanks and praise, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your only son, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the day Jesus rose from the dead, he walked along the road to Emmaus with two of his followers. They did not recognize the Risen Christ—even when he opened the scriptures to them on that long walk. It was only at the evening meal, when they had settled in a home for the night, that they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.

In the Easter season, we remember the Risen Christ in the breaking of the Bread. We remember his sacrifice in the gift of the Cup of Blessing. The gifts of God for the people of God. All things are now ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

Leader: The Bread of Heaven! Take and eat!

The Cup of Blessing! Take and drink!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

O God, we thank you for uniting us baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

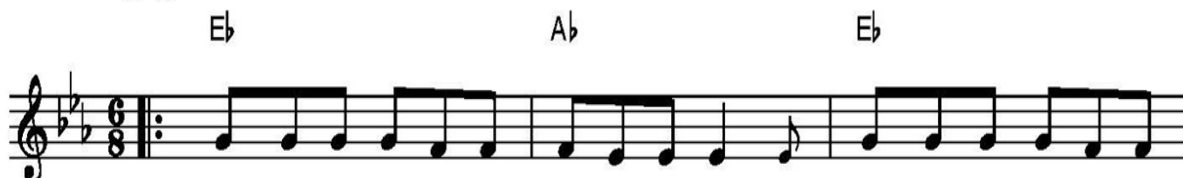
HYMN OF SENDING

Alleluia Love Is Alive

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Words and Music by
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♩ = 60



1. Peo - ple of God, see the morn - ing is new; Rise from your sleep - ing and
2. Peo - ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been bro - ken; a -
3. Peo - ple of God now re - joic - ing in Christ, car - ry your joy to the



run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and see! He is a - live! ____
-ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is a - live! ____
dark - ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the world! He is a - live! ____



A grave that is emp - ty, a prom - ise ful - filled; God who was with us is
Here now is mer - cy em - brac - ing your soul, here the ful - fill - ment that
Hear the good news of this glo - ri - ous day, ev - 'ry heart sing - ing as



here with us still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live! ____ Al - le -
once was fore - told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live! ____
heav - en pro - claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live! ____



-lu - ia! Love is a - live; _ Con - quered the grave _ and de - feat -

20 $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$

- ed the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live! The

23 Cm $E\flat/B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $B\flat$ $E\flat$

Son has a - ris - en for all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

27 N.C. $E\flat$ N.C. $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ D.S. al Coda

all. Al - le -

31 Φ Coda $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $B\flat$ $E\flat$

all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

34 N.C. $E\flat$ N.C.

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BENEDICTION (adapted from 2 Corinthians 13:11): And now, my brothers and sisters, rejoice! Aim for healing and reconciliation; comfort one another; live in peace; and may the God of love and peace be with you today and always. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

$\text{♩} = 95$

F Gm^7 F Gm^7 F/A $F/B\flat$ Gm^9 C^7

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

F Gm^7 F Gm^7 F/A $F/B\flat$ Gm^9 G^7 C

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

$Fmaj^7$ Dm F/G F/C

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

Am^7 Dm^7 Gm^7 F/C C^7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: In Christ we are a new creation. Let us joyfully pass the peace of Christ with one another.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Linda Bushman by the Allen Bushman Family.

Participants-Daily Devotions-56, April 14-Maundy Thursday Worship Online-205, In Person-30, April 15-Good Friday Worship-Online-191, In Person-48, April 17-7:30am Easter Worship Online-313, In Person-78, 10:15am Easter Worship Online-214, In Person-109, Sunday School-10, Teachers-5.

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

Daily Devotions-Please join us, 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.

Birthday Card Shower!!!! Please join us in wishing Walter Kanorr a very Happy Birthday on May 5th. Walter has recently moved into Divine Nursing and Rehab at The Laurels of Shane Hill in Rockford. Walter will be ecstatic to receive your cards and know we haven't forgotten him.

Elmwood Worship- Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Becky with this wonderful service. Please meet her by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

Bible Study: Unafraid—Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times-Thursday's at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Library. Because the study includes a video each week, this Bible Study will be in-person only. Questions? See Pastor Becky

Women's Service Group-will be meeting on Thursday, May 12th at 11:30am in the church's South parking lot for carpooling to Lake Loramie for a lunch of chicken and covered dishes. All are to bring a covered dish to accompany the chicken. We will be planning our meetings and outings for the 2022-2023 year. Boat rides will be available if weather permits. All women of the church are welcome. Please call Bev Plattner before Monday, May 9th if you plan to attend. Come and enjoy a day at the lake. Hope to see you there. Bev Plattner & Joyce Gilberg, Chairpersons

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 11. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Donut Sale-County Crossroads 4H Club will be selling donuts as a fundraiser here at St Paul after worship on May 15. Glaze and twist donuts are available. They will be sold individually-\$1.25, half dozen-\$7.50 and a dozen for \$15.00. You may place a pre-order by contacting Megan or Ashton Ritter or any other member of County Crossroads 4H Club. Thank you for your support.

St. Paul UCC Prayer Chain-I, Jeff Paul, will be the new leader of the prayer chain going forward. I encourage all members of St. Paul UCC to be involved in the prayer chain. For those interested please email or text me and let me know how you would prefer to receive the prayer requests (either email, text or both). For those wanting to submit a prayer request, you may either email or text me with the details as you would like me to present them to the prayer chain. I will get your request out as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to building this ministry of St. Paul. Jeff Paul

Blessing Pantry-is accessible 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-Baby Wipes, Diapers (size 3-6), Diaper Cream, Laundry Detergent, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Cotton Balls, Vaseline, Kleenex, Napkins, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and**

Pull Ups (size 2-6). **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

May/June Upper Rooms-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.

Calendar-Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live w/Holy Communion
	11:30am	Worship Team
	4:00pm-5:00pm	New Member Class
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team
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
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club



When: May 16, 2022
Who: Everyone
Where: St. Paul Assembly Room
Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Menu: To Be Decided

Carry-outs Available, Free Chair Massages