

8:00 AM WORSHIP APRIL 21, 2024

PASTOR ROB GOODWIN PASTOR MARK GEARIG PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE THOSE LONGING FOR A DIFFERENT LIFE FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

EXHORTATIONLSB 151PastorIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.CongregationBut if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINSLSB 151PastorLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.CongregationMost merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. 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.ABSOLUTIONLSB 151

Pastor	Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all
	your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive
	you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation	Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE Assistant

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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Assistant

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



Assistant 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.

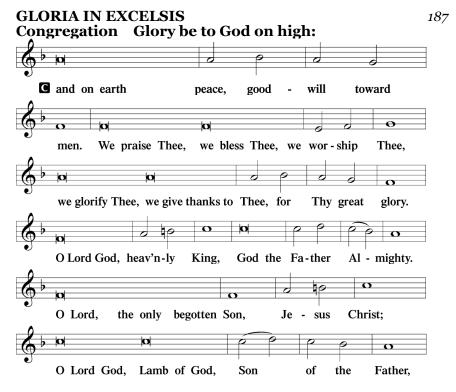


Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

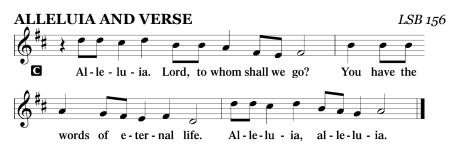






Assistant This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation Thanks be to God.

Stand



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Verse 1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine O what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy whispers of love [Chorus]

Verse 3 Perfect submission all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest Watching and waiting looking above Filled with His goodness lost in His love [Chorus] Text: Public domain

Sit

SPL KIDS WORD

SERMON

"LIVE FREE: Daniel 6"

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OFFERING CELEBRATE WITH GLADNESS (Handbell Ensemble)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE
Pastor

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And a - so with you.

Pastor

Lift up your hearts.

The Lord be with you.



C We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor

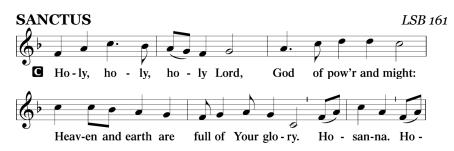
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor

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





LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162 Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, Congregation hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor

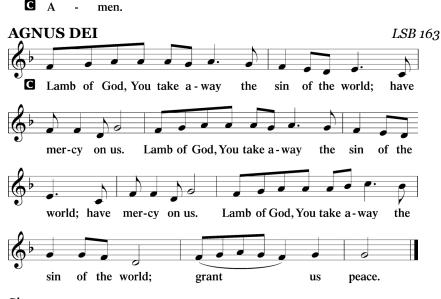
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor

LSB 163 The peace of the Lord be with you always.



WE GATHER TOGETHER

Handbell Ensemble



Stand

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

Congregation Amen.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand. Text: Stuart Townsend and Keith (getty Text: C 2001 Thank You Music, admin. Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission: CCLI no. 1855985

BENEDICTION

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JOIN OUR TEAM - Apply by April 30

To continue to complete our team and meet ministry needs, St. Paul's is currently hiring for Director of Communications. This is a full-time position with oversight of all ministry communications and leadership of the communications team. Submit cover letter, resume, and references to pastorrob@spldecatur.org by April 30th. More position details available at *spldecatur.org/joinourteam*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Trevor & Lindsay Dodson in celebration of the baptism anniversary of their children Leio, Willow, & Mila.

Flowers at the Pulpit are placed to the glory of God by Kenny & Vicki Baker in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

OPERATIONS

Last weekend attendance	459	
Last weekend attendance	128	
Average attendance for t	719	
Last Week's Offering: 2024 Budget Goal: YTD Giving:	\$35,598 \$2,170,000 \$590,229 (27.20	% of budget goal)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 4/21 8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Kids) 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles TUESDAY 4/23 10:00 AM Garden Club Workshop (Dining Room) 11:30 AM G.A. Meeting (Room 122) WEDNESDAY 4/24 6:00 PM SPL Youth WEDNESDAY NIGHT! (The Loft) THURSDAY 4/25 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study with Jack Barr (Conference Room) 1:00 PM Bible Study - Believing God (Room 122)
5:30 PM Bible Study - Belleving God (Room 122) 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Spring History Study w/Jerry Johnson (Room 122)
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal SATURDAY 4/27 CONFIRMATION SATURDAY
7:00 AM SPL Men Bible Study (Conference Room)
9:00 AM Confirmation Rehearsal 10:30 AM Confirmation Brunch & Testimony Sharing (Dining Room)
6:00 PM Contemporary Worship (Worship Center) SUNDAY 4/28 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Kids)
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles