

Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

***Please silence cell phones.***

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.  
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.  
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"An earnest commitment at ground level gets you access to the higher  
playfulness." - James Parker

PRELUDE

*Feierlicher Einzug*  
Organ, Brass, and Percussion

Richard Strauss  
arr. Chip DeStefano

CHORAL INTROIT

*Call to Worship*  
Chancel Choir  
Breanna Coe, conductor

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

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*\* Please stand if you are able to do so.*

\* HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Chip DeStefano

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav - en!

We with all the an - gels say:—  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Praise to thee by both be giv - en,

Raise our joys and tri - umphs high,  
Once He died, ours souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply:—  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,  
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**New life springs up all around us Lord,  
while we are earthbound still.  
Distracted, dull, held down by doubt,  
and kept back by fear,  
we cannot or will not  
see life through the "He is risen"  
prism and its promise.  
Forgive us, Lord!  
Renew us in the resurrection light!  
Change the way we see!  
Make us alive in Christ.  
Amen**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Christ is Risen!  
**All: He is risen indeed!**  
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**All: He is risen indeed!**

RESPONSE

*Morning Has Broken*

v. 1



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird.\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass.\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play!\_\_\_\_ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!\_\_\_\_  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.\_\_\_\_  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE

Cathy Jacobson, 9 a.m.  
Winnie Kearns, 11 a.m.

### *John 20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

\* STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,  
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to care for creation,  
to seek justice and to resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

ANTHEM

*Lean On Me*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives, we all have pain  
We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on

I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call me

Call me, If you need a friend  
Call me

SERMON

Jeff Carlson, 9 a.m.  
Matt Fitzgerald, 11 a.m.

\* HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*  
See previous hymn.

vv. 2 & 3

OFFERTORY

*Worthy Is the Lamb*  
from *Messiah*  
Chancel Choir, Organ, Trumpets and Timpani

G.F. Handel

Worthy is the lamb that was slain,  
And hath redeemed us to God by his blood,  
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and glory and blessing.  
Blessing and honor, glory, and power be unto him,  
That sitteth upon the throne and unto the lamb forever.  
Amen.

*Text from Revelation 5: 11 & 12*

*You can give to St. Pauls Easter Fund electronically by:*

*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/easter](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/easter),*

*Or through Zelle or PayPal to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our 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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

BREAD

*I Wander Deep in Thought*  
Jeff Wagner, piano

Edvard Grieg

WINE

*The Creator Has a Master Plan*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Pharoh Sanders

The creator has a working plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The creator has a working plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The creator has a master plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The creator has a master plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The creator makes but one demand  
Peace and happiness through all the land  
The creator makes but one demand  
Happiness through all the land



**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All things have been made new! All the seas and dry lands.**

**All the forests and the fields. All the cities and towns.**

**Everything that swims or flies, even you, and even me!**

**All have been made new today! Oh God we thank you!**

**For love is more powerful than fear. Life is triumphant over the grave.**

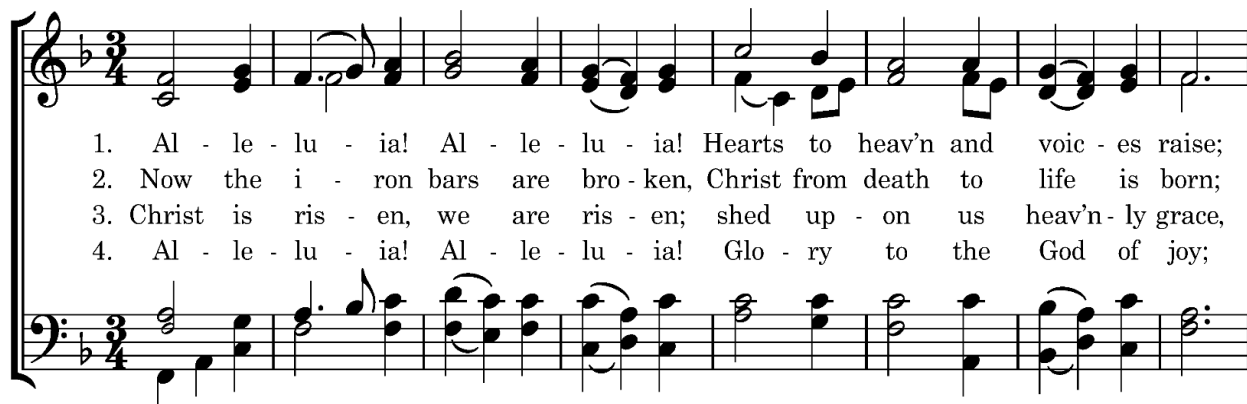
**You have just defeated death.**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

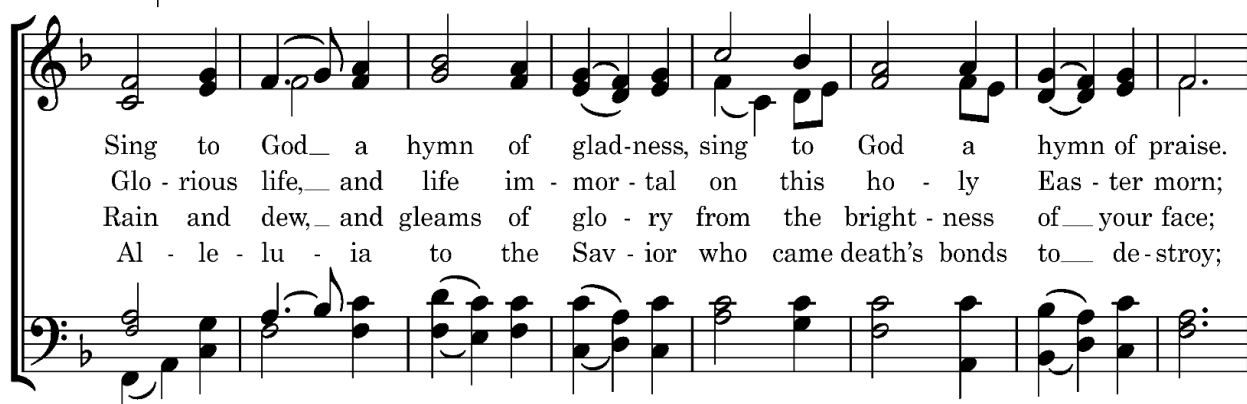
\* HYMN

*Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

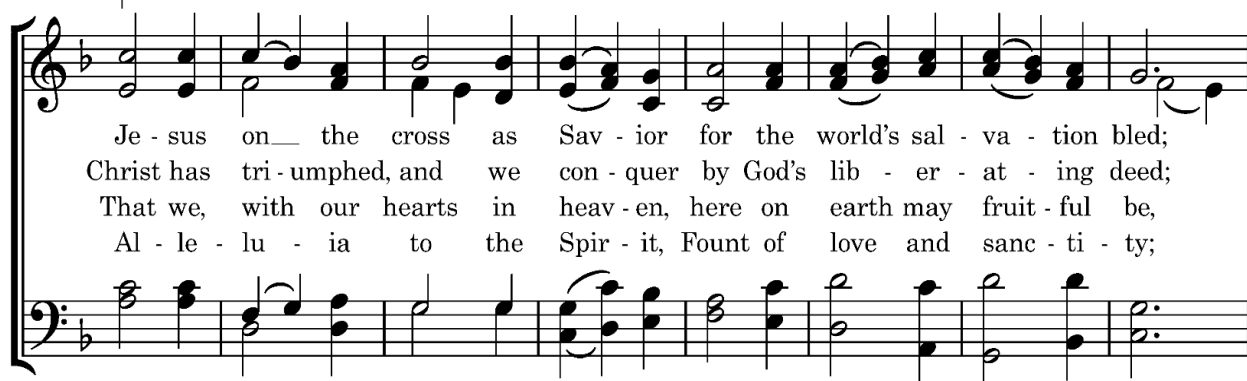
arr. Richard Webster



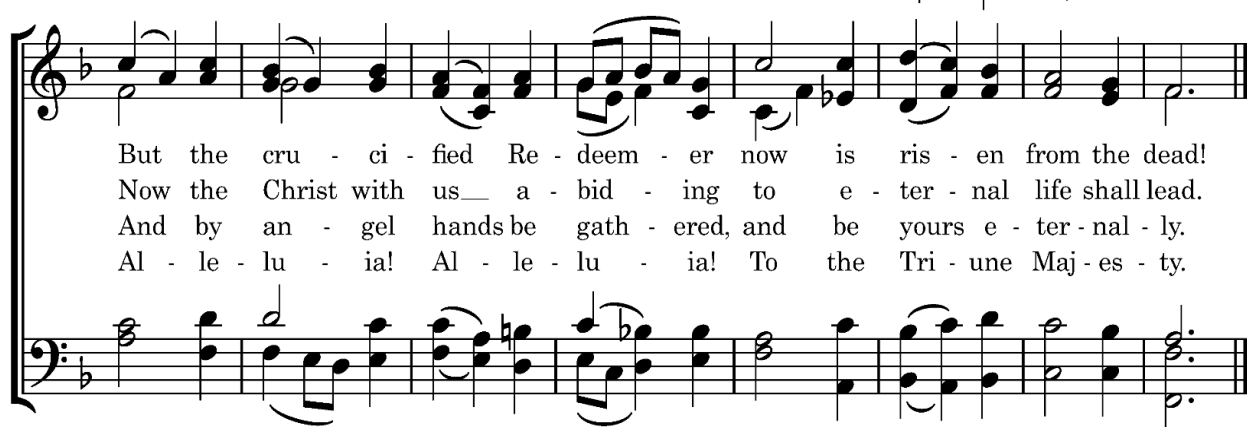
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;  
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;  
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav'n - ly grace,  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;  
Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;



Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;  
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;  
That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!  
Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.  
And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

**St. Arbucks Quartet:** Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

**Easter Instrumentalists:** Tom Madeja & Kris Hansen, trumpet; Liz Deitemyer, French horn; Mark Swanson, trombone; Colby Fahrenbacher, tuba; Ralph Wisner, timpani; Matt Plaskota, percussion; and Jeffrey Wagner, piano.

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Scripture Reader, 9 a.m.:** Cathy Jacobson

**Scripture Reader, 11 a.m.:** Winnie Kearns

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers, 9 a.m.:** Barb Kaiser, Mark Sancya

**Communion Servers, 11 a.m.:** Bob Ball, Cindy Ball, Clark Baurer, Carrie Bruggers, Chirstina Cedena, Andy Cory, Char Damron, Larry Damron, Lydia Murray, Tom Murray, Zack Murray, Matt Nickerson, Wayne Parman, Tom Sadler, Holly Stoval, Jill Wachholz

**Head Ushers:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers, 9 a.m.:** Mary Ann Brown, David Faulkner, Fred Pearson, Peg Wander

**Ushers, 11 a.m.:** Mary Ann Brown, David Baker, John Balevic, Debbie Edwards, Peg Wander

**Greeters, 11 a.m.** Clark Baurer, Mercedes Ridao

**Acolyte Coordinator:** Rebecca Sandoval

**Acolytes, 9 a.m.:** Annika Hull, Oscar Hull, Eva Mack, Alayna Mack

**Acolytes, 11 a.m.:** Jake Dentzen, Coco Schimp, Rex Lawrence, Leo Lawrence, Claire Nitzsche

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner

**Pew Literature Racks Organizer:** Mary Brown

**Easter Altar Decorators:** Char Damron, Barb Kaiser, Doug Roewer, Cres Roewer, Holly Stovall, Doug Clark, Marcia Opp

**Custodians:** Ramiro Gonzalez, Louis Luri

*Communion bread baked by Kristin Lane and Annie Johnson.*

## ST. PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.*

- Nancy Barnett in the hospital.
- Dr. Rod Sippy, as he faces surgery and a long recuperation, as well as Erica Barbosa as she heals from a long illness.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Mike Stensaas, complications from Parkinson's and a stroke.
- Matthew Wallace, recently diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Dianne Witkowski, as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- Friends and loved ones of Marcia Knudson at her death.
- That we each find our role, our voice, in bringing peace forward.
- Students, workers, and communities at risk of family separation, loss of homes and businesses due to government overreach.
- Karen L. Johnson, recovering from a fall.
- Sally Acker, recovering from a fall.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Pastor Liz's Aunt Donna Gentry, on the death of her husband Mike.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phill, being treated for complications associated with leukemia, and Jane, who is Phill's primary caregiver.
- Craig Wilbanks mother and father each facing serious health challenges.

### **Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources**

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

### **EASTER FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION OF ...**

KEVIN DZIERZAWSKI from Kurt R. Hansen  
CHANCEL CHOIR from Kurt R. Hansen  
KRISTOFER & ALEX HANSEN from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
ST. ARBUCKS QUARTET, from Kurt R. Hansen  
KARINA KONTOROVITCH from Kurt R. Hansen and the Chancel Choir  
MARCIA FETTERS from Jan and Rick Bail  
MARCIA OPP from Your Family  
MARCIA KNUDSON from Candi Huber and Doug Dobmeyer  
MOM, DAD, MORGAN, KEITH, AND BABY LEE from Audrey Bettner  
ABSENT FRIENDS from John & Debbie Balevic  
OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AT ST. PAULS from Emma and Adam Becker  
ERICA BARBOSA from Rodney E. Sippy  
KIRSTEN, ERIKA, KRIS & THEIR FAMILIES from Marcia Opp and John Ekdahl

### **EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ...**

NICHOLAS AND BERTHA BRANCACCIO from the Hansen Family  
GRIGG FOUNTAIN from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
KERMIT AND MARY HANSEN from the Hansen Family  
LOLA AND ALEX RAND from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
DONNA BRANCACCIO SEGSCHNEIDER from Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
VIRGINIA & W.A. AMERSON from The Murray Family  
ASHLYN & THEDFORD MALLARD from The Murray Family  
KATHY FAULKNER from David Faulkner  
MARCIA KNUDSON from David Faulkner  
MARCIA KNUDSON from Candi Huber and Doug Dobmeyer  
BETSY HARTANOV from Justin, Creighton, Aniston, and Grady Hartanov  
BETSY HARTANOV from Randy Hartanov  
LARRY CHAMBERLAIN from Leslie Chamberlain  
ED ZASADIL from Larry Simpson  
SAMUEL GOOD from Sarah Good and Mark Mosley  
GEORGE & SHIRLEY MOSLEY from Mark and Sarah Mosley  
JOSEPH HEINEY from Jennifer Heiney  
KATHERINE & PHILIP BAIL from Jan and Rick Bail  
VIOLET & WILFRED GOTTSCHALK from Jan and Rick Bail  
PETRINE JANE CHRISTEIN ASHLEY from the Ashley Family  
REV. DONALD & FRANCES ASHLEY and COPE & ALICE CHRISTEIN from the Ashley Family  
DOLORES PIFER from Janet and Mark Musich

GRANDMOTHER from Janet and Mark Musich  
FRANCES & FRANK WANDER from Peg Wander  
THOSE WHO PASSED BEFORE US from Annie Johnson  
NANCY FUCHS, EDNA WORKMAN, WINN & LOIS WALKER, ARTHUR & FLORENCE  
HUCKEY, and HOWARD WILLIAMS from Breanna Coe  
CHARLES & JANE MORPHEW and FRED & EVELYN COE from Todd Coe  
HERB & ANNA BEECK from Barb Kaiser  
STEVE & JENNY FALLICK from Jorie Hamm  
JANET PALMACCIO & LUANN PETERSON from Emma and Adam Becker  
FRANK P. WHITRIDGE, HARVEY W. CLEMONS, RACHEL R. CLEMONS from Greg  
Clemons and Jeffrey Whitridge  
MABEL & WARREN ARSENHALT, BERNIECE & JOSEPH BUTTINGER from the  
Arsenault Family  
DELBERT ARSENAULT from the Arsenault Family  
DEBORAH PAYE ROODHOUSE REED from the Mutch and Reed Family  
KAREN WINTER (NANA) & KEITH GENTZEN (GRANDPA) from the Gentzen Family  
BILL KENNEDY from the Sopiarcz–Dunham Family  
MR. JAN SOPIARZ from the Sopiarcz–Dunham Family  
GRANDMA JANE & GRANDPA STAN from the Sopiarcz–Dunham Family  
NANA SHIRLEY from the Sopiarcz–Dunham Family  
ANN & GARRY WARD from Tori Ward and Family  
CAROL, MIKE SR., MIKE JR. GARRITY from Tori Ward and Family  
MICKEY POWELL from Tori Ward and Family  
REV. HERBERT T. & CORA TETZLAFF from Tetzlaff Family  
BOB GUZINSKI from Jen Luerssen  
PHILLIPS & ELIZABETH BAKER, ROGER & HELEN ROBERT from David and Susanne  
Baker  
FRED & MARGARET KURMAN from Liz Kurman  
OUR SON ALEX ROWLEY from Lisa and James Rowley  
LORELEI SCHOLTEN MEETER from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
LEROY & HENRIETTA DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
LEE DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
EDWARD SEELY DAVIS from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
DOLORES PIFER from her family and friends.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

*We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.*

Apr. 20 Andrea Reed, Daniel Nowack, Ella Javorcic, Sebastien Millard

Apr. 21 Alex Baker, Bennett Grosshans, Tahra Workman-Mandell

Apr. 22 Jack Lyons, Kyle Nitzsche

Apr. 23 Preston Schwab

Apr. 24 Mary Heffernan

Apr. 25 Caroline Heffernan, Isaac Broderick, Rick Bail

Apr. 26 Julien Braun, Kate DeMonte, Kecia Waldschmidt, Oscar Hull





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **APR 22 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP** - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun and faith. Childcare provided. Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord! Hymn Singalong (you can choose hymns) facilitated by Jeff Wagner.

### **APR 23 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JOHN** - 12 p.m., Zoom

We've come to the end of the Gospel of John. This week, we'll look at John's Easter stories and experiences with the risen Christ. Led by Pastor Jeff at noon over Zoom. Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/bdzytb33](https://tinyurl.com/bdzytb33).

### **APR 24 – MOMS' GROUP** - Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m. & Sundays, 11:30-12:15 p.m., Room 028

Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! Our Moms' group meets on Thursdays (9:15-10:15 a.m.) and Sundays (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) once per month. Upcoming Thursdays: April 24 and May 22, and Sunday, June 8. Come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. RSVP to [lnickerson@spucc.org](mailto:lnickerson@spucc.org).

### **APR 25 – FAITH FAMILY FRIDAY** - 6-8 p.m., Social Hall, Gym

Faith Family Fridays are monthly get togethers hosted by our Youth Ministry. Join us for a pizza night of fun, fellowship and food with your church family! All are welcome. Come strengthen your faith, build friendships, and make lasting memories. We can't wait to see you there! We'll provide the pizza. Feel free to bring your own beverage or board game to share. This event is free, but registration is required for food count. \$10/family suggested donation. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2jd6yhzz>.

### **APR 26 – VOLUNTEER WITH REBUILDING TOGETHER** - 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,

Thank you to all who have signed up for Rebuilding Together this year. Please be sure to complete the forms that you received by email. Looking forward to working together!

### **MAY 3 – “WALK AS ONE AT 1” FOR PEACE ON WORLD LABYRINTH DAY**

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, people around the globe will participate in the seventeenth annual World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. This creates a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This international event is held on the first Saturday of each May, sponsored by The Labyrinth Society and partner organizations. St. Pauls will sponsor a walk in our gymnasium from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. We will use our labyrinth walk and handheld finger labyrinths. A short introduction will be available if needed. All in our community are welcome. Invite someone to join you.

### **MAY 4 – NEW MEMBER CLASS – 11 a.m., Room 211**

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for the next New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship and childcare will be provided as needed. See other upcoming dates here: [spucc.org/new\\_member\\_classes](http://spucc.org/new_member_classes).

### **MAY 9 - LPCS METAMORPHOSIS GALA**

You are invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Park Community Services at their upcoming Metamorphosis gala! The gala will be on Friday evening, May 9, at Sarabande, which is located at 2726 West Roscoe Street in Chicago. LPCS serves adults who are experiencing homelessness in Chicago through two shelters, a Drop-In program, and a Street Outreach program. St. Pauls was one of the founding churches of LPCS in 1985 and has been an instrumental part of its growth ever since. LPCS will be recognizing us with their Cornerstone Legacy Award. Tickets are on sale now. To learn more, scan the QR code here or check LPCS's website at [LPCSchicago.org](http://LPCSchicago.org).



### **MAY 28 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE (BAKE YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES AT HOME NOW!) - 5:30 p.m., Kitchen**

Join the St. Pauls cookie bakers for dinner, socializing and cookie making on Wednesday, May 28. Meet us in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m. or whenever you can make it. We eat around 6:30. Cookies go to A Just Harvest and the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. If you can't join us, but would like to participate, you may drop off cookies with your name on them and labeled MARCIA at the church on or before the 28th. Please get in touch with Marcia Volk to reserve a spot and she will let you know what dinner/baking supplies are still needed. Contact Marcia at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com) or (773) 307-6866. You may also contact Gloria Joseph at [glrjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:glrjoseph@yahoo.com)

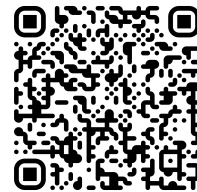
## **JUNE 15-21- YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

We are excited to invite our youth on the summer 2025 trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Youth will work with activists and church leaders from the Christian Church of Wilksburg, a dynamic interracial congregation in the heart of the community. We will stay at the church, joining youth and young adults from the Wilksburg church in a weeklong effort called "Project Peace." We will do carpentry, urban gardening, and other projects in the neighborhood. Lessons learned will be brought home and put to work at St. Pauls and in Chicago. If you are already planning to join the adventure, you can register here: [tinyurl.com/mrxmed3c](https://tinyurl.com/mrxmed3c).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS**

Want to receive reminders and announcements via text? Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form!



### **ST. PAULS MIGRANT HOUSING PROJECT LEGAL FUND**

St. Pauls housed five Venezuelan migrant families in our building over the past two years. Today, nearly every single member of these families has achieved legal status, helping to safeguard their presence in Chicago for the time being and allowing them to work. Such legal aid is costly and ongoing. In a time of wild anxiety and uncertainty for these new friends, you can help make a difference for our migrant families by supporting our legal aid fund. If you'd like to make a donation, please choose "Migrant Housing Project - Legal Fund" from the drop-down menu on our giving page: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving>

### **HAVE SOME ODD JOBS? WE'VE GOT SOME WILLING WORKERS!**

As they continue to work at supporting themselves financially, members of our migrant family friends would love to work for you. They are available for things like house cleaning, handyman repairs, moving items, painting, deck-staining, demolition & clean-up, and carpentry on things like deck and dry-wall. We have been assigning work at a rate of \$25/hour and ask that the jobs be a minimum of 3-4 hours. You can find out more by contacting our Migrant Housing Project Coordinator David Brown at [dbrown@harrington-brown.com](mailto:dbrown@harrington-brown.com).

### **YOUNG ADULT RUN CLUB AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

The Young Adult Group is thinking of starting a weekly Running Club this June. It would be an easy 5K on a weeknight evening. No need to be an avid runner; all paces are welcome! We also may form a beach volleyball team to join the summer leagues at North Avenue Beach (which will have a fee). If you're interested in joining us for either event, we'd love to have you! RSVP to [Brulonobilehome@gmail.com](mailto:Brulonobilehome@gmail.com).

### **DRIVERS NEEDED - SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS**

We need members to drive older members to church on Sundays and to occasional doctors' appointments. Please email Pastor Liz for details at [lnickerson@spucc.org](mailto:lnickerson@spucc.org).

### **BUILDING UPDATE - ROOM NUMBERS AT ST. PAULS**

St. Pauls is in the process of converting from room names to numbers. When construction is completed, formal signage will replace the temporary signage. Major locations, i.e., Sanctuary (115), Social Hall (015), Kitchen (010), Gym (009) will commonly use those titles, but their numbers are posted. Numbering begins at the Fullerton entrance (largely inaccessible during construction) and rises to the Kemper Place doorway: Main Level (100s), Upper Level (200s), Lower Level (000s). Yes many rooms have cycled through many names, and we'd love to catalogue the ones you remember using. Thank you for your flexibility.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our nursery is looking for caring and compassionate volunteers to support our staff and provide extra attention to our little ones. If you love playing, reading, and nurturing young children, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can help for a few hours a month or on a regular basis, your time and kindness will make a meaningful impact. Sign up for a Sunday slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp>.

### **LITTLE LIGHTS SUMMER CAMP**

Registration is open for summer fun! Our part-time summer program is geared toward ages 3+ and runs from June through August, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp combines play and structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym and outside in the sun. We create arts & crafts, enjoy music & games, making friends and memories along the way! There is a 10% sibling discount and 20% Church Member discount (contact Erin for the code at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org)). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx>.

### **LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 25-26**

We are accepting applications for the fall! We model and facilitate problem-solving strategies, build empathy and develop self-regulation skills. Through hands-on learning and play, children will benefit from structured socialization and gain a greater sense of themselves within our St. Pauls community. If you are interested in learning more about early education classes for your child, visit our website at [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org) or contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org).

### **CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Please register your K-6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School students, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students, and high school class members by scanning this QR code.



### **LOSS AND GRIEVING DISCUSSION GROUP**

We've all lost someone we loved. Whether you lost someone you loved last month, last year, or five years ago, you can still grieve that loss. Grief changes, but it never goes away. Would you be interested in sharing stories with others who are in similar situations? We're not therapists, just your friends and neighbors who are also grieving and would like to share our ideas and learn how others are coping. We're planning to start a grief support group at St. Pauls, but we need to make sure there's an interest in this. Please contact Pam Woll at [pamelawoll3333@gmail.com](mailto:pamelawoll3333@gmail.com) if you think this might benefit you.

### **PALESTINE STUDY GROUP**

Broaden your understanding of the Israel-Palestine conflict in this thoughtful and supportive group. All are welcome. Contact David Burnett at [burnett.db@gmail.com](mailto:burnett.db@gmail.com).

### **"HEALING HEARTS" PET SUPPORT GROUP: ST. PAULS PET LOSS COMMUNITY**

Are you struggling with losing a beloved furry friend/companion/animal assistant? Losing a pet can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences in life. At St. Pauls, we understand the deep bond you shared with your beloved pet/family member and we're here to offer support, understanding and a virtual shoulder to lean on. To join, visit [tinyurl.com/healing-hearts-support](http://tinyurl.com/healing-hearts-support). We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Age 18+ only, 30 participants maximum.

### **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

Building Jerusalem in Chicago's Pleasant Land

William Blake's poem *Jerusalem* refers to "satanic" mills marring and polluting verdant land and bucolic rivers. It is our neighborhood!

It takes decades to remediate pollution. In some instances, remediation requires sophisticated engineering, ongoing testing, and the cooperation of many agencies with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Funds for this work were recently frozen by the Trump Administration. However, on April 14th, Federal Judge Mary S. McElroy ruled that funds for the Department of Interior, Department of Energy, and the EPA had been unlawfully frozen. She reasoned, "...agencies have 'narrower powers' to pause or terminate individual grants but not cases of vast economic and political significance."

The mental fight is unceasing. Civic coalitions are challenging the freezes and these cases are wending their way through the courts like a bucolic river reaching the Mississippi.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS**

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you if you are going through a tough time. Extensively trained in compassionate Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are matched confidentially with someone in our congregation who is going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc. They meet with you once a week for an hour to offer support through listening, companionship and prayer. If you wonder whether having a Stephen Minister might be helpful for you, please speak with Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org). Every one of us could benefit from a Stephen Minister at some point in our lives.

## WELCOME TO ST. PAULS!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today! Help us get to know you better by scanning the QR code below.



## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

### JOIN A GROUP



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For St. Pauls sponsored events, send to [info@spucc.org](mailto:info@spucc.org) **by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin.** Share personal announcements/ events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together. **Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Richard Strauss (1864–1949) composed ***Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter des Johanniterordens*** (*Solemn Entry of the Knights of St. John*) in 1909.

He is perhaps best known for his operas, which include *Elektra*, *Salome*, and *Der Rosenkavalier*, to name a few. His music gained popularity long after his death for the opening phrases of *Also sprach Zarathustra* (*Thus spake Zarathustra*) that was used for the movie score of *2001: A Space Odyssey*. *Feierlicher Einzug* is a majestic work originally scored for 15 (!) trumpets, four horns, four trombones, two tubas and timpani. It was composed and first performed in Dresden the same year as the composition of *Elektra* and was transcribed by Chip DeStefano specifically for St. Pauls.

The ***Call to Worship*** was composed in 1982 by John Rutter (b. 1945) who also composed the text based on psalms of praise. John Rutter's music was introduced to this country by Mel Olson, who was the Director of Music at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where our music director grew up and sang in his choirs.

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known but is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune, BUNESSAN, we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

***I Wander in Deep Thought*** (Jeg går i tusind Tanker) Op. 66 No. 18 was composed in 1896 by Edvard Grieg (1843-1907). Grieg is certainly the most famous of Norwegian composers and was equally famous in his lifetime as a pianist. His home, Troldhaugen, is in the same city of his birth, Bergen, Norway. It is visited by thousands of tourists each year. His most famous works are his *Piano Concerto*, *Holberg Suite*, and *Peer Gynt*. Interestingly, Grieg met Tchaikovsky in 1888 in St. Petersburg and they became good friends.

Bill Withers (1938-2020) composed and recorded ***Lean On Me*** in 1972. Withers was born and raised in Slab Fork, West Virginia, coal country. After moving to Los Angeles, he found himself missing the strong community ethic of his hometown even though he and his neighbors lived in real poverty. Over his career, he won three Grammy Awards, and had a documentary made about his life in 2009. He was



inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2015), the Songwriters Hall of Fame (2005), and this song was inducted into Grammy Hall of Fame.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoah Sanders (1940-2022). He was born Farrell Sanders and changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating “spiritual jazz” as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra and featured it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

***Worthy Is the Lamb*** is the final chorus of *Messiah* and sums up the triumphant message of Christ’s resurrection. Although it is most often associated with Christmas, *Messiah* actually announces the victory of Christ over death. Handel composed the entire work in a two-week flurry of creativity in 1741. The final ***Amen*** is a fugue and begins rather modestly with only continuo, one cello, one bass, organ and a quartet of singers. There is a brief violin interlude before the entire choir, trumpets, timpani, and all other instruments storm the heavens in a very Baroque fashion, decoration on top of decoration.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote the text for ***Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven***. He wrote more than 120 hymn texts and was also the nephew of the famous poet William Wordsworth. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887), composed when he was only 19.

The ***Hallelujah Chorus*** is arguably the most often performed and well known of the works of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). This chorus closes Part Two of *Messiah*. The tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* dates to King George II standing at a performance in London. It isn’t clear if, as tradition suggests, he was deeply moved or perhaps just needed to stand. No matter the reason, the tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* is a long established way to honor Handel’s genius and the victorious text.

***Final*** from ***Symphony No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 78*** was composed in 1886 by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921), who was at the peak of his skills and popularity. It is most often referred to as *The Organ Symphony*, because of the prominent part composed for the organ. It is undoubtedly one of the most recorded of the Romantic French symphonic repertoire. The symphony was commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society in England. Saint-Saëns conducted the first performance in London and dedicated it to his recently deceased friend, Franz Liszt. The symphony requires a pipe organ of significant size to be heard over an entire romantic orchestra. Mark Mosley prepared this transcription.

# Special Music Theme for 2024-2025

## HEAR Ye! + Bach

Enjoy another year of special music during worship services.

**H** - Hebrew

**E** - English

**A** - Austrian

**R** - Russian

**November 3, 2024 - Reformation Sunday - *Lobet den Herrn* - Bach**

**December 8, 2024 - Christmas Cantata (Hebrew & English)**

*Nachamu, nachamu ami* - Max Janowski (*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*)

*Fantasia on Christmas Carols* - Ralph Vaughan Williams

with guest artist William Buchman, from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

**February 16, 2025 - Northwestern University Chapel Choir – Guest choir in worship**

**March 9, 2025 - *Komm, Jesu, komm* - Bach**

**April 6, 2025 - (Austria) - *Requiem* - Mozart**

**May 18, 2025 - (Russian) - *Symphony of Psalms* - Stravinsky/Shostakovich**

Mark these dates in your calendar!

## **ABOUT ST. PAULS**

*Making a Joyful Sound in the City!*

St. Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ+ people.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, during the past 180 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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## **WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!**

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,  
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and  
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,  
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are blessed by your presence and  
we are glad you are here.