

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 24, 2022



“STOP DOUBTING AND
BELIEVE!”

JOHN 20:27, NIV

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. The early theologians called it "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh."

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Opening Litany

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We believe in God, in whose image we are made.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like God.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – the Spirit is truly our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Alleluia! Amen**

Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen!"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

A Holy Exchange

People of God, did you hear about the little boy who decided he wanted to open an ice cream shop?

No! What happened?

He told his parents that he learned about it in church.

Really? In church?

Well of course!

How do you learn about an ice cream shop in church?

By going to Sundae School!

Hymn Of Praise

RISE AND SHINE

1. Rise and shine and give God the glo-ry, glo-ry. Rise and shine and
give God the glo-ry, glo-ry. Rise and shine and give God the glo-ry, glo-ry, Chil-dren of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



please be seated

First Reading

Acts 5:27 - 32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4 - 8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

John 20:19 - 31

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”
²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!” #364

Prayers of Intercession
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Ha - La - La - La

Words and Music by
David Graham

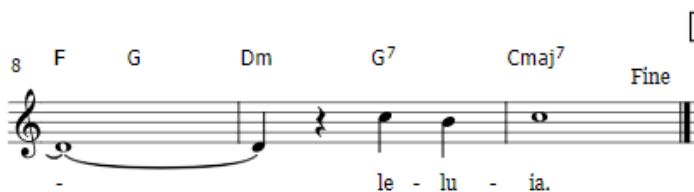
CHORUS

Cmaj⁷Em⁷F C^{sus}CDm⁷Cmaj⁷/E

Ha - la - la - la - la - la - le - lu - ia. Ha - la - la - la - la - le -

4Dm⁷/FD⁷/F#G^{sus}GCmaj⁷Em⁷FC^{sus}CDm⁷Cmaj⁷/E

- lu - ia. Ha - la - la - la - la - la - le - lu - ia. Ha - la - la - la - la - la -



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 Offering

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 Offertory

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you 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 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.**


All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

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Communion Hymns

I Danced In The Morning


Words and Music by
Sydney Bertram Carter
Old Shaker Tune

G Em Bm Em Am



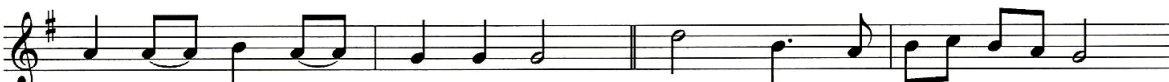
1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon and the
2. I danced for the scribe _ and the Phar - i - see, but they would not _ dance and they
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the _ lame, _ the ho - ly _ peo - ple _
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned _ black; _ It's hard to _ dance with the
5. They cut Me _ down _ and I leapt up _ high, _ I am the life that - 'll

4 D⁷ G Em Bm Em



stars _ and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth, _ at
would-n't fol-low Me; I _ danced for the fish - er-men, for James and _ John; _ They
said it was a shame; They _ whipped and they stripped _ and they hung Me on high; And they
dev - il on your back; They _ bur - ied My bod - y and they thought I'd _ gone, _ But
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll _ live in _ you _ if you'll live in _ Me; _

7 Am D⁷ C/G G G Bm Em



Beth - le - hem I _ had My birth. "Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be;
came with _ Me and the dance went on.
left Me _ there on a Cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.

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The Trees Of The Field

Words by
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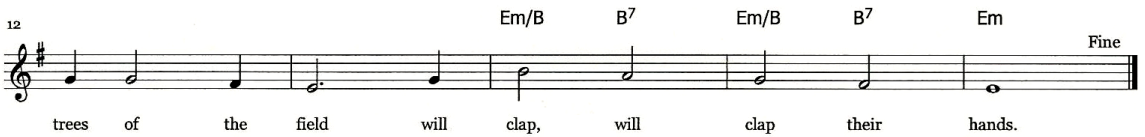
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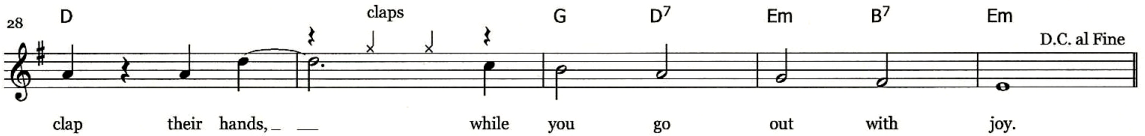
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Em

D⁷/F[♯] G



CHORUS



"This Little Light Of Mine"

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 Even when I'm afraid, I'm goin'a let it shine;
even when I'm afraid, I'm goin'a let it shine;
even when I'm afraid, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



Text: African American spiritual

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Service of Commissioning for Sabbatical

People of God, by virtue of our baptism God calls us to mission and ministry, and to holy labor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At certain times, God also calls us to occasions of sabbath rest and reflection so that we might be renewed for Christian service. As we prepare to send Pastor Stephen forth on his sabbatical, we gather to ask God's blessing upon him, and upon us as we ready ourselves for the weeks ahead. God traces our journeys and resting places,

And is acquainted with all our ways.

God will preserve our going out and our coming in,

From this time forth and forevermore.

Let us pray. God of all wisdom send your blessing on our congregational community as we enter this time of our pastor's sabbatical. Guide our leaders through challenges that may arise. Give to all of us discerning and prayerful hearts, spirits ready to understand and quick to forgive, ears to listen for your word, and voices to speak the truth. Make us bold to live out your Gospel as we seek to do your will. **Amen.**

Church Council Members, you have been chosen to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in the congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the world. Will you continue to faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

Council Members: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pastor Stephen, are you ready to step away from the obligations of daily parish life and to engage in this period of sabbatical? Will you take time for reflection and renewal and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you?

Pr. Stephen: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Members and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in this time of sabbatical, will you support your elected leaders and Sabbatical Committee? Will continue to join together in hearing God's Word, receiving the Holy Sacraments, and serving one another and the community? Will you pray for Pastor Stephen on his sabbatical journey?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Leaders gather round for laying on of hands.

God of all blessing, be with your servant Stephen as he undertakes his sabbatical journey. Grant him a holy departure from this community, safety in all his travels, rest and renewal for his spirit and body, and the joy of a grace-filled return. We ask these things in the name of the God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of Isaac, that is "laughter," the Christ, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, and the Spirit of Joy be with you both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (see next page)

Dismissal

Alleluia.

Go out with peace, joy, and laughter to share the good news that Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



We Are Marching in the Light of God



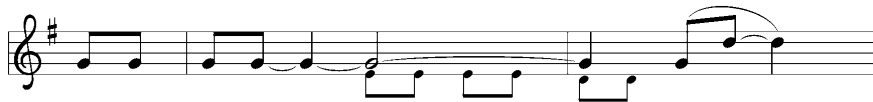
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We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2. We Are Singing.....
3. We Are Praying.....
4. We Are Dancing.....

"CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!"



Welcome: Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Glen Webb, Elroy VonHolten, Taylor Prince, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen. *Hear Our Prayer*



Laura Harms, Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Andrew Oelrichs (son of Kyle & Katie Oelrichs), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Helena Marriott (grandmother of Tiffinay Nash), Lowell (Tiny) Viebrock, Cindy Strahm (friend of Debbie Eckhoff), Phil Wellington, Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Rick Osborne (friend of Gale Logan), Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers For Our Military



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from **Need Prayer?** the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Children's Program: As a way to celebrate the end of another year of Sunday School, the children and youth of St. Paul's will offer a Children's Program as part of the worship service on Sunday, May 15th. All kids are invited to take part in this! Rehearsals will begin with grades 1st-8th **today**, at 9:00 am. Pre-K and Kindergarten children will join in practices starting May 1st. We look forward to a program that shares the love of Jesus with us!



Sewing: "One Stitch At A Time" will not be sewing on Monday, **April 25th**.

Meeting: The Sabbatical Committee will meet on Monday, **April 25th** at 7:00pm.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **April 26th** and Wednesday, **April 27th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

LITTLE BLESSINGS Little Blessings Preschool is now accepting enrollment for 2022-2023. If you have a little one who will be 3 or 4 by July 31st and wish to get the enrolled, please call Rhonda Schlesselman at 660-668-3823. We hope to keep our enrollment around 12 so you'll want to call soon to get your spot secured.

Sunbeam: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 27th** at 3:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 28th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Worship Service: On **April 30th** and **May 1st** Jacob Spilker from Camp Tomah Shinga will join us. He will deliver a message, but we will also hear from several church members regarding their Bible Camp experiences. Be ready for a trip down memory lane!

Worship
SERVICE



Graduates: We have many students graduating this year. We are very proud of you and would like to share your achievements. If you are going to graduate soon, please call or email the church office.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~



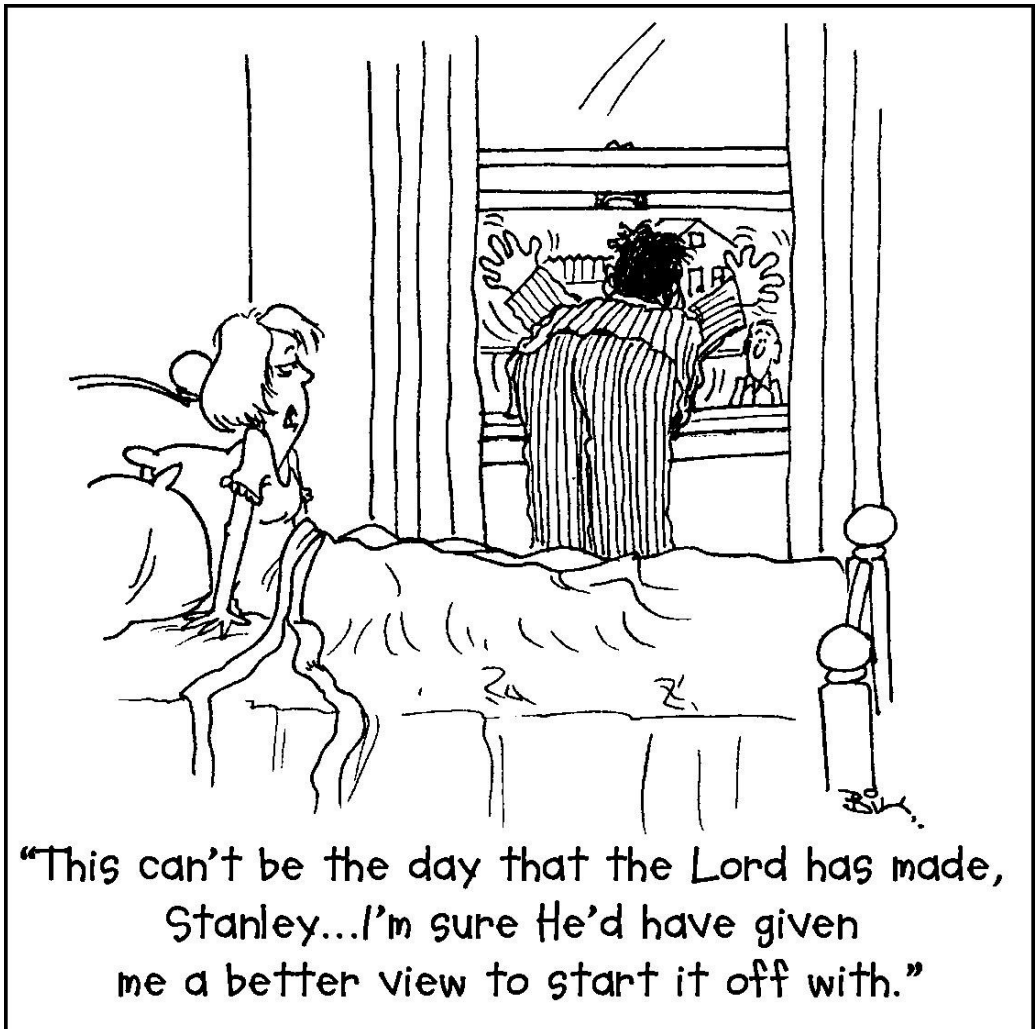
Cole Camp Regional Ministry Presents The Easter Cantata: "Hallelujah, What A Savior!" **today**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp--and YOU are invited and welcome to attend! The Cole Camp Community Choir, under the direction of Alicia "Sam" Cole will perform the works of composers Lloyd Larson, Faye Lopez, R. Kevin Boesiger, Larry Shackley, Molly Ijames, Mark Hayes, and Pepper Choplin, who combined their skills and talents to create an inspiring cantata that include the events of Holy Week and culminate with the triumphant joy of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Cole Camp MS Archery Team Fundraiser: Please come support these 24 middle schoolers who are working to raise money to attend the National Archery Championship Tournament in Louisville, KY in May. It will be Friday, **April 29th** at 6:00pm in the Jaycee Garden. The menu includes Smoked pork, Charley's sides, Homemade Rolls & Desserts. This is a free will donation and there will be a huge variety of silent auction items with a 50/50 Raffle. The evening includes music/DJ. Large ticketed raffle items sold in advance for guns and toolbox--see any MS archer to purchase tickets--limited amount available.



Breakfast: The Cole Camp Fair Board is hosting a breakfast on Saturday, **April 30th**, from 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. This is a free will donation. Menu items include biscuits & gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, coffee and orange juice. Please come out and help support the 2022 Fair.

"Heavenly "Humor



"This can't be the day that the Lord has made,
Stanley...I'm sure He'd have given
me a better view to start it off with."

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 24:	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	9:00am	Children's Program Practice
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, April 25:	9:00am	Sewing
	7:00pm	Sabbatical Committee
Tuesday, April 26:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, April 27:	8:00am	LBPS
	3:00pm	Sunbeam
Thursday, April 28:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 30:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, May 1:	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	9:00am	Children's Program Practice
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

May 1	Guest Jacob Spilker, Executive Directory, Camp Tomah Shinga
May 8	Mother's Day
May 8	Guest Bishop Susan Candea
May 22	LBPS Moving Up Ceremony

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	.....The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	.....Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist	.....Lois Viebrock
Pianist	.....Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild	.....Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen



Second Sunday of Sunday ~ April 24, 2022

Assisting Minister	.....Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	.....Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader	.....Shirley Cash
Children's Sermon	.....Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes	.....Wyatt Gooch & Jace Tinney
Flowers	.....Easter Lilies
Fellowship Hour	.....
Ushers	.....Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
	.....Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman



Third Sunday of Sunday ~ May 1, 2022

Assisting Minister	.....Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants	.....Norma Schlesselman & Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon	.....Jacob Spilker
Acolytes	.....Bradyn Rehmer & Khloe Viebrock
Flowers	.....Nancy VonHolten
Fellowship Hour	.....
Ushers	.....Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher
	.....Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Kelly Viebrock