

# *St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Holstein, IA*

*April 28, 2024*

*9:00 A.M.*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ is the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

## **GATHER**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 22:25-31)

We gather in the name of God the Father, Jesus the Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

We will declare God's praise before all the people.

**The poor will eat and be satisfied;**

let all who seek the Lord give praise!

**Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.**

The people of every nation will worship the Lord.

**For the Lord is King and rules the nations.**

Both proud and humble together, all shall worship the Lord.

**Our children too will serve the Lord;**

they will hear from us about the wonders of the Lord;

**generations yet unborn will hear of all the miracles he did for us.**

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### **Opening Song**

*We Are Called*

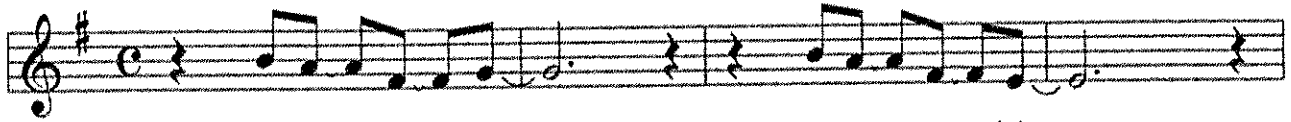
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### **Opening Prayer**

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.**

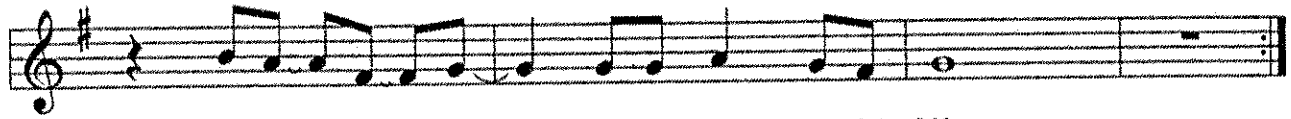
**Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Open Our Days



O- pen our days,

o- pen our nights



to see the Way and the Truth and the Life.

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### WORD

#### Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

## John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

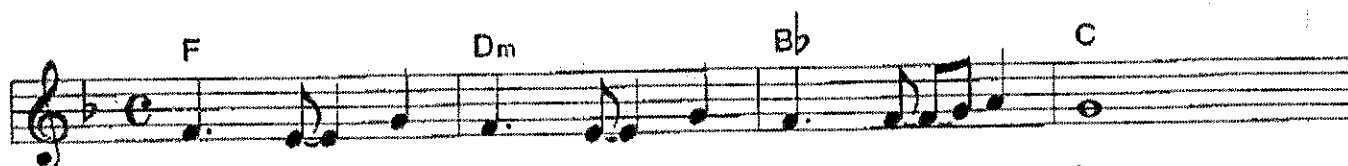
### Message

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### Song

## JOIN THE JOURNEY

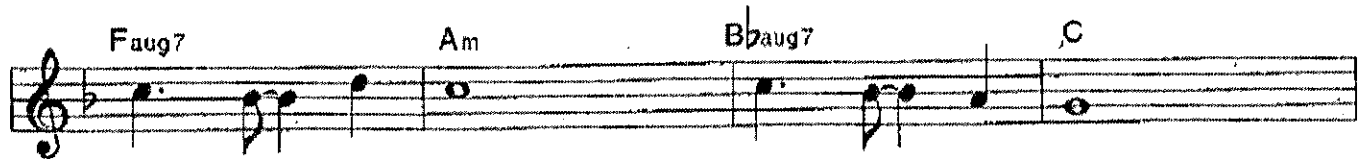
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Love is the light that will show us the way  
Joy in the spir - it will bright - en our way  
Peace is the prom - ise for us to pro - claim  
Love is the light that will show us the way



And like the trees bear - ing good fruit  
 And like the trees bear - ing good fruit  
 And like the trees bear - ing good fruit  
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we will bring forth Je - sus' love  
 we will bring forth Je - sus' joy  
 we will bring forth Je - sus' peace  
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love we will bring forth Je - sus' love

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**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
 And also with you.

**Children's Offering / Offering**

*Offering Prayer*

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**

*Prayers of the People*

*Hear Our Prayer*

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*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 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.**

*SENDING*

*Blessing*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

*Closing Song*

*Made for Love*

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*Dismissal*

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# MADE FOR LOVE

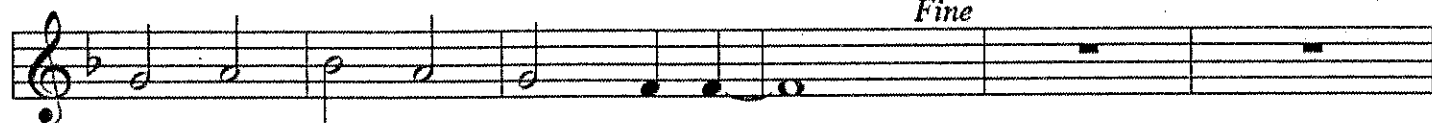
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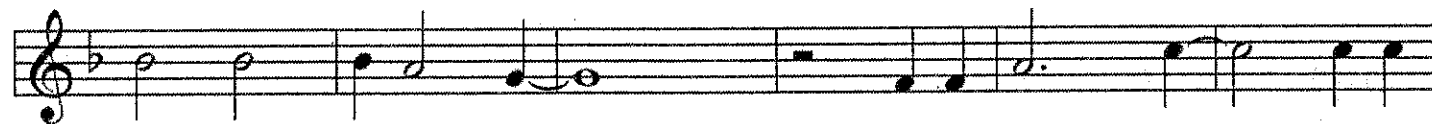
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Spir - it, we are made for love.



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Live out jus - tice,	treas - ure kind - ness,	jour - ney



birds that ser - e - nade,	in the i - mage	of the
com - ing like a dove,	we're a wit - ness	to the
hum - bly ev - 'ry - day.	We are called here	in - to



Mak - er	we are won - der - ful - ly	made.
won - der;	we are loved and so we	love.
ser - vice,	a for - giv - ing,,	lov - ing way.

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## Worship Participants

<b>Ministers:</b>	All the members
<b>Pulpit Supply:</b>	Sarah Morpew
<b>DYME:</b>	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharen Borchers
<b>Pianist:</b>	Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Diane Droegmiller
<b>Deacons:</b>	Eric Hanson and Susan Endrulat
<b>Greeters:</b>	Allen & Sue Fitch
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Leo Nedved and Max Breyfogle
<b>Sound &amp; Video:</b>	Kyle and Kreighton Krager
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Steve & Sheree Vohs Diane Droegmiller

## St. Paul Church Calendar

### SUNDAY, April 28 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sunday School
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Coffee & Fellowship
<b>7:30 PM</b>	National Youth Gathering Participant meeting

### SUNDAY, May 5 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sunday School
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Coffee & Fellowship