

Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

Welcome to worship - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *"It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving."* Psalm 95

Welcome children - Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

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Sue Robb, Ginger Bohlen, and Karen Hamann

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

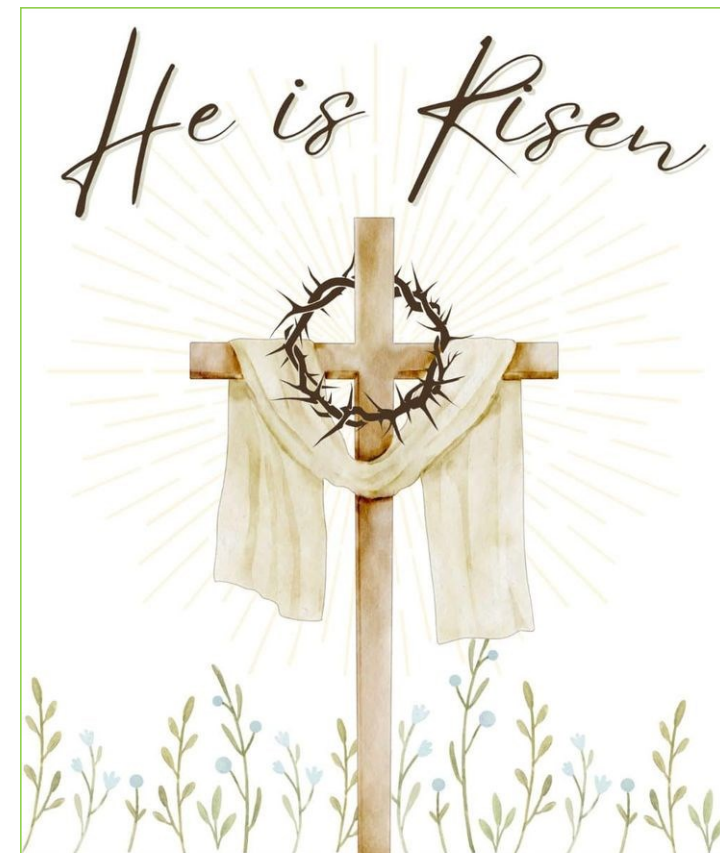
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



**April 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Easter Sunday
April 05, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold

Prelude “Easter Celebration”

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, Anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. The offering will be received at the back and front of the church building. We ask that you fill out the communion card.

CALL TO WORSHIP “Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!” Choir

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Silence is kept for reflection.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet this Tuesday, April 7 at noon in the church dining hall. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. We hope to see you there.

St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry: We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 471-2274.

We will have one service on the weekend of April 11/12. It will be on Sunday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. Following the service there will be an informational session with Scott Torkko, Assistant to the Bishop, from the Synod Office. If you have any questions, contact Jessica O’Neil at 989-278-9633 or jonel7478@gmail.com. **Please note:** There will be no Children’s Church next Sunday, April 12th, due to there being just one service.

The Scholarship Committee would like to remind all senior high school students and college students, that we are accepting scholarship applications starting April 1st. Applications can be picked up in the office April 1st. Please complete all portions of the application and return it by April 30th.

We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on **Sunday, April 12th**. We will meet at the church at 12:00 to view a video before venturing out for the clean up. Join us!

We will have a “Spring Spruce Up” on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. thru noon. Come and help us spruce up the building for the spring. RSVP to the office. Lunch will be provided.

Dust off your tea party hat! The Women’s Tea will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on May 2nd. Please RSVP to Patti at 989-335-0336. More information and online registration are available. Mark your calendars now and invite a friend.

Everyone is invited to our May Video Educational Experience on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching **“Sound of Hope, the Story of Possum Trot”** and a meal will be provided with discussion throughout.

The Church Rummage Sale dates are set for June 11th – 13th! You may start bringing in your items in stackable sealed boxes, and leave them on the right side of the storage area off the dining room. Mark your boxes with a general description of what is in them. Please leave bigger stuff until the week of the rummage sale. We will again be accepting clean used clothing and shoes for our sale. If you have any questions, call Andrea at 989-354-3651.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 5 - 12, 2026	
<u>SUN.</u>	Easter Worship – 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.; The 6:30 Sunrise Service will be followed by an Easter Breakfast
<u>MON.</u>	Church Office Closed
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – 12:00 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Education – 5:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast (JJs)- 7:00; Open Line Dance– 1:00; Chair Yoga– 3:00 p.m.; Stephen Ministry– 3:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; No Worship Service – Join us tomorrow for the 9:00 a.m. Service and Informational Session following
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Informational Session following service; Highway Pick-Up – 12:00 p.m.; Scout Banquet – 12:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

David McNeil–upcoming surgery	Patricia Nelson - grief	Laura Fair – fell
Bennett Gilmet – medical issues	Milt Paquette – health issues	Chad Hamill – health issues
Kevin Atkinson – health issues	June Sylvester – fractured back	Tina Yeager – health issues
Dixie Crevier – health issues	Storm Yakes – medical issues	Kioni Peoples family - grief
Kevin Reiser – health issues	Greg Dzieszinski- health issues	Lisa Dzieszinski-health issue
Cathy Murtha – medical issues	Joel Foster – health issues	Billie Jo Foster – health issues
Margaret Lucian – health issues	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Malary Smith – unspecified
Carol Kuhl – health issues	Lee Werth—health issues	Mike H. - illness
John Wegmeyer– health issues	Ann Martin – medical issues	Dena Stevens – health issues
	Alan Marwede–health issues	Adam Schmidt- health issues

ARMED SERVICES: Katie Copping, Jake Przysiecki, Noah Hardesty, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll. *(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thanks.)*

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Hope Lutheran Church, Rhodes, Rev. Roger Bauer.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the A Taste from Home ministry.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

		<u>END OF JANUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Wednesday 03/25 - 12:30 p.m.	50	Income 21,227.40	21,227.40
Saturday 03/28 5:30 p.m.	57	<u>Expenses 34,674.00</u>	<u>34,674.00</u>
Sunday 03/29 9:00 a.m.	65	Difference (13,446.60)	(13,446.60)
	10:30 a.m.	<u>53</u>	
Total	225		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

We welcome into the kingdom of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30 a.m.) Colton and Chase Francisco sons of Katelyn Copping and Chad Francisco Their sponsors are Kelli Francisco and Jake Przysiecki. Also baptized is Genevieve Berry, daughter of Katelyn Copping and Robert Berry. Her sponsors are Travis and Ashley Konarzewski. May our Lord surround them with His grace as they grow to know Him as Lord and Savior.

We celebrate with Aiden Olsen and Connor Olsen, who were confirmed at the 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service today.

The April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School. Items needed: Pocket folders, clip boards, poster boards (any color), Clorox wipes, Kleenex, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, lined filler paper, and individually wrapped snacks. Please leave your items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

Reminder: Next Sunday is Popcorn/Movie Day for Children’s Church! Adults can sneak some too.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Red) #365

GREETING

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

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

Confirmation Students
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Alpena, Michigan
April 5, 2026



Confirmation is a journey of faith, filled with opportunities to learn and grow within community. We celebrate the hard work of our confirmands and we welcome them to serve alongside us at St. Paul.

Aiden Olsen

Parents: Rob and Kristy Olsen

Verse: Psalm 16:8 - I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Connor Olsen

Parents: Rob and Kristy Olsen

Verse: Romans 12:21 - Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

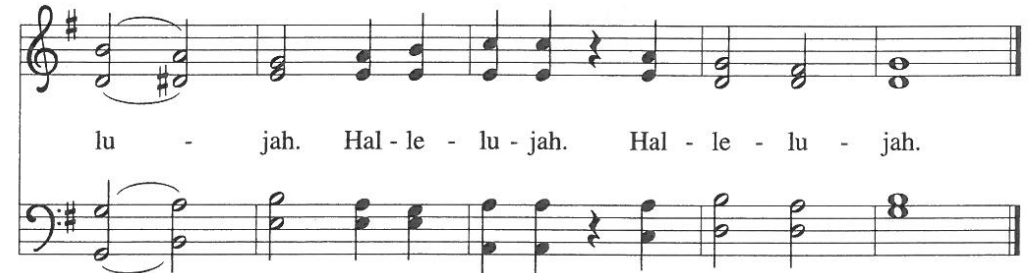


In Memory of:

Percy and Lavina McKinnon from Bob and Judy Hand, and Tina, Brian, Garrett, Zack,
Nichole Chrzan
Warren and Mildred Hand from Bob and Judy Hand, Tina, Brian, Garrett, Zack and
Nicole Chrzan
Janet and Bob Olsen from Rob, Kristy, Connor, and Aiden Olsen
Hans Olsen from Rob and Kristy, Connor, and Aiden
Dan and Karen Bisson from Jeff, Kristin, Brett, Brandon, Olivia, Hayden Ciupka
Karl and Katherine Jaeger, parents, from the Gerald Hardesty Family
Grover and Martha Hardesty, parents, from the Gerald Hardesty Family
Elaine Grzeskowiak, Phil and Rita Donnelly from Dawn and Mike Yakes
Kenneth Sylvester from his wife, June and family
Our loved ones, gone but not forgotten, from Jim and Doreen Kriniak
Larry Wegmeyer from Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Harold and Elaine Wegmeyer from Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Alvin and Naomi Torsch from Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Taylor Aguis and Don Coddington from Eleanor Coddington
Dennis Johnson and Gus Schultz from Jean Johnson and family
Ken and Dee Johnson from Jean Johnson and family
In memory of Barb and Ed Carolson from Bev Huard
Jane and Howard Huard from Bev Huard
Denny Huard from Bev Huard
Lynn Smith and William Smith from Mary and Alan Courtney
Louis Smith and Daniel Smith from Mary and Alan Courtney

In Honor of:

Pastor John and Nena Shipman from Myra Gapske, Patrick and Nancy Smith
Pastor John and Nena from Patti Byce
My loved ones from Patti Byce
Pastor John and Nena from Skeeter and Val Urban
My children, grand and great children from Myra Gapske
Pastor John and Nena from Mary and Alan Courtney



The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

¹ 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. ² 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.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.’” ¹⁸ 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.

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Jesus Is Calling Your Name”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

(Red) #367

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

***Universal**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Is Risen!”

Choir

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.**

(Please stand)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Alpena, Michigan
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

The beautiful flowers that adorn our cross and sanctuary are given:

In Memory of:

Clinton and Winnie Kirchoff from Gary, Sue, and Audrey
Harris and Virginia Christopherson from Sandra Christopherson
Arthur, Lillian Zaska Sr., Art Zaska Jr. and Barbara Fredlund. We miss you, from
Kathy Z. Smith and Linda Benson.
Loved Ones from Iris R. Arthur
Marion and Bob Seguin, Dorothy and Gerald Girard, and Frieda and Ed Szczesniak
from Kathy, Barb, and family
Margie and Victor Hoppe from John and Linda Snyder
Milton “Bodo” Hanson from wife Geri and son, Richard
My parents, Charles and Margaret Kimball, brother, Jim and sister, Kathy from Bill
Kimball
Edward and Ada Precour from Barbara Crittenden and Geri Hanson
Richard and Michael Brown from Barbara Crittenden
Bruce “Red” and Hazel Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden
Chuck Geisbuhler from Marie and Rudy Kowalski
Harry and Marilyn Stephan from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Franklin and Beatrice Diemond from Dolores Sumerix and family
Ferdinand and Beatrice Dohn from Donna (Dohn) Kensa
Terry Dohn from Donna (Dohn) Kensa
Carol Schenk and Leroy Schenk and Cathy Dohn from Donna (Dohn) Kensa
Warren and Doris Peterson, Marilee Peterson and Matilda Ohlrich (Nitscher) from
Gary and Sally VanMassenhove
William and Florence Jaskolski from Gary and Sally VanMassenhove
Andrew VanMassenhove, Cyril and Irma VanMassenhove from Gary and Sally
VanMassenhove
Hazel Bonnard, Joe Bonnard, Cathy Bonnard and Archie Stevens from Cynthia
DeRosia and Bob Stevens
Don Urban Sr. from Skeeter and Val Urban
Lloyd Rhoads, Russ and Shirley Merritt, Jennifer Jones, and Ray Szymanski from Tom
and Shirley Jones
Neil, Margaret and Jay Robarge, from Bob and Judy Hand, and Tina, Brian, Garrett,
Zack, Nichole Chrzan

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

“Hallelujah”

G. Handel

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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.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
F G C Am F G⁷ C
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to - res Se - ñor.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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.

(Pleased be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
 and lead us forth in joy with shouts
 of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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