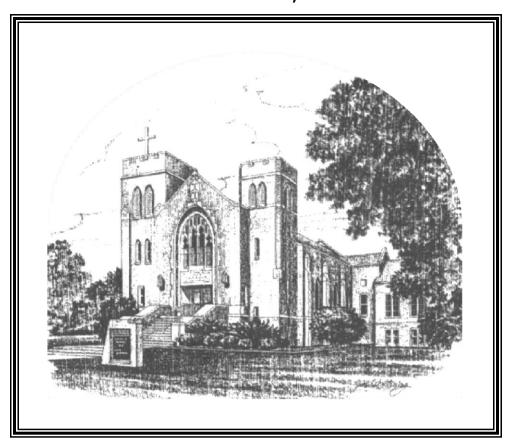
St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Silent Prayer

O God of the still small voice, quiet our inner spirit. Help us to focus upon you, and you alone, to hear your voice within. There are so many other voices demanding our attention. But we cannot attend to them without you.... "Be still and know that I am God," you say to us as you said to Elijah.... May your voice speak through us. In weakness, be our strength. In poverty, be our wealth. In depression, be our joy. In apathy, be our love. Because of, and in the name of our Messiah, Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE

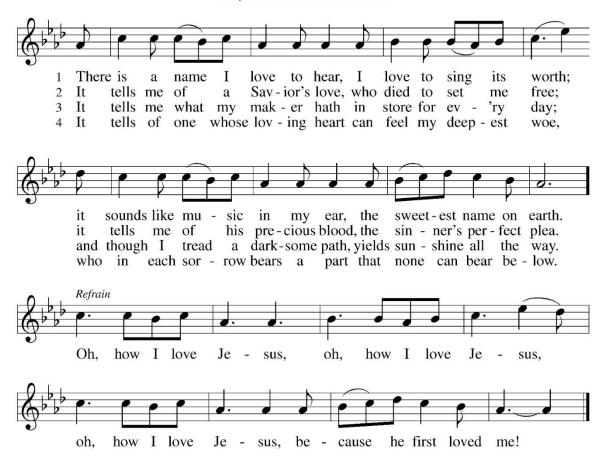
RINGING OF THE BELL

<u>WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance.* (*) *Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able.* (+)*Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

*OPENING HYMN

"There Is a Name I Love to Hear" RW #226

There Is a Name I Love to Hear Oh, How I Love Jesus



Text: Frederick Whitfield, 1829–1904 Music: OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS, North American, 19th cent.

*GREETING and DIALOGUE

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: In the beginning was the Word,
- C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- L: In the Word was life,
- C: And the life was the light of all people.
- L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

*<u>CONFESSION</u>

- P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
- C: pray in the Holy Spirit.
- P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
- C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
- C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!
- P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.
- C: Amen.

*<u>PRAYER OF THE DAY</u>

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>HYMN</u>

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV #671



Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950 Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928 © 1973 Word of God Music, admin. The Copyright Co. ALLELUIA NO. 1 88 and refrain

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

Lector: A reading from _____

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

Lector: A reading from ______.

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

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL VERSE



*GOSPEL John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to ______, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

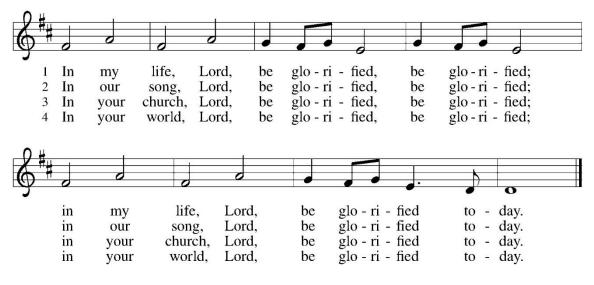
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"Lord, Be Glorified" RW #261

Lord, Be Glorified



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*<u>CONFESSION OF FAITH</u>

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

- C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
- P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

- On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
- He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and His kingdom will have no end.

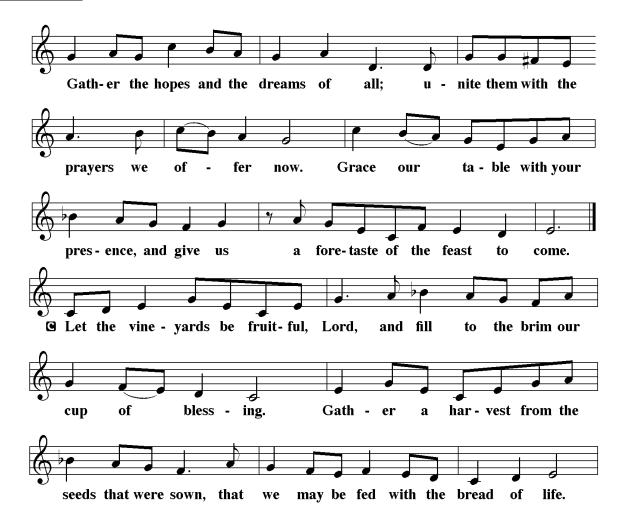
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY



*<u>OFFERING PRAYER</u>

- L: Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

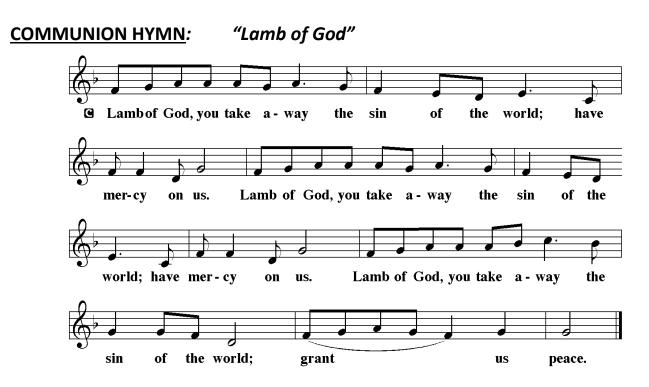
*<u>WORDS OF INSTITUTION</u>

* 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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

*<u>BLESSING:</u>

Benediction (tune: Edelweiss)

By Jean Spencer

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes, and see His face And His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

*<u>CLOSING HYMN</u>

"Bind Us Together" WOV #748

Bind Us Together

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together With cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord bind us together, Lord; Bind us together in love.

- 1 There is only one God. There is only one King, There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: *Refrain*
- 2 You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

*<u>DISMISSAL</u>

- P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 5th Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 28, 2024

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

APRIL 28, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE 5th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister:Tim W MuehlbradAcolytes:Molly Gaus & Maesen FoersterMusician:Saturday – PT & FriendsSaturday Altar Guild:Chesney Kaiser

<u>Reader:</u> Ashleigh Peyton <u>Children's Sermon</u>: Boyd Weise Sunday – PT & Friends

MAY 5, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE 6th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister:Tim W MuehlbradReader:Laurie StevensonAcolytes:Korbin Kerlick & Kollin KerlickSaturday – Beverly BrunsSunday – Beverly BrunsSaturday Altar Guild:Patsy IbromSunday – Beverly Bruns

Helping with Worship during the month of April: Head Usher: Allen Leist

Ushers: Clark Kerlick, Arlen Parma, Michael Ressman, & Don Wieland Altar Guild: Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Helping with Worship during the month of May:

Head Usher: Jay Heil Ushers: Wade Bolting, Glen Henze, Carl Matejek, & Royce Pargmann Altar Guild: Reevie Gips & Wanda Rohan Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Laurie Barfield & Bill Klaevemann

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Daniel Goehring	Shirley Janssen Mueller
Alton Audilet	Rosa Horton	Mark Niemeier
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	David Norrell
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	Christy Paulsgrove
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Pam Roth
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Luellen Smiley
Caroline Blain	Mary Kanuch	Joan Smith
Daisy Borgfeld	Bill Klaevemann	Kennedy Smith
Warner Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Katherine Brown	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
David Brucker	Dorothy Mayfield	Pastor Craig Sturm
Virginia Buesing	Marie Metting	Judy Taylor
Bill Carriger	Lin Migura	Levi Wilhelmsen
Byron Cramer	Lanie Milliff	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Verda Mae Foerster		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (28 th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion	
	10:15 am	J	
	Battle of the Ages Church Picnic -immediately after Sunday School		
Wednesday (1 st)	9:00 am	The Learning Garden Chapel	
	6:00 pm	FFF	
Thursday (2 nd)	Fellowship	Hall Reserved – TLG	
Friday (3 rd)	Fellowship	Hall Reserved - TLG	
Saturday (4 th)	Fellowship	Hall Reserved – Child Outreach	
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion - SANCTUARY	
Sunday (5 th)	Fellowship	Hall Reserved – Child Outreach	
	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion	
	10:15 am	Sunday School	
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class	

CAROLINE BLAIN IS TURNING 100!! Please join Caroline at her 100th birthday party celebration on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 2-6 pm at the DeWitt County Veterans Center (formerly American Legion Building). No gifts are necessary, she would just love to have you celebrate with her!

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning Saturday, April 20, 2024, our Saturday Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary.

<u>COME DIVE INTO GOD'S FRIENDSHIP AT VBS THIS YEAR!</u> VBS will be held in the evening this year, July 15-18, 5-7:30pm. We would love for you to help out as a leader or send your child to participate! Supper will be served to the students and helpers helping with VBS! Contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625 for more information or to register. Registration forms may be picked up from the church office, our website at www.stpaulykt.org, or you can register online at <u>https://www.myvbs.org/Ykt_vbs2024</u>.

We are looking for items to decorate our ocean...if you have any scuba gear or corals of any sort, we would love to borrow them! Please get with Tina for more info. We are also looking for old or new pool noodles (floats) to create fun sea objects with!

SERVANT MINISTRY: With the influx of funerals lately, it is time to update our servant ministry list. As members of St. Paul, you are put on this list to help provide food for funeral receptions. If your phone number has changed, please call the church office at 361-564-2135 to get it updated. We are also in need of helpers to serve at funeral receptions. If you would like to help, please let the church office know or contact Pam Hoefling. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

CHILD OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL - Wanda and Fred Garcia will be with us on the weekend of May 4th and 5th to give us a presentation during the Sunday School hour on the ministry that has been happening in Guatemala. Also, items and textiles made by the Mayan women will be on display and for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

NALC TEXAS-OKLAHOMA MISSION REGION invites you to a Regional Get-Together July 23-25, 2024 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas. Guest speaker is Rev. David Keener, Director of Renewal and Discipleship for the NALC. Workshops include Disaster Response training with Michael Dittrich and Drawing Closer to God through prayer with Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer. If you have questions, please call Pastor Becky Thane at 201-572-8073 or email her at <u>BeckyThane@aol.com</u>. Enrollment forms are located on the table in front of the church office in the educational building and on our website. Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot. If you are interested in going, St. Paul will reimburse you your stay.

SR. RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19TH - On Sunday, May 19, 2024, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Kaiden Hilbrich, Zoe Innocenti, and Chesney Kaiser. Join us as we proudly recognize their accomplishments and extend our best wishes for their future! Each of these seniors will be eligible for a scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to contribute, donations/memorials can be made to the Sr. Scholarship Fund at any time during the year. Your generosity has and will continue to make a difference in the future of our youth! Also graduating, but not living here anymore are: Carter Hoefling, Wesley Phillips, and Elijah Stern. These seniors were baptized in our church but have since moved elsewhere. **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!!!**

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

May 19, 2024 - 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

Upcoming Youth Events

April 28, 2024 – Church Picnic

May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day Brunch, during Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. June 16, 2024 – Father's Day Taco Breakfast, during Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

Local Upcoming Events:

SAN LUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL JAMAICA will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Carne Guisada Dinner, served with rice and beans, (\$15 a plate) will be served from 11 am until 2 pm, or until sold out. For more information, see the flyer posted on the Educational Building door.

REV UP YOUR FUTURE KIDS EXPO – Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 3-7pm at the Yorktown City Park. This family fun event offers hands-on opportunities to explore various vehicles and careers! From fire trucks to ambulances, construction vehicles to police cars, there's something for every aspiring professional. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to ignite your child's imagination and inspire their future! Admission and refreshments are free, so bring the whole family and join us for an evening of discovery and adventure! Free entry, hot dogs provided by Citizens Bank, snow cones, and of course, we (St. Paul) will be handing out popcorn!

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