



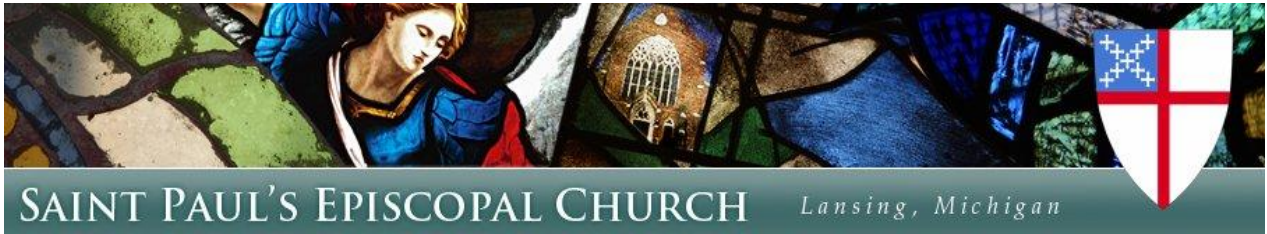
## **"Our Welcome"**

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## **The Day of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday---April 20, 2025 Holy Eucharist**

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THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
APRIL 20, 2025

PRELUDE

*Easter Hymn*

Noel Rawsthorne

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*  
Hannah Bancroft, soloist

George Frederik Handel

OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

HYMN 207



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The people sing together

GLORIA

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A - - - - - men.

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm*

#### FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 65:17-25

*Reader*            A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be off-spring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

#### PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1        Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;\*  
          his mercy endures for ever.
- 2        Let Israel now proclaim,\*  
          "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14      The Lord is my strength and my song,\*  
          and he has become my salvation.
- 15      There is a sound of exultation and victory\*  
          in the tents of the righteous:
- 16      "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!\*  
          the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
          the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17      I shall not die, but live,\*  
          and declare the works of the Lord.

- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,\*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness,\*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord;\*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me\*  
and have become my salvation
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected\*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,\*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;\*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:1-12

*Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the

living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them as idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**  
**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

Awaken the Church, that it may boldly proclaim the new creation we celebrate on this resurrection day. We remember this day Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up political and civic leaders who will bring forth a springtime of care for the poor and those most vulnerable among us. Embolden all leaders to seek peace and not war. We remember this day the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deepen our reverence for the earth and all its creatures, that we may marvel at your works and rejoice at each new day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw to your heart all those weighed down by grief or anxiety; those absent or forgotten; and those homebound, hospitalized or ill especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_; that the light of Christ may shine upon them with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be known to us as we eat and drink at your table, that we may live as the risen body of Christ in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant grace to all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May it be granted to all gathered in this worshiping community that we, like Mary, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Officiant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christ is the World's Light*

arr. William Rowan

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right;  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

	Christ is risen!
People	<b>The Lord is risen indeed.</b>
Officiant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Officiant	Let us give thanks to God.
People	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

*Officiant and People sing together*

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love. Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death, we see the destiny of every hope in you.

**Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.**

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.**

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim the good news to all the world and rise together as

children of your new creation. Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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#### INVITATION

*Officiant* The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.*

*Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.*

*Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Lord, as the Grain*

Carl Schalk

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Come, risen Lord*

HYMN 305

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ccives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Officiant and People say together:*

**Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.

Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.

Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*Christ is alive!*

HYMN 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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### DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### POSTLUDE

*The Strife is O'er*

Daniel Burton

**Trumpet**  
Carl Geiger

**Assisting in today's service**

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Libby Richardson
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso & Leslie Hall
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Greeters	Greg & Amy Wortley
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

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**Assisting Next Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Jen Humphries
Lector	Jim Milne
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Coffee Hour	Gloria Sutton & Carol Thomas
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Stephanie Gewirtz
Recycling Team	Josh & Carrie Freeman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Ree Huber
Vestry Person of the Day	Jim Milne

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**Opportunities for Prayer**  
**April 20, 2025**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Bill, Robin, Samantha, Leigh, and Everett. *\*Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

**We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members:** Kirk & Barbara Lindquist, and Jeff, Michelle, and Elisabeth Lippert.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Ingham County Veterans Affairs, 5303 S Cedar St, Ste 2, Lansing 48911.

**We pray for our downtown church community:** Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

**We pray for our worshipping communities:** St. Michael's, Lansing; St. Paul's, Brighton; Christ the King, Puerto Plata, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**We pray for:** Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiell, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for The Week**  
**April 20, 2025 - April 27, 2025**

**Noisy Offering Recipient for April - June is Loaves and Fishes Ministries:** Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in the spring of 1981 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter. The founding group was guided by the lives and ministries of Mother Teresa, Gandhi and Jesus and their message of demonstrating God's love through service. Today Loaves & Fishes Ministries provides short-term emergency and long-term transitional housing, advocacy and support services for homeless adults and children in a caring Christian environment.

**Eucharistic Visitors, Sunday, April 27th:** It is time for a training/ refresher of our Eucharistic Visitors! These are licensed parishioners who visit those who are sick and take communion to those who cannot come to church. One of our privileges in the Body of Christ is visiting one another when we need support. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or join the team, plan to join us in the VanAtta Room on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. This is a simple but important ministry and only takes an hour or two a month. If you have questions call or email Donna+ at [canterburymisu@gmail.com](mailto:canterburymisu@gmail.com) / 517-366-1342.



**Faith and Film:** On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm we will discuss one of the greatest cinematic sequels of all time: The Empire Strikes Back. Like our discussion of the original 1977 film Star Wars that we did in 2023, this conversation will involve looking at both the stellar soundtrack by composer John Williams as well as ways in which faith and spirituality as reflected in the story. While we will not be watching the film in its entirety during this session, context will be provided for the scenes we dive into, but feel free to watch the film on your own prior to our discussion if you haven't already. Celebrate Star Wars Day with an in-depth look at this incredible film and its soundtrack!

**Spring Clean Up:** Please join us for a morning of spring cleanup in the yards and Memorial Garden of St. Paul's on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Bring your rakes and yard tools and enjoy some donuts and coffee while you're here. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

**Bulletin:** Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org) to ensure accuracy.

**Blessing Box:** Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

**Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours:** All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

**Recycle ink cartridges:** Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

**Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance.** We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

**Coffee Hour sign up:** We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

**St. Paul's Recycling:** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

**Altar flower requests:** There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and \$120 payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org).

**Please sign up to be a Greeter:** One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

**This Week at St. Paul's  
April 20, 2025 – April 27, 2025**

Sunday, 04/20:	8:30-9:30am 9:20am 10:00am	Easter Sunday Easter Breakfast w/Teresa Barcy Choir Rehearsal Worship & Holy Communion No Coffee Hour
Monday 04/21:		Office Closed
Tuesday, 04/22:	7:30am- 3:30pm 6:15pm	EDOMI Gun Lobby Day  Vestry Dinner – Meeting @ 6:30pm – Hill Room
Wednesday, 04/23:	7:00pm 9:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 04/24:	10:00am	No Choir Rehearsal 4Cs Meeting – Merrifield Room
Friday, 04/25:		Office Closed
Saturday, 04/26:	10:00am 11:00am	Joanne Boulton Visitation @ St. Paul's Joanne Boulton Memorial Service w/luncheon to follow
Sunday, 04/27:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am 11:30am	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Hour Eucharistic Visitors Meeting – Hill Room