

Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “The Strife is O’er the Battle Done” ELW 366



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death’s sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

****Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: 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.**

**Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

**C: You are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. May we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, in Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his

throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

R: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

**C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

R: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

R: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**C: For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

R: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel Reading:* John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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."

²⁶ A 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."

²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the

Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day:

“We Walk by Faith”

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
we re - jice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Holy Baptism

Presentation

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Lilly Chadderton for baptism.

Lilly, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Candidate responds: I do.

A: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Lilly in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lilly and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (*universal*) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Lilly, I baptize you in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

After the candidate is baptized, the congregation responds:

**C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been
baptized. Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P: Sustain Lilly with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anointing

P: Lilly, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and sharing God's love with all the world.

Welcome

P: Let us welcome Lilly as a child of God and a new member of our St. Paul Family.

Special Music: # 448 "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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The Prayers

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation. Allow us to appreciate the beauty all around us, and to marvel in the scientific complexity of your universe. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations.

Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially Gail, Tim, Rachel, Sunday, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Colin, Ken, and the family of Chester. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.
Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem:

“Psalm 95”

Music by Patrick M. Liebergen

**Offertory Prayer*

P: O God, take what we offer and use it for good.
In this holy meal fill us with your presence that we may share
your love in this place. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and
praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, all of
creation, and all those who sing praise around your throne in
glory:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

****Words of Institution***

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

****Lord's Prayer***

**C: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: We invite our assistants to come forward to prepare.

Come to the table of mercy. Join the feast of Salvation.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal or you may come forward for a blessing.)

Special Music:

Pam Root - Harp

“Everything is Beautiful”

“We are the World”

“Jesus Loves Me”

**Post Communion Blessing*

**Benediction*

**Sending Hymn:*

“Shout to the Lord”

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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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****Dismissal***

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the Good News: Christ is Alive!

C: Thanks be to God.

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Gail, Tim, Rachel, Sunday, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Colin, Ken, and the family of Chester

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Assisting Minister: Pam Root
Reader: Kathy Smith
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Communion Assistant: Duane Eggeman
Altar Care: Beth Raff
Ushers/Greeters: Rex Raff & Ernie Buyok
Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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This Week

Sunday:	Worship Sunday School	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday:	Church Council	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Meal Choir Handbells	5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Church Yard Sale	8:00 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

People to People: Needed items: small cans of canned chicken, canned fruit, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and ravioli, instant mashed potatoes, and dry cat and dog food. Thanks!

Baptism Reception: We will be celebrating Lilly's baptism with a reception in the small fellowship hall immediately following worship.

Canned Food: If you have extra that you can share, consider bringing canned food to place in the food box located in the church drive. If the food box is full you may place your food on the back table in the small fellowship hall. We will use this food to refill the box throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity.

Church Yard Sale: Our annual yard sale will take place Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers are needed to work - Shifts are from 8am-10am and 10am-12pm. We also need donations of items to sell. Bring us your stuff!

Sneaker Impact: We are collecting clean, used sneakers for Sneaker Impact: a company who collects and ships sneakers to local merchants in developing countries. Bring in your used sneakers to help!

Let's send cards to Ann Buss to show our love. 959 Oakhill Drive, Wooster OH 44691



Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

Wednesday Night Meals

April 15: Kitchen Committee Casserole, Salad, and Dessert

April 22: Baked Potato Bar, Soup, and Dessert

April 29: Pizza, Salad, and Dessert

Serving in April In-Person	4/2	4/3	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
Lay Reader	Bob Race	Multiple Readers	Lynn Moomaw	Kathy Smith	Pam Root	Mark Miller
Assisting Minister	Hans Kwee	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen	Pam Root	Hans Kwee	Noah Raines
Greeters/ Ushers	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Nancy & Steve Carr	Bruce Blough Hans Kwee	Rex Raff Ernie Buyok	Duane & Robin Eggeman	David Svegel Tim Preston
Communion Assistant	Lyn Miller	No communion	Lynn Moomaw	Duane Eggeman	Nancy Carr	Ernie Buyok
Altar Care	Nancy Carr	No communion	Jerry Meitzler	Beth Raff	Tim Preston	Sandy Allen
Bread Baker	Lesley Mast	N/A	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast

Act of Kindness for the Week: Celebrate someone else's success.