

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Delaware-Maryland Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
In Shared Ministry
Chesapeake Country Area Ministry – Shore Lutherans



**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Invocation

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Hymn in Procession – “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Hymnal #384

The Liturgy of the Word

The Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie Eleison (*“Kyrie Eleison” is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.”*)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant You came to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Canticle – Gloria in Excelsis “Glory to God in the Highest”

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading of Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.



Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Halle-lujah!

A Reading of Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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

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

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

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend Jonathon Moyers, S.T.M.

The Hymn of the Day – “O Blessed Spring”

Hymnal #447

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation and the Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Celebrant invites the candidates, sponsors, and parents forward.

I present Josephine Drew McQuay and Reese Ann McHenry to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The Celebrant addresses the sponsors and parents.

In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Celebrant Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Josephine and Reese in their lives in Christ?
People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Baptism

The Celebrant baptizes the candidates, pouring water three times.
Josephine Drew McQuay and Reese Ann McHenry

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Sponsors and parents stand. The Celebrant lays both hands on the heads of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Josephine Drew and Reese Ann: 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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with the Chrism Oil As the sign of the cross is made, the Celebrant says:

Josephine Drew and Reese Ann, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsors respond:

Amen.

A lighted candle may be given to the Sponsors by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the fathers and mothers of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so

they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Welcome to Christian Life

The Celebrant and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

Through Baptism God has made Josephine Drew and Reese Ann, members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

The Prayers

Let us now pray for newly baptized, the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Leader For the newly baptized, and those to receive the Sacrament of new life in this and every place, deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, you have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and you have again brought us to your house of prayer to praise your goodness and to ask for your gifts. Accept now in your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. Make us children of the light and of the day and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers, wherever they may be in your

vast kingdom who stand in need of your help and comfort. Pour out on them the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People share a sign of Christ's peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offertory – *“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”*

Hymnal # 777

The Offertory Prayer

The Celebrant and People together

Merciful Father, 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord: In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, O Father, according to his command,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your

Church; gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, that we may receive the true body and precious blood of your Son.

Fill us with your † Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul the Apostle, and all the saints, we may praise and glorify you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Celebrant and People together

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.

The Agnus Dei and Invitation to Holy Communion



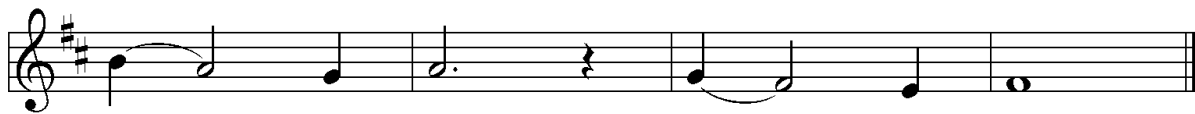
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Communion of the Faithful

In the Lutheran tradition, we believe, teach, and confess that we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the consecrated bread and wine. We invite all persons baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to receive this most Blessed Sacrament at the altar rail. Those communing today should come forward along the side aisle as directed by an usher and pick up an empty communion cup from the tray. We may receive the Sacrament kneeling or standing at the rail. After receiving, please return to your seat down the main aisle, returning your cup to the tray there.

The Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Celebrant

May the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together

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

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Final Hymn – “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

Hymnal #377

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Monday, April 28 5:00pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) Grace Church, Easton
Tuesday, April 29 8:30am Morning Prayer (Matins) St. Paul’s Church, Cordova
with Bible Study following at 9:00am
Sunday, May 4 8:45 am Graduate Recognition Service
Friday, May 16 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Sunday, May 18 4 pm Paschal Song at Grace
Sunday, May 25 8:45 am Worship in the Community Garden
Monday, May 26 10 am Memorial Day Service at Grace
Tuesday, May 27-Wednesday, May 28 Rogation Days

Serving This Week

Ushers & Tellers: Kathy Barletta and Hayden Hollingsworth

Lector: Joshua Lewis

Communion Assistant: Joshua Lewis

Acolyte: Joshua Lewis

Serving Next Week

Ushers & Tellers: Donnie Davis and Keith Davis/Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lector: Bobbie Leaverton

Communion Assistant: Preston Rickwood

Acolyte: Ella Barletta

Crucifer: Preston Rickwood