

Easter 2– Easter– April 7, 2024

Prelude Partita on Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, arr. by Brian Henkelmann

Children’s Sermon

Paula Rosenbeck

Opening Hymn “Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain”

ELW 363

Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Confession and Absolution

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

L Let us take a minute to reflect upon our transgressions. Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin. and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurt grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

L Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, As your brother in Christ, I therefore encourage you to cling firmly to the promise of the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L O Lord, have mercy upon us

C **Christ Have Mercy**

L O Lord, have mercy upon us

C **Christ have mercy**

L Have mercy, O Lord

C **Have mercy, O Lord**

L This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 133– read by all

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
Holy Wisdom Holy Word **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

C Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word; we will trust your word.

Holy Gospel according to John 20th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

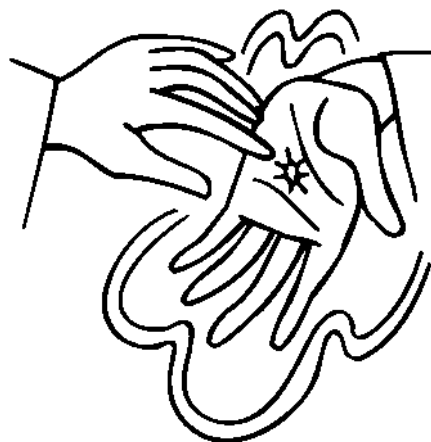
Sermon

Paula Rosenbeck

Hymn of the Day

"O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing"

ELW 386 vs. 1, 4-8



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;

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

Hymn 752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Marcia plays brief intro, then we sing once.

Prayers of the Church

L Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

The Assisting Minister and Leader read the first names from our Prayer List

AM For all these, Lord we offer our prayers, Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and the lonely, Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. C **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of God's peace.

Anthem In the Palm of His Hand

Offertory Hymn

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – page

L The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface is spoken or chanted.

Sanctus

Pg. 207

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, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

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

The Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save have mercy now we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made give us your peace, we pray.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music Meditation on I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, arr. By
James Biery

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors, with a willing spirit, and honor the earth the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Benediction

L Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, serve the Lord and share the good news of our Lord's resurrection with our neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude Christ Arose, arr. by John Innes

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.

Around the Church

4/8	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
4/9	Pet Food Market by Friendly Hands	12:00-2:00pm
4/11	Hilltop Zoom Meeting	4:30 pm
4/15	Chris. Ed. Meeting	6:30 pm
4/17	Women's & Men's Breakfast	8:30 am
4/18	Worship & Music Committee Meeting	6:00 p,
4/22	W of the ELCA	6:30 pm
4/27	Potluck & Estate Planning	6:00 pm
4/27	Fellowship Dinner	5:15 pm

Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

Needed weekly	\$4948.00
Received last week	\$3,178
Shortfall	(\$1,770)

Minimalist bulletin

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Francine Ahrens	Pat King	Jonathan Richard
Peggy Ali	Jason Lashbrook	Louise Roche
Joyce Almsted	John Lewis	Judy Schaller
Diane Boscarino	David Little	Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Cherie Brown	Rebecca Little	Teri Seleman
Eli Boda	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	George Shank
Selma Boscarino	Abigail Marine	Sigrid Smitley
Sharon Cable	Eric Marine	Deb & Jon Sterling
Leif Dallaire	Michael Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll
Emily Decker	Richard Marine	Jackie Quinn Wassik
Linda Dellano	Janis Martin	Ed
Betty Enbeskotte	Mike Martin	Jen O.
Mark Enbeskotte	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Jaiden
Jan Eucallito	Michael Meyers	Diane H.
Bruce & Liz Falls	Rich Minelli	Steve
Ashley Friday	Kate Marrow	Angel Marie
Rosemarie Foth	Baby Amelia Mosca	Lou W.
Joan Gerard	Bill Muhl	Curtis
Ruth Grech	Dennis Nalette	Shayla W.
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Karen Ness	Steve
Kathleen Hilton	Tom O'Brien	Jack W.
Shannon Hilton	Lea Orriola & family	
Jake Hoadley	Russell Palmer	
Erma Horn	Maria Payne	<u>Our Nursing Home Members</u>
Amy Rose Jensen	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Dee Gammon
Ed Killingbeck	Jack Quinn	Midge Rosenbeck
Lynn Killingbeck	Caroline Quintal	Calvin Bensch
Marilyn Killingbeck	Roman Radzins	

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn

Eric Beyus

Major Zachary Fulton

Brandan Holbrook

Jonathan Connell

Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer

Peter Hutchinson

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee presents
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center Celebrating 50 years!!!

Come celebrate this important ministry of St. Paul's!

Hilltop ELC Annual Art Show & 50th Celebration

Friday, May 3 5:30 to 7:30 pm St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Mother Goose will be story telling

food truck for a light dinner to purchase



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the
Director of Hilltop
Barbara Mazzei 860.482.3727

