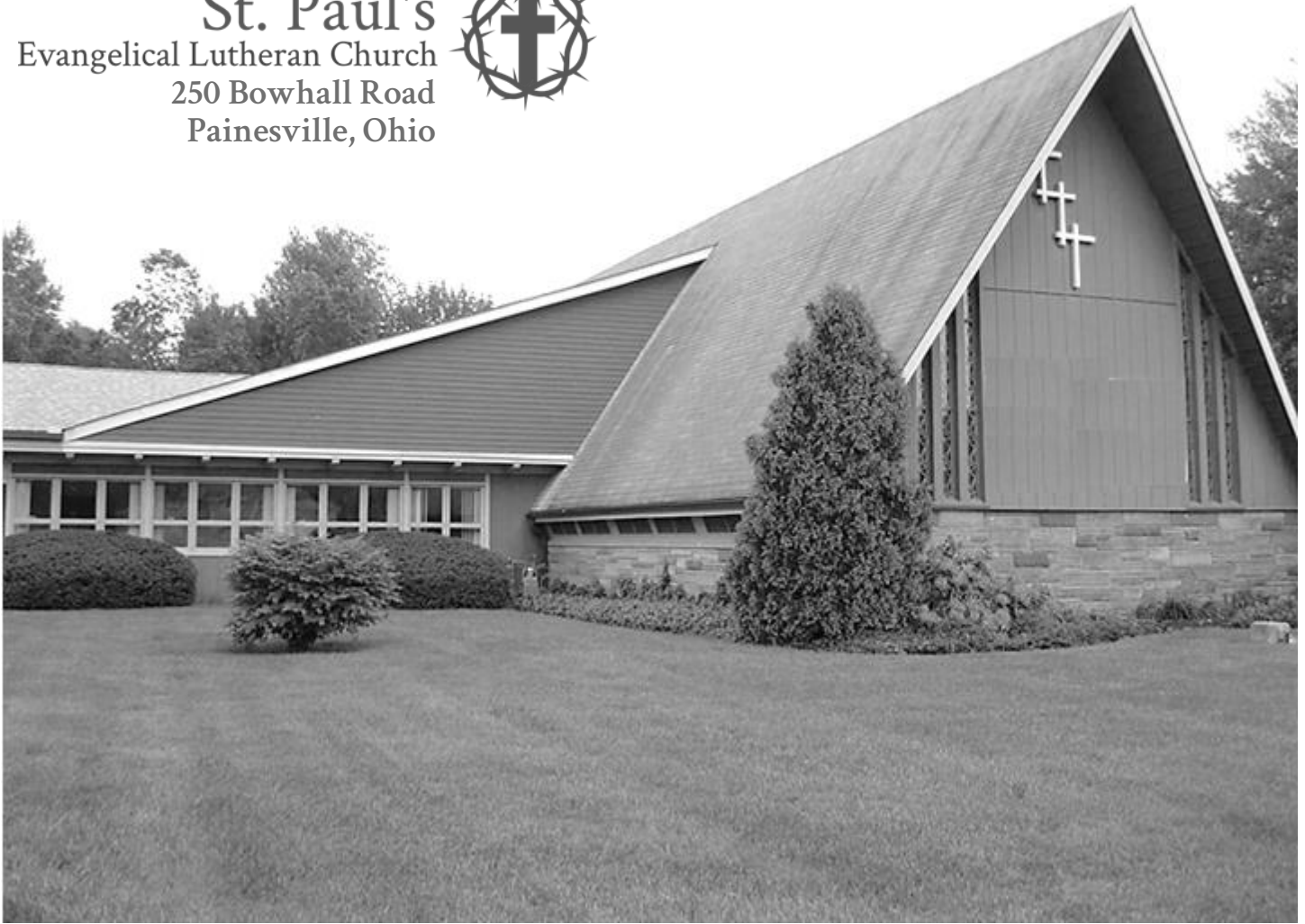


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***“I was glad when they said to me
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” Psalm 122:1***

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Should I Take Communion Today?

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion), our Lord Jesus Christ gives us his own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. His living presence brings salvation and strength for the new life in Him. As Christians partake of this sacrament together, they make a solemn public confession of Christ and of unity in the truth of His Gospel. We therefore invite all who share the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to participate in the blessings of the Lord's Supper and make this public confession with us. All who plan to come to the Lord's Table should examine themselves as the apostle Paul urges in 1 Corinthians 11. We are to see whether:

- we are sorry for our sins
- we believe in our Savior Jesus and in His words in the Sacrament
- we plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives

Our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith. For that reason, we respectfully request that you would refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper today if you:

- are not sure what it means
- are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled with someone
- have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith
- hold to the teachings of another denomination

We make such a request because we are concerned for your well-being. The Bible teaches that “anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Corinthians 11: 27—29). In Christian love for our neighbor, we do not want anyone to participate in this sacrament to his or her spiritual harm. In the Lutheran Church, we are united in the belief that when Jesus says, “This is my body...This is my blood” (Matthew 26: 26, 28), He is speaking the truth. In faith we “recognize the body of the Lord.” To participate without doing so is spiritually damaging.

Holy Scripture also records Jesus saying, “If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (Matthew 6: 15). We are not allowed to help ourselves to God's forgiveness while planning to withhold it from our neighbor. This attitude reveals that one does not really believe that God has granted forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Further, the Bible informs us that “Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11: 26). *While the Lord's Supper is a personal matter, it is not private.* Participation in the Lord's Supper at this altar is a public act. By participating, one says, “**I believe as you believe.**” In order to say that with integrity, it is necessary to know Lutheran teaching. Our pastor would be happy to assist you in gaining this knowledge through classes or in personal instruction in the Word of God.

Finally, denominational and doctrinal differences matter. The Bible teaches that the earliest Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2: 42). Communicating the message of Jesus Christ correctly was a top priority of the early Church. It is a sad reality that today there are serious divisions within the Christian Church over matters of doctrine. We cannot pretend to judge the hearts of individual Christians. Neither can we pretend that differences in denominational teaching are unimportant. These doctrinal differences have real-life consequences in faith and practice. Again, our desire is not to exclude anyone from this sacrament, but to make a witness to our unity in the true faith.

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 10 & 11, 2012

Divine Service, Setting Three

OPENING HYMN 469 *LSB* "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Stand ↑

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT *(spoken responsively)*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

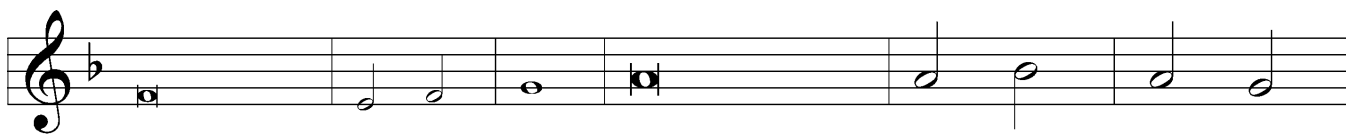
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

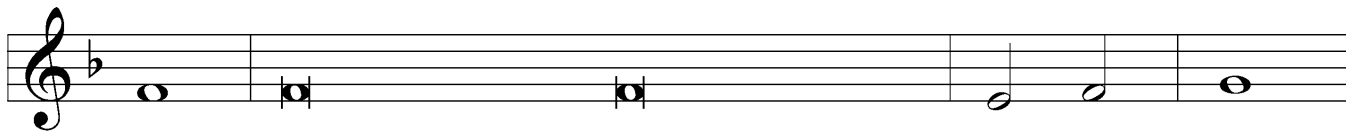
☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.

☑ Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

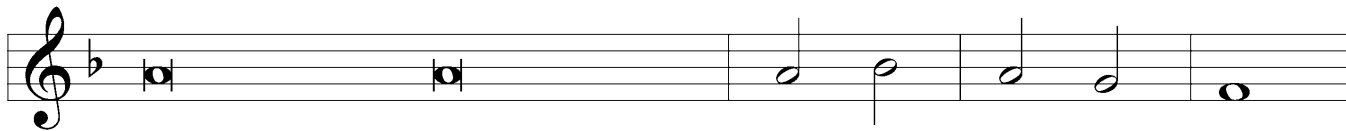
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Glory to God in the Highest*



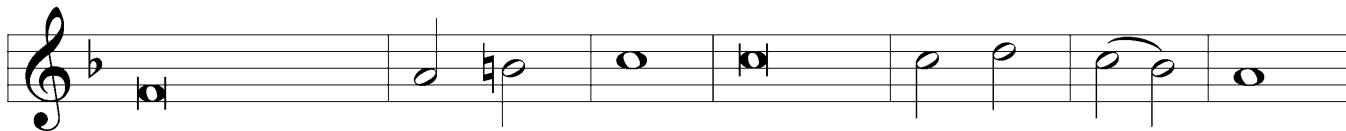
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



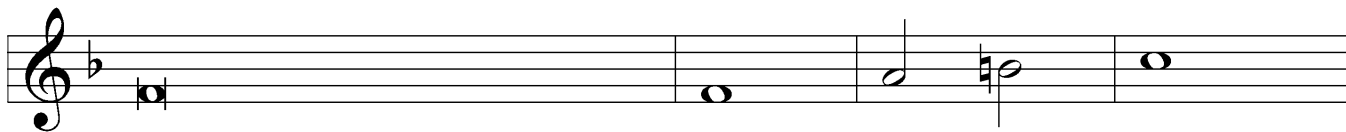
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



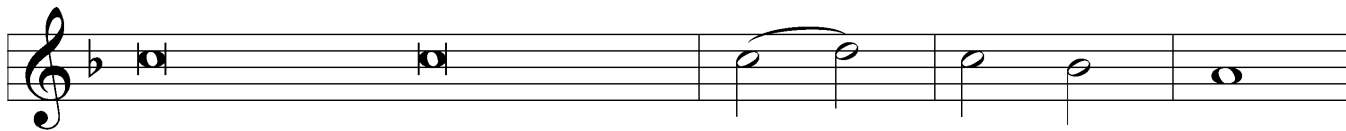
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



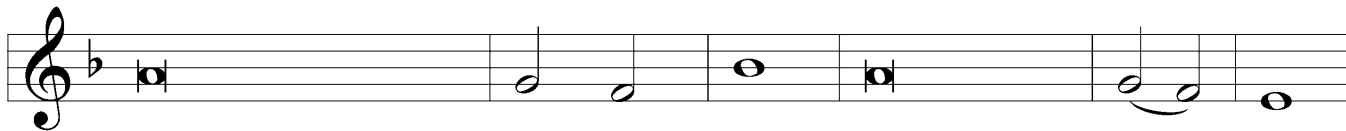
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



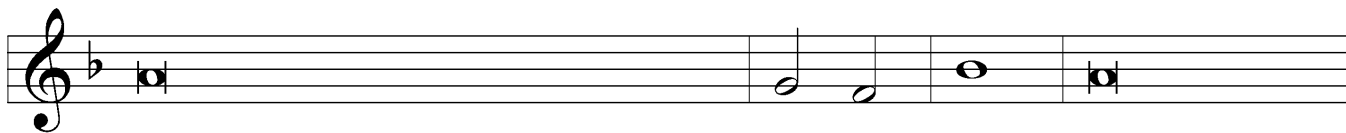
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



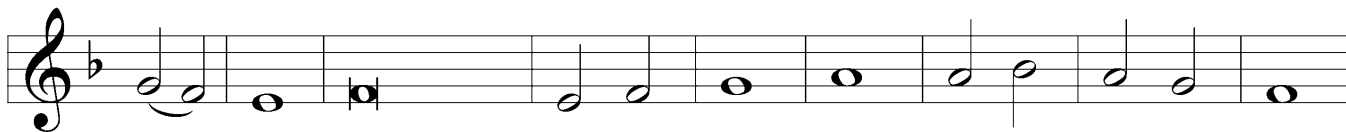
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



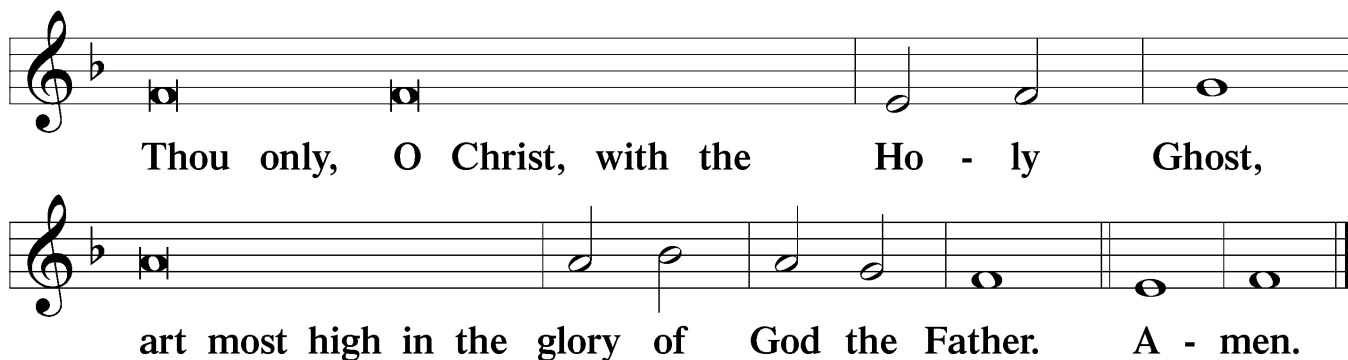
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



COLLECT (*prayer*) OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit ↓

FIRST READING *Acts 4:32–35*

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “There Is a Higher Throne” *Jenn Drake*

EPISTLE READING *1 John 1:1—2:2*

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we 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 is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand ↑

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING *John 20:19–31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sit ↓

SERMON HYMN

470 *LSB* "O Sons and Daughters of the King" Vv. 1, 4-7

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia!

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MESSAGE “Proof Positive” *John 21:19-31*

Pastor Paul Sundbom

Stand ↑

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes)

P Lord, in your Mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them up unto the Lord

☐ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

☐ It is meet and right so to do

☐ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy*

☐ 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

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me”.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C Amen

Sit ↓

DISTRIBUTION

Please remain in your seat. An Elder will bring the host and wine to you.

Stand ↑

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

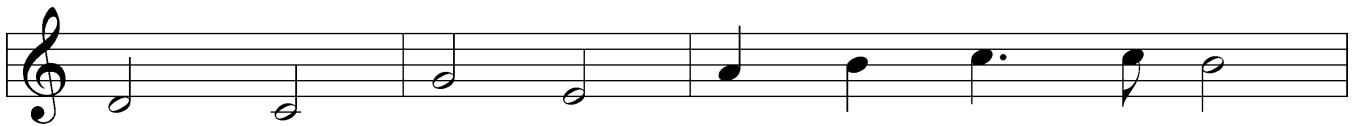
C Amen

Sit↓

CLOSING HYMN 490 *LSB* "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will

scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
 But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath
 When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
 Jesus is my confidence!

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SILENT PRAYER

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Proclaimer: Pastor Paul Sundbom

Organist: Marlyss Sekki

Special Music: *Jenn Drake*

Counters: *Terry Wakelee, Connie Concoby, Dennis Concoby*
Altar Flowers were given Easter Sunday by Eric & Jenn Drake in celebration
of their Wedding Anniversary.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Harold & Margie (Pete) Dennison, Casey DeRito, Cheryl deWit, Joe Doeing,
Eleanor King, Louise Klebe, Andy Kujala, Eddie Kujala, Judy Ladany,
Brenda Lawson, Kay Lucas, Don Luther, Harriett McConnell, Anna McVan,
Bradley and Lisa Miller, Kathy Murphy, Kathie Pfefferle, Diane Rothaermel,
Marie Rusnak, John Schmikla, Shut-ins: Noel Benoit.

Maundy Thursday Attendance (April 1): 33

Good Friday Attendance (April 2): 41

Worship Attendance (April 3 & 4, 2021): 86

Weekly Financial Update:	Budget	Actual	Over / (Under)
Last Week (April 4)	3,500	11,377	7,877
Year-to-date (40 Weeks)	140,000	147,005	7,005

Calendar for the Church Week of April 12th – April 18th

Tuesday, April 13 – Choir 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 14 – Elders Meeting 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 15 – Virtual Bible Study 7:00pm

Friday, April 16 – Articles due for May's newsletter

Saturday, April 17 – Worship Service 6:00pm

Sunday, April 18 – Bible Study 8:30am

Worship Service 9:30am

Bible Study & Sunday School 10:45am

Announcements

Bulletin Announcement Transition

This will be the last weekend that announcements will be in the bulletin, except lengthy ones. Starting with the April 17 & 18 bulletin all announcements will be found scrolling on the digital display located next to the nursery.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all of those who allowed the congregation to enjoy the beautiful flowers Easter Sunday. Please feel free to take them home.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The Outreach committee is looking for men that enjoy woodworking to form an Outreach subcommittee to make wooden toys. The toys are for LCMS Missionaries to disperse to children in their mission fields. If interested, and if you know friends that might like to help, please contact Dennis Concoby or Kristi McConnell.

LWML Ohio District Northeast Zone Spring Rally

The Northeast Zone of the LWML Ohio District will hold its Spring Rally at Faith, Mentor (8125 Mentor Avenue, Mentor) on **May 8, 2021** beginning at 10 AM. The theme will be "Good Morning, Lord" based on Psalm 59:16 "But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress".

Business of the zone will be discussed and there will be an election of officers for 2021-2023.

Ingathering: Breakfast items for Project Hope - Breakfast bars, Pop tarts, Cereal bowls, 12 oz coffee cups with lids, Juice, Tang mix, Plastic spoons, Cereal, Coffee, Sugar will be collected. There is no registration fee as no food will be served.

If you plan to attend this event in-person, masks are to be worn and safe distancing will be practiced.

The rally will also be live streamed (although those not in physical attendance will not be taking part in any voting which may take place). Live streaming begins at 9:55 on May 8 at

<https://youtu.be/kI2T9AzJDxA>. Questions may be directed to Billie Lelle (blelle@roadrunner.com)