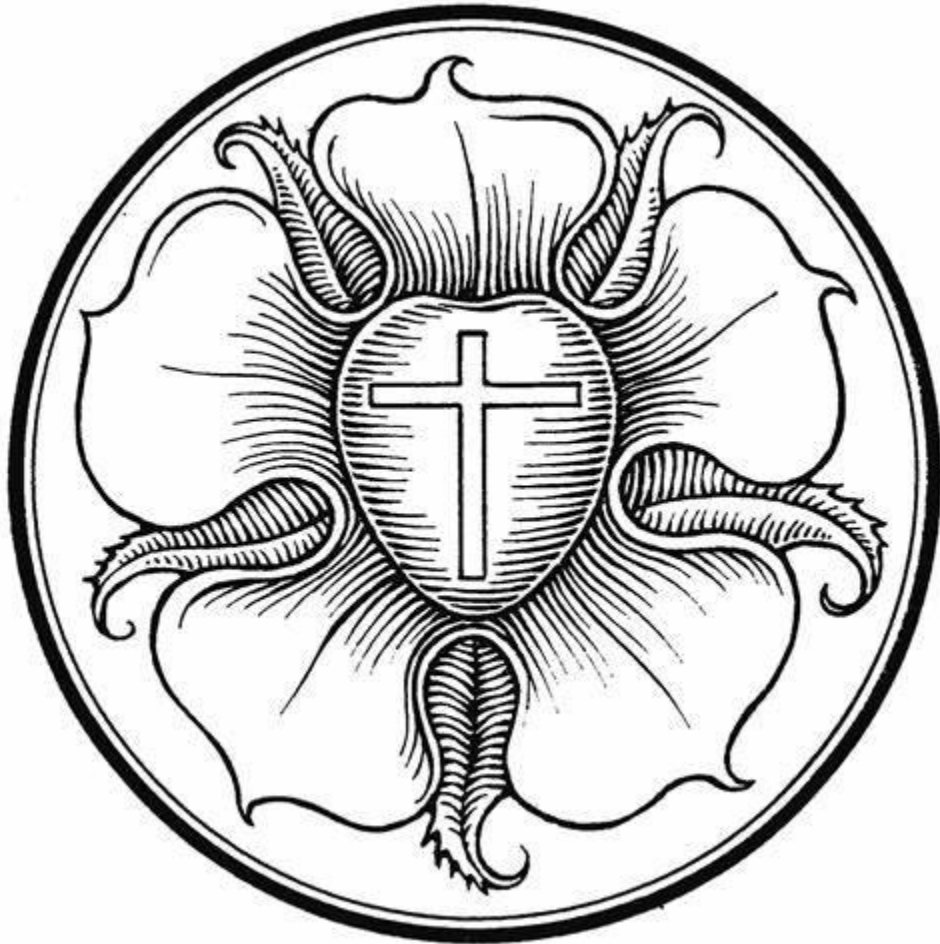


+The Divine Service+

The Third Sunday of Easter | May 4, 2025 | 10:15AM



*Salvation by Grace Alone Through Faith Alone
For the Sake of Christ Alone*

Confirmation Sunday

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE CROWN OF ETERNAL LIFE,
REV. 2:10

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



The Divine Service

When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 644 The Church's One Foundation

Confession and Absolution

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

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.

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.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

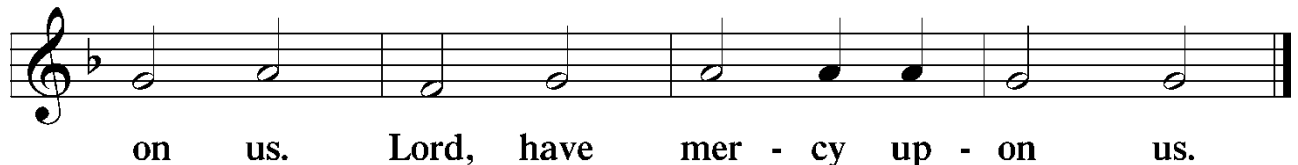
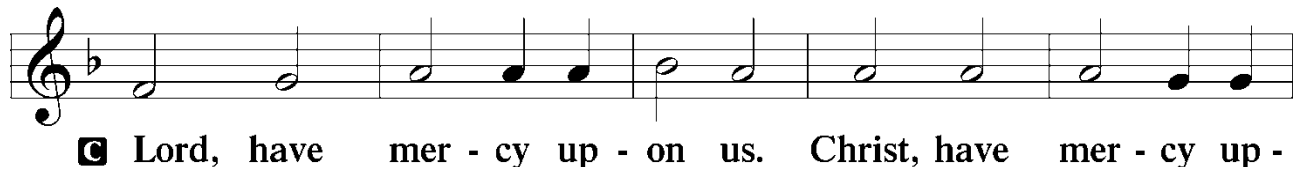
**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.



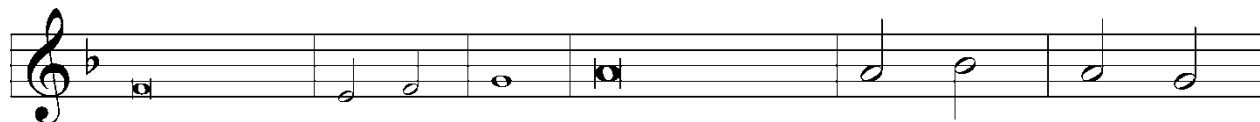
*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

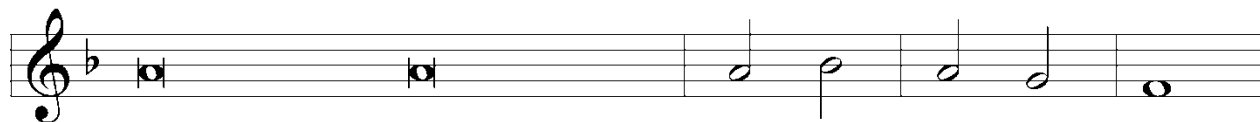
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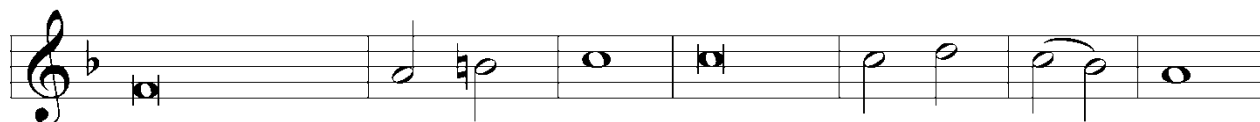
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



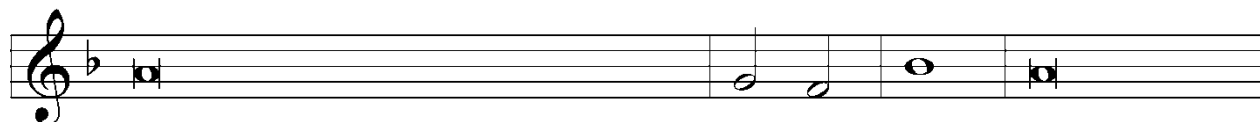
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

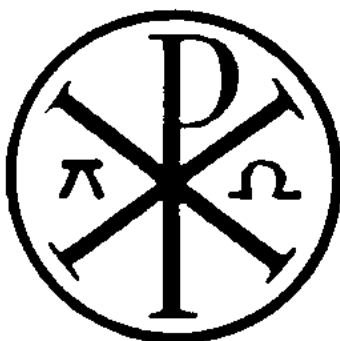
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.



¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into

it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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

The Gospel Procession | 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—

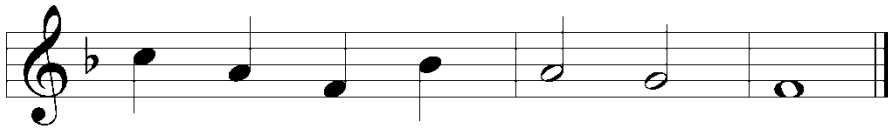


Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Holy Gospel

John 21:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



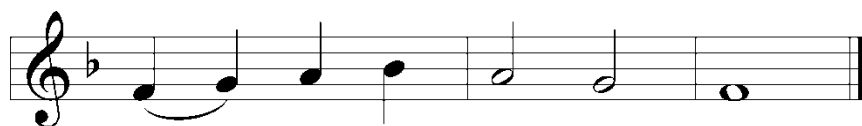
G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Creed is omitted here, as it will be confessed by the catechumens during the Rite of Confirmation.

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:


P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

The Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor reads a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood.

By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



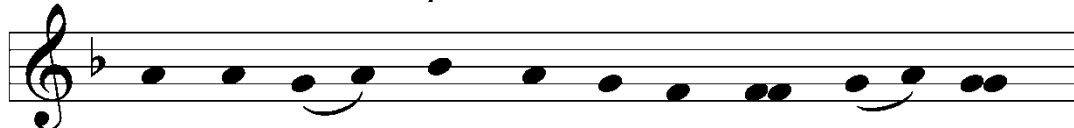
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

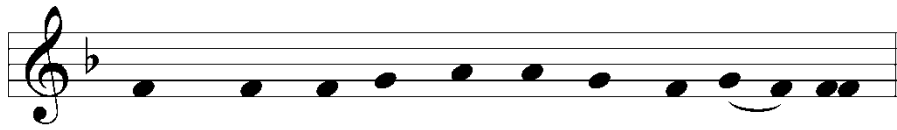
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 485 Long before the World Is Waking

Distribution Hymn | 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Distribution Hymn | 599 O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

Distribution Hymn | 867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

Stand

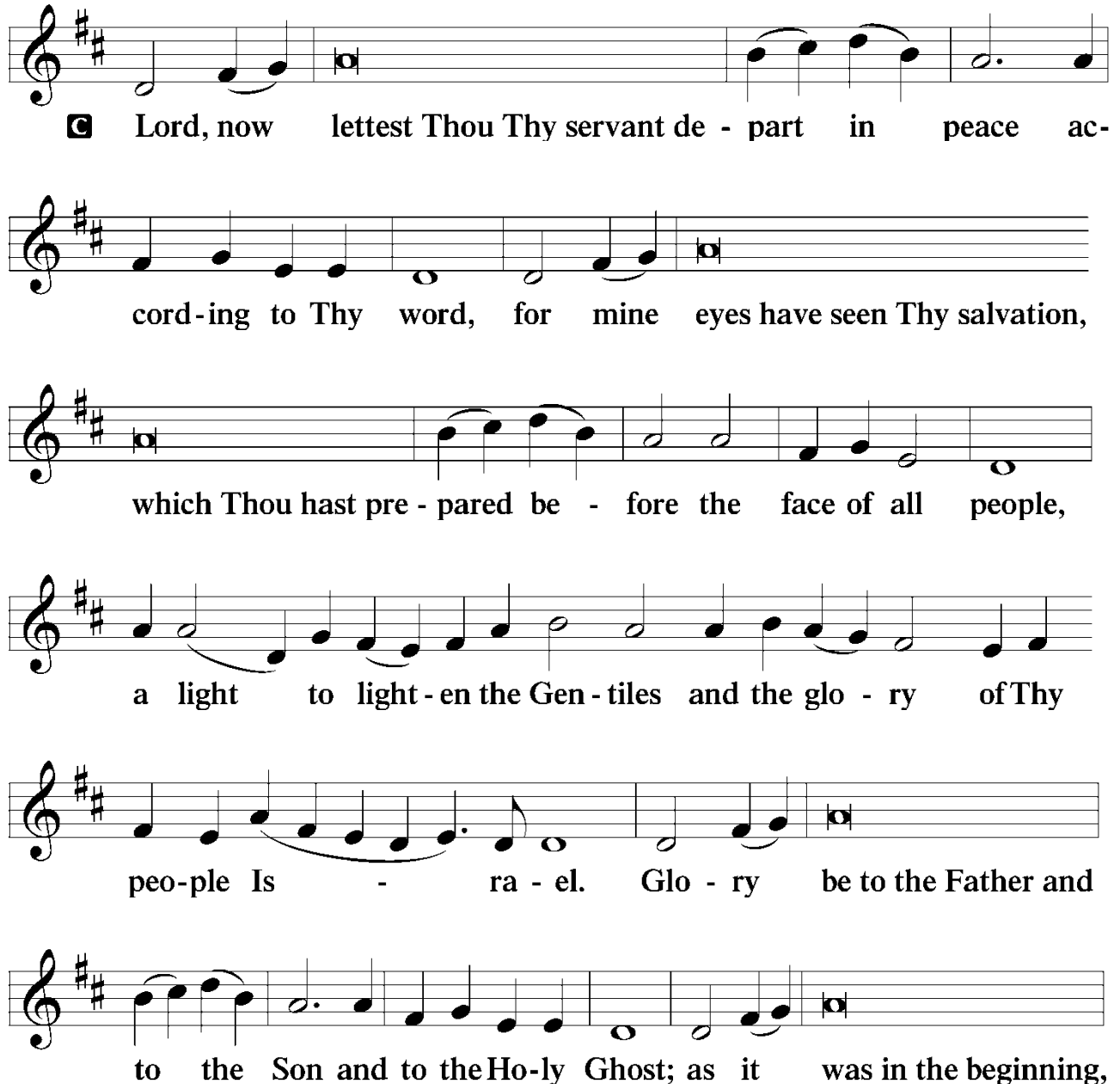
The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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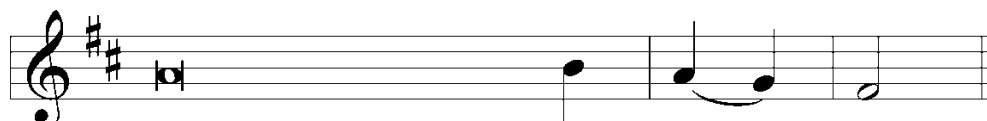
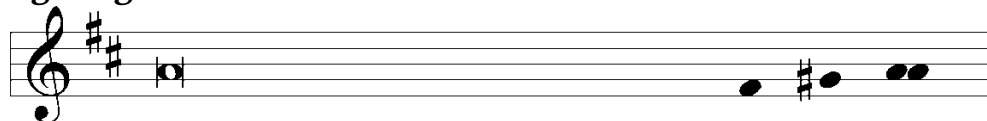


C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



Thanksgiving

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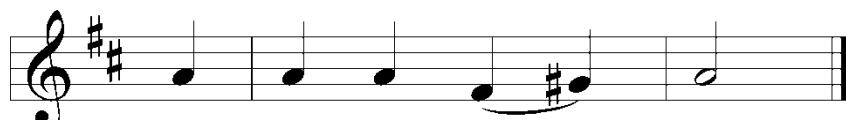
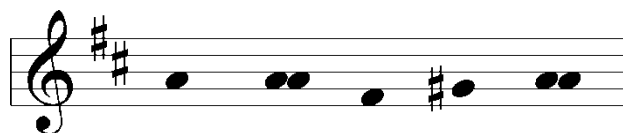


Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

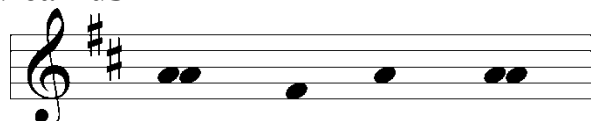


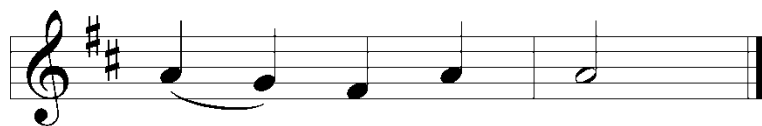
Salutation



Benedicamus

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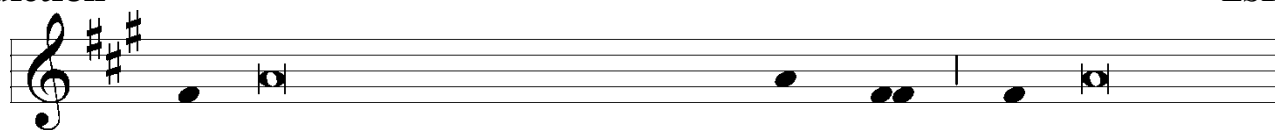




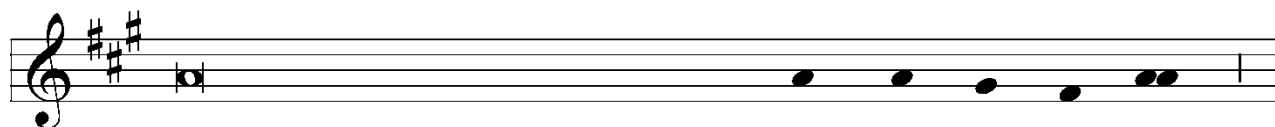
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

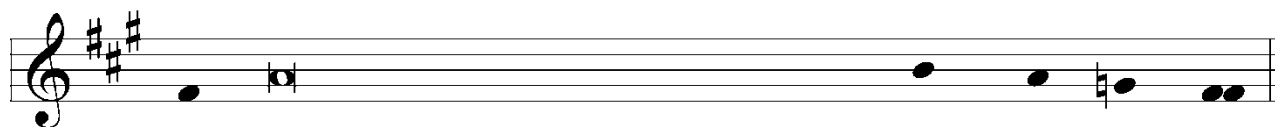
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Breakfast by the Sea with the Risen Christ

A Meditation on the Word of God / John 21:1-14

The stone is rolled back. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. And the disciples saw him risen, not just once, but twice before. He came into their midst. He spoke the Absolution. He breathed his Spirit upon them. He showed Thomas the mark of nails and spear, pledges of his crucifixion-death. But they saw him alive. All the proof they needed that Easter really happened was given to them. But today Peter says, **I am going fishing.** And they said, **We will go with you.**

So there is this regression, this return to what they had been before Christ called them, as if Christ was never raised—as if he never called them forward to something better than this, to new life. Like taking one step forward and two steps back, Peter and the others want to go back to their old life as fishers, not of men, but of fish. It's the same for you and me.

We confess the resurrection: "On the third day, he rose again from the dead." But how quickly do we lose sight of Easter. How quickly do we fall into the hopelessness and despair, as if Christ wasn't alive. When that happens, we become like the disciples: we fall back into self-preservation mode. If there is no living Lord looking out for us, then we have to look out for ourselves. If Christ isn't alive, there is only one thing left to do. "Let's go fishing."

Note the time of day. It's night. In John's Gospel the darkness is always the darkness of unbelief, sin, and death. But the light of the world stands on the far shore of resurrection. The only-begotten of the Father speaks a word that breaks the darkness, and calls forth light from darkness. The dawn breaks. Jesus speaks. **Children, do you have any fish?** Note what a gracious and merciful Lord he is. He hasn't abandoned them for their failures to watch and pray and stick with him unto death as they promised to do. He hasn't give up on Peter for his three denials. He is patient with them and ever with them.

Children, do you have any fish? They answered him, No. Why not? Because any time we try to go apart from the Word and command of the Lord Jesus, we fail. When his pastors try to go apart from his word and command, their labors will be fruitless too. But when we do what Jesus says, we succeed. Because his word is infallible and effective; able to accomplish the purpose for which he sends it. **Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some. So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.**

Dear saints, make no mistake, this is a picture of the Church—and how it goes for us in the Church today. Note that Jesus is there, with them. We worship no distant deity, one whose body is spatially enclosed beyond the galaxies. We worship a true living Lord who is bodily present with us here on earth. The net that is thrown is the preaching of the Gospel. Many are called to saving faith through it and saved, brought into the ark of the holy Christian Church. And so the net is full. 153 fishes full: not a school of fish so much as a congregation of fish, a Church of fish, which the ministers of Christ pull toward the distant shore of the Church triumphant.

That's where Jesus is. He is on resurrection-ground—even before they get there. Notice that. He is the first risen out of the grave. But he invites them to join him where he is. And so Jesus will

give us an Easter like his own Easter. And even as we live in this fallen world, and in this mortal body, we get to participate even now, in that new life that awaits us.

Come and have breakfast. And so they eat with him. And by this meal, they recognize him. **None of them dare ask him, Who are you? They knew it was the Lord.** This is how it goes in worship. Every week, the risen Christ is present in the meal he spreads before us. And we recognize Jesus bodily present in the breaking of the bread.

We take the Lord's Supper. Through it, he forgive our sins and our countless regressions: all the countless ways we fail to live by the promise of Easter, all the ways we fall back into our old sinful habits and live as if Jesus wasn't alive. He forgives our sins. He calls us forward to something better—to new life. Here in this meal the resurrection breaks into our mortal life, eternity touches time, and we are given a foretaste of what's to come in the new heaven and the earth. And so, Jesus is risen, but not only risen; he is with us: and he is bringing us to our own Easter through his Easter.



Announcements

St. Paul

Confirmation. We rejoice with our eight catechumens who are confirmed today at 10:15AM. There is no Bible Class or Sunday School today, so that confirmation pictures can be taken.

Wedding. We rejoice with Emma Keane and Lucas Juengel who will be married on Saturday, May 10th at St. Paul. The fellowship hall will be reserved Friday evening for rehearsal.

Seminarian Gunstein Innvær and his wife Helene will be presenting on their future Church in Norway during Bible Class hour next Sunday and will even bring some Norwegian treats for the congregation to share. Come and learn where Gunstein and Helene are headed so that you can know how to pray for them after their departure from St. Paul.

Each **Mother's Day**, Right to Life of Northeast Indiana partners with area churches to honor the calling of motherhood with beautiful flowers. Honor a mother in your life by picking up a **carnation** for her while supporting the pro-life mission. Carnations will be available on **Sunday, May 11th**. Suggested donation of \$2 per stem. To learn more about the work of RLNI, visit ichooselife.org. We "Thank you" for your continued prayers and support for LIFE!

****A Note on Christian Stewardship: SGOs.** Looking to save on State Taxes AND support your Church financially?** Give an SGO scholarship! You can benefit your Church with a donation to the SGO, AND get yourself a 50% credit against your state tax liability for your contribution. Students at Wyneken also benefit from SGO gifts. In other words, an SGO gift from a Church member is a win-win-win. Consider directing your Church giving toward an SGO scholarship. St. Paul will benefit all the same, AND you can save on taxes! Want to learn more? Pick up a sheet in the narthex today, or talk to Pr. Yeager for more information.

Noodles. From the Ladies Aid: We will be making noodles in June two weeks in a row. Starting Sunday, June 15 with set up after church. We'll make noodles on the 16,17,18, bag on the 19th, rest then start again on the 22nd making the loaves and then cutting them into noodles the 23, 24, 25. with bagging and clean up in the 26th. All are invited to come and help! We start at 8am on the week days and try to finish up by 1-2pm. Also, lunch is a carry-in.

Wyneken

Assistant AD Sought for the 2025-2026 school year. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Wyneken Childcare is excited to offer Summer Care starting May 23rd-August 12th. We will be open 7am-5:30pm. If interested, please contact Janine Albert at childcare@wyneken.org.

Summer Art and Music Camp: Zion Friedheim is holding Art and Music Camp on Tuesday, May 27th-Thursdays, May 29th from 9-11:30. Students entering 2nd-8th grade are eligible to participate. Students will sing and play instruments with Allison Ulmer and create artistic masterpieces with Joan Tietz (acclaimed multimedia artist and art teacher). A supply fee of \$25/student will be collected to offset the cost of t-shirts and art supplies. Register here or text Allison at 361-236-5507 before May 5th to ensure that your child gets a spot and a shirt!

Confirmation Class of 2025

We rejoice with the eight confirmands of the 2025 class here at St. Paul. These children will be confirmed in the faith on May 4 and will receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar as communicant members of our Church. Rejoice!

For faithful parents and sponsors who bring their children up in the fear of the Lord—for children who learn in obedience to their parent's instruction—for the growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit grants unto his people through the Word: we give thanks to God this day!

Harmon James Duke Bluhm

Born: September 20, 2010 Baptized: October 17, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Kyle and Amanda Bluhm

Sponsor: Matt Walters; witness, Brian Bluhm

Verse: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

August Lawrence Fuelling

Born: January 29, 2011 Baptized: March 13, 2011

Baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fuelling, Ind.

Parents: Dane and Jen Fuelling

Sponsors: Mario and Haley Buono and Brad Fuelling

Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

German: Ich vermag alles durch Christus, der mich mächtig macht.

Emelia Louise Hoffman

Born: August 4, 2011 Baptized: September 4, 2011

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Nicholas and Rebecca Hoffman

Sponsors: Sarah Tharp and Amanda Borne

Verse: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Heinrich Christian Nussbaum

Born: March 11, 2011 Baptized: March 20, 2011

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Nicholas and Kristan Nussbaum

Sponsor: Todd Steiner

Verse: "So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22

Charles Timothy Faurote

Born: July 28, 2010 Baptized: August 15, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Benjamin and Catherine Faurote

Sponsors: Jeremiah Ford and Lisa Girardot

Verse: "The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels."

Revelation 3:5

Oliver Hadley Faurote

Born: April 30, 2010

Baptized: May 16, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Sean and Jennifer Faurote

Sponsors: Heidi Clark and Eric Brege; witness: Cadence Faurote

Verse: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Kara Marie Smith

Born: October 29, 2010

Baptized: November 14, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Edward and Julie Smith

Sponsors: Lynn Brege and Penny Smith

Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Ashlyn Rae Vogel

Born: July 15, 2010

Baptized: August 8, 2010

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Ind.

Parents: Eric Vogel and Angie Kolter

Sponsors: Sandy Kolter, Amy Villagomez, and Tyra Kolter

Verse: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 4

8AM The Third Sunday of Easter—Matins

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Third Sunday after Easter—Divine Service

The Rite of Confirmation takes place in late service

Tuesday, May 6

9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class, St. John, Bingen Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 7

7PM Divine Service

7PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 9

Evening—fellowship hall reserved, wedding rehearsal

Saturday, May 10

3PM Keane/Juengel Wedding

Sunday, May 11

Services 8 and 10:15, BC/SS 9:15, No Confirmation Class

Innvær Presentation during Bible Class,

Mother's Day Carnations for sale

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick and recovering:** Carol Moughler, Marcia Selking, Carol Selking.
- +**Those who rejoice:** Emma Keane and Lucas Juengel on their upcoming wedding May 10.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Carolyn Voshell, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Kelly Skove, Danielle Meshberger.
- +**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays 5/4-5/10:** Barry Melcher, Kasey Adams, Maddie Fisher, Josh Fisher, Karl Melcher, Darrel Ehlerding, Colton Gilbert.

Acolytes 5/4

8AM Evan Sovine

10:15AM Drew Kolter

Attendance

Wed. 4/23 7PM: 5

4/27 8:00: 90

4/27 10:15: 110

Stewardship

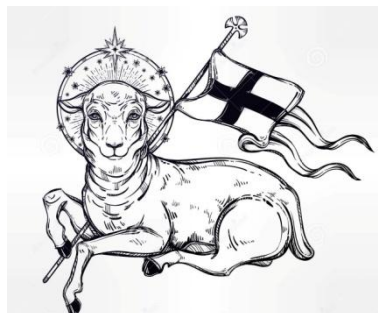
Offering 4/20: \$12,899.73

Online: \$1,230.73

Total F.T.W.: \$14,130.46

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): +\$3,224.73

Y.T.D.: -\$41,556.93



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