

+The Fifth Sunday of Easter+

The Rite of Confirmation | May 2nd, 2021 | 10:15am



I AM the Vine, You Are the Branches

+THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN THE HOUSE OF GOD+
AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN.
Genesis 28:17

The following may be prayed before the Divine Service:

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

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness. *Ps. 84:10*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy
and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy
righteousness; make thy way straight before my face. Make me to go in the path of thy
commandments, for thou art the God of my salvation. Amen.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Opening Hymn | Shepherd of Tender Youth

LSB 864

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

*A little while, and you will see me no | longer;**
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.

The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

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

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

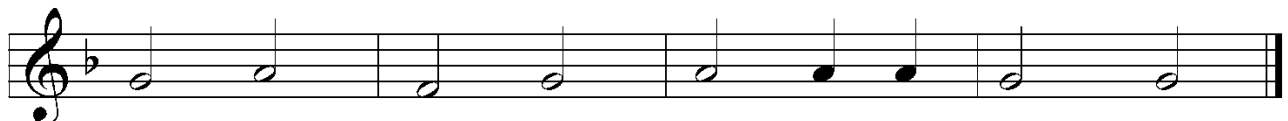
*A little while, and you will see me no | longer;**
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

Kyrie

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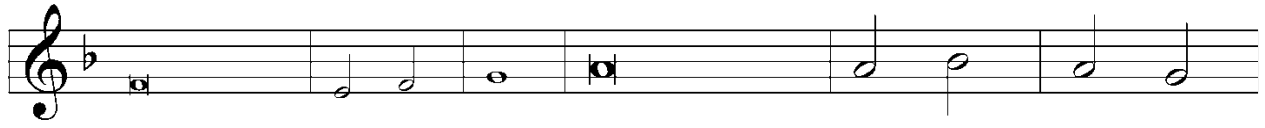


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

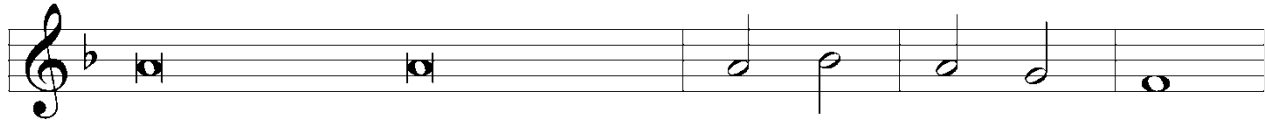
Gloria in Excelsis



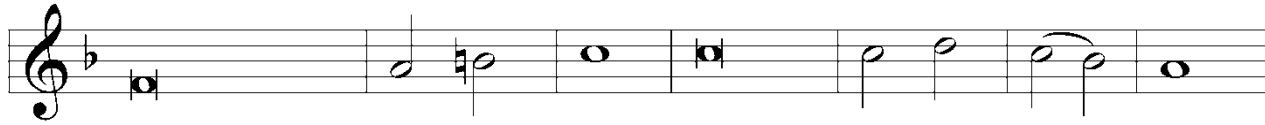
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



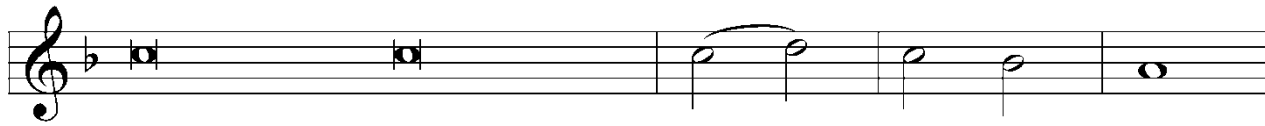
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



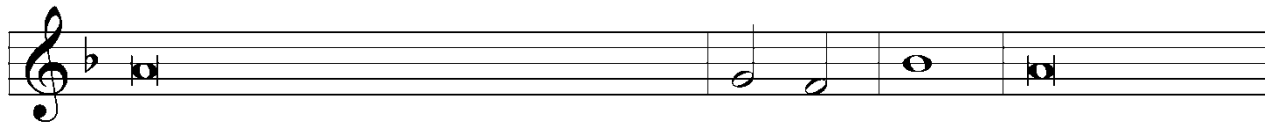
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



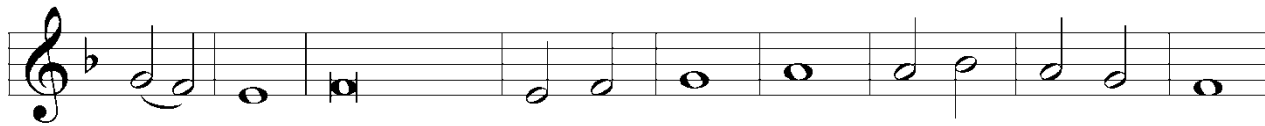
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



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, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,

so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother,

he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

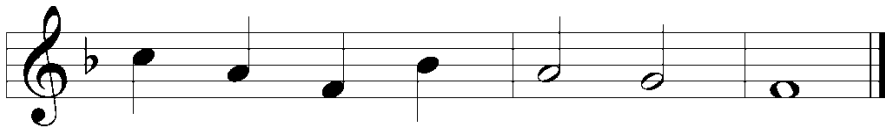


Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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

Hymn of the Day | At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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Sermon

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

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

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.

Confirmation

The catechumens come forward to the altar. 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 T everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor reads a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation:

Emma Rachelle Ehlerding

Baptized August 13, 2006

Parents Kristy Ehlerding, Justin Ehlerding

Sponsors Tim Fuhrmann, Andrew Scheumann

Witnesses Troy and Kari Burkholder

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Madison Susann Hamilton

Baptized April 1, 2007

Parents Jacqueline and Matthew Hamilton

Sponsors Micayla Runkle, Joy Hamilton, Jane Lehman

*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***

Drew Allan Kolter

Baptized July 23, 2006

Tyra and Todd Kolter

Sponsors Amy Anderson, Angela Vogel

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **Romans 1:16***

Dane Matthew Lenegar

Baptized October 4, 2009

Parents Heather Johnson and Jeremiah Lenegar

Sponsor Jean Skaggs

Godparents Luke and Carrie Binegar

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” **Jeremiah 29:11***

Evan Richard Sovine

Baptized July 29, 2007

Parents Emily and Rick Sovine

Sponsors Jill Dougal and Sara Overbeck

Blessed be the LORD my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.

Psalms 144:1

Elijah Kade Steiner

Baptized October 15, 2006

Parents Suzanne and Brian Steiner

Sponsors Paul Hockemeyer, Carla Mesing, Dorcas Seltenright

Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:13

Madeline Rose Vitatoc

Baptized March 25, 2007
Parents Kim and David Vitatoc
Sponsors Todd Hoffman, Richard Norby
Witness Tina Hoffman

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. Psalm 121:7

Daniel James Vogel

Baptized July 23, 2006
Parents Angela and Eric Vogel
Sponsors James and Sandra Kolter

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following Collect is prayed:

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 T be with you.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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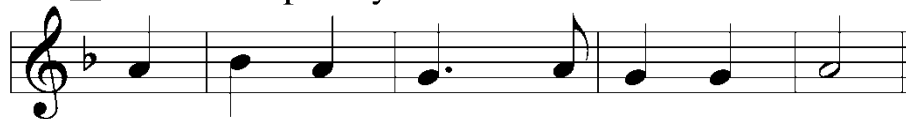
P The Lord be with you.



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.

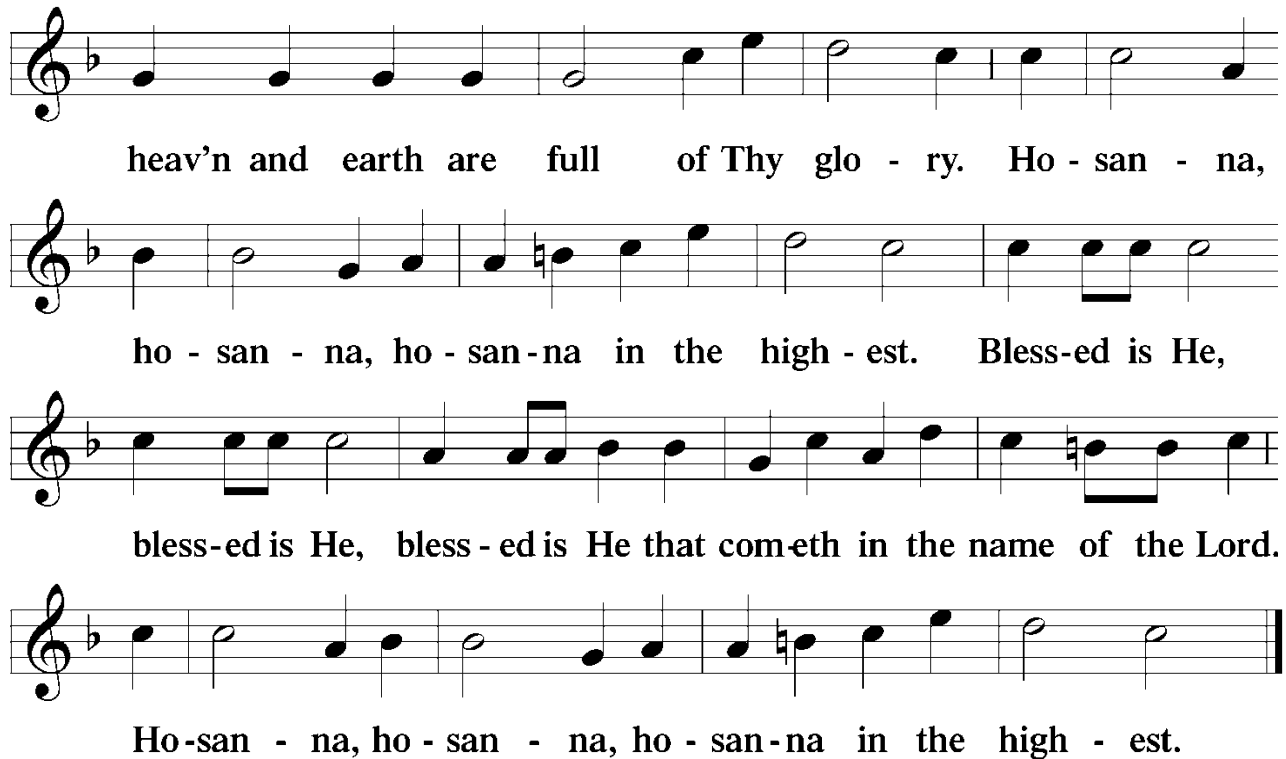
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed 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

LSB 195



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 T 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 T 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

LSB 197



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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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 Christ Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, the Altar is open to those who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or 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 the Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

To Be Prayed...

Before the Blessed Sacrament.

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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After the Blessed Sacrament.

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in thy faith and favor; as thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

Distribution Hymn | *sung to Doxology tune 'Old Hundredth,' LSB 805*

Distribution Hymn | Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

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Distribution Hymn | Oh, Blest the House

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Stand

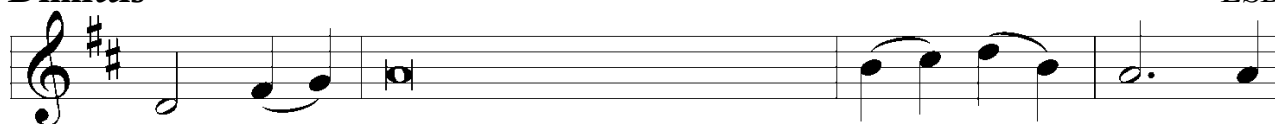
The Dismissal

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.

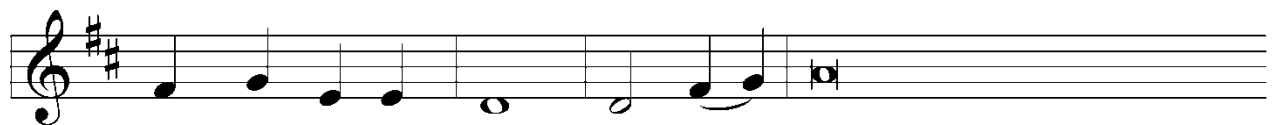
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



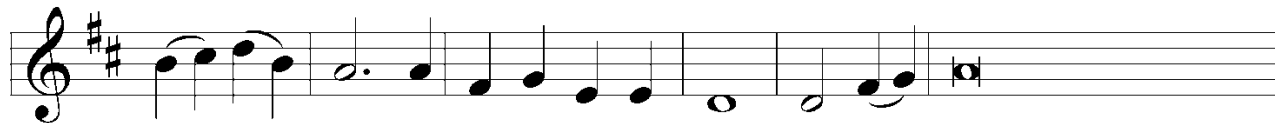
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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. **Amen.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

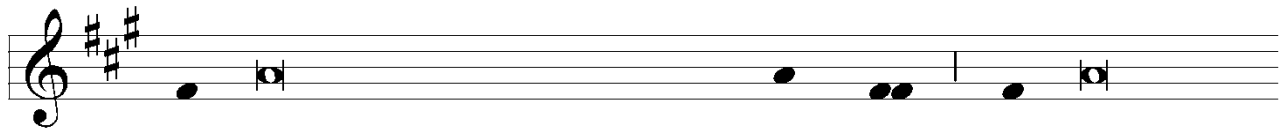
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A Bless we the Lord.

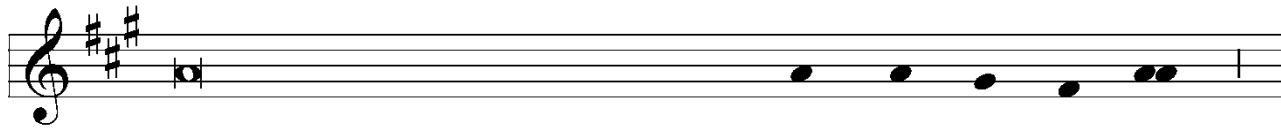
C Thanks be to God.

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.

Sung: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn to Depart | Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

Announcements

At St. Paul

Confirmation is this Sunday May 2nd at the 10:15am service. We rejoice with our eight youth catechumens who will be confirmed in the faith today and who will receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the fellowship of this Altar for the first time. Due to Confirmation pictures, we will not have Sunday School or Bible Class. Confirmation parents, feel free to use the sanctuary to take your own pictures starting 9:15am. Pr. Yeager will be available for this.

The Fellowship Hall will be reserved today after second service for a Confirmation party.

Carnations. We will be offering Carnations for sale on Mother's Day again this year on Sunday, May 9th (next Sunday). The cost will be \$2.00 per stem with the proceeds going to the North East Indiana Right to Life. Thank you for supporting the Right to Life.

Our Fieldworkers. Seminarian Anthony Keilani has received his Vicarage Assignment April 26th at 7pm. Seminarian Timothy Schmeisser has received the Divine Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry April 27th at 7pm....

Teacher Mrs. Albert. At the end of this year, Mrs. Janine Albert is retiring after a long and faithful career in education. We give thanks to God for the years of service and devotion she has given to our school, Wyneken Memorial. On Sunday, May 16th, we will recognize Mrs. Albert with the Rite of Farewell and Godspeed in both services. We are hosting a card shower for Mrs. Albert and also a time of fellowship with light treats on Sunday May 16th during the Sunday School hour. **Please leave greeting cards with your well wishes on Pastor Yeager's desk until May 16th**. He will see that she receives them on this day. Thank you.

New Parsonage. Per the direction of the Voters Assembly, the Building Committee will begin discussions with a professional home designer to create plans for the congregation's review. Any member of St. Paul with input on the building process of the new parsonage is invited to please speak to a member of the Building Committee (Alan Zimmerman, Tim Hoffman, and Tim Ehlerding) by Sunday May 2nd.

The Ladies' Aid wrapped up their Gently Used Sale and made a profit of \$1,204.00. We give thanks to God for all who donated and worked to make this event possible. May is an LMWL meeting (mites) and will take place on the 3rd Thursday in May, May 20th, at 7pm.

New Processional Crucifix. When Pastor Brege taught in the Philippines (enabled by St. Paul members in November 2012), he was privileged to preach at La Trinidad Lutheran Church. As a "thank you" the people gave him a large, hand-carved wooden crucifix. For Holy Week this year, Pastor Brege "converted" this crucifix into a processional cross by preparing several wooden pieces which he connected to the back of the crucifix. As needed, this will continue to be used as one of our processional crosses here at St. Paul. May God be glorified by all such visible reminders of our Savior's redemptive work!

150th Anniversary Committee. The year 2023 will be the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Preble. To give thanks to God for this important milestone in our Church's history, the Voters Assembly has determined that an Anniversary Committee should be created, to be comprised of five members of the congregation who love St. Paul, who would delight in examining the Church's history, and who would rejoice to create events on our Anniversary year to commemorate that history. The invitation is open to all our members with such willingness—you do not have to be a voting member to join this committee. Talk to Pr. Yeager.

Service men and women. I would like to add a line in the Prayer of the Church for those members who are service men and women. Please bring names to me and we will add these to the Prayer of the Church.—Pastor Yeager.

Baby Shower. Please join us in "showering" Pastor and Heather with gifts as they await the arrival of their daughter in May. A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for any gifts you would like to give them (diapers, wipes, gift cards, etc.) If you have any questions contact Kelly Todd 260.466.7494 or Susie Ehlerding 260.413.2735.

Youth

High School Youth Activities

Sunday, May 2 –Confirmation Day – No Youth Event

Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day – No Youth Event

Sunday, May 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Gathering at Parsonage 1

Sunday, May 23 – Sky Zone – Details TBD

Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Eve – No Youth Event

Wyneken, Circuit, Synod

Upcoming events. Our Eighth grade class will be headed to the Capital this coming week. We keep them in our prayers for safe travels and a happy and blessed trip. 8th grade, Washington DC (May 3-8); BOE meeting (May 6); National Day of Prayer (May 6); Preschool/Pre-K, Zoo trip (May 6); 7th grade, Henry Ford Museum (May 7); 6th grade, virtual Biz Town (May 7); Speech contest@1pm (May 11); Fine Arts night@6:30pm (May 11); Kindergarten, Fox Island trip (May 14); 8th grade graduation, St. John@7pm (May 20); Fun Day, Last Day of school (May 21).

Teaching Position- Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking a school teacher (pre-K) for the 2021-2022 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Wyneken Childcare Positions- Do you have a love for children? The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 639-6064.

Custodian Substitutes- We are seeking an individual willing to substitute for our custodian, evening hours. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

SCRIP- A limited amount of Scrip is available daily in the school office; for large orders, please contact a Scrip representative. At St. John, Bingen-Teegen Brock (260-301-1606); St. Paul, Preble-Jennifer Faurote (260-223-1509); Zion, Friedheim-Cheryl Lengerich (260-701-4326). An order form is available on the Wyneken website, www.wyneken.org or go to www.shopwithscrip.com, open Join A Program, and use organization code 7CA2BE4B468.

COVID Re-Entry Plan at St. Paul

With the easing of State and local restrictions, our Churches are now free to determine the best course of action moving forward for their congregations. This re-entry plan has been made in consultation with the Voters' Assembly at St. Paul, and the Churches of the Decatur circuit LCMS. These changes will be reflected, with some variation, in all our circuit Churches.

We make these changes cautiously and judiciously in the awareness that, should State and local orders be reversed, restrictions could be put back in place immediately. Should restrictions be put back in place, changes to this plan will be determined by the pastors and elders as there might not be time to convene a regular Voters Assembly to make necessary changes. All these changes will take place immediately unless otherwise noted.

Here is the Re-Entry plan at St. Paul:

- a. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, (5/30), we will return to our regularly scheduled practice of one Divine Service for the duration of the summer months at 9AM.
- b. Ropes will come down. *This will take place on the first Sunday of our summer schedule, May 30th, 2021.*
- c. Holy Communion
 - 1 Will continue to be celebrated at every regular Sunday Service.
 - 2 Masks will no longer be worn by celebrant and assistants.
 - 3 The Common Cup will be restored to those who would receive from it.
 - 4 Kneeling will be permitted but optional. Communicants may receive the Sacrament kneeling or standing.
 - 5 Hand sanitizer will no longer be offered at the rail, but will continue to be offered in the narthex.
 - 6 The practice of continuous Distribution, or not dismissing by table, as we have been practicing for the past year, will continue.
- d. Disinfection practices (spraying pews etc. between services) will no longer be required.
- e. Hand sanitizer will still be offered in the narthex.
- f. Masks may be worn by those who feel comfortable doing so but are not required.
- g. Hymnals will be restored to the pews.
- h. The plate will remain in the narthex and will not be passed for the time being, as a way of saving time, because every-service Communion will continue.

Prayer of the Church

+**The sick and recovering:** Bonnie Gallmeyer.

+**Expectant mothers:** Heather Yeager, Kacey Fuelling.

+**The homebound:** Edna Mesing, Faye Keuneke (Woodcrest Skilled Nursing); Marge Merriman (Woodcrest Assisted Living); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Anita Spiegel (home); Ted Reinhart (home); Don Haines (home).

+**The military:** Austin Comer, Taylor Blum.

+**Birthdays:** Jean Skaggs, Todd Fisher, Luke Ainsworth, Sarah Enterline, Carl Seddelmeyer, Jim Kolter, Oliver Faurote.

Acolytes

8am Kord Fuelling

10:15am Zach Macke

Attendance 4/25

8am 93

10:15am 137

Offerings 4/25

Need Weekly: \$7,487.69

Week/Plate: \$

Online \$

For the week: -\$

For the year: -\$

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/2

Divine Services 8 and 10:15am, *no Bible Class/Sunday School Confirmation 10:15 service*, no youth event due to Confirmation

Wednesday 5/5

Choir 7pm

Thursday 5/6

School Board @ Wyneken, 7pm

Sunday 5/9

Divine Services 8 and 10:15am, Bible Class/Sunday School 9:15am, *Mother's Day Carnations sold for \$2 to benefit NE Indiana Right to Life.*

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