



Munster, Indiana 2024

# Welcome

divine service I



## WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

**May 4 • May 5**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Members and Guests:**  
Please silence cell phones

**Before the service begins**, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

**Holy Communion:**  
In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.

### **Prelude** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (Walther)

(Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service.  
Hymns for this service are: 904, 556, 770, 544, 641 and 706)

### **Welcome & Ringing of the Bell**

### **Hymn of Invocation—904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

#### **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD AND FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Psalm** (Cantor sings verses/Congregation sings Refrain)

### Psalm 98

Refrain: Psalm 98:1a  
Verses: Hal H. Hopson

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#### Verses

1. God has done such marvelous things; (R)
2. Justice, love, and peace abound; (R)
3. Sing with the harp and the trumpet strong; (R)
4. Seas be glad, let the oceans roar; (R)

**Refrain (All)**

Sing to the Lord a new song.

#### Verses

- (1.) God's great might all the earth now sings. (R)
- (2.) Israel's strength in the Lord is found. (R)
- (3.) To the Lord let your praise prolong. (R)
- (4.) Praises sound from shore to shore. (R)

**Refrain (All)**

Sing to the Lord a new song.

#### Verses

- (1.) God's great power now is shown "God has triumphed," make it known. (R)
- (2.) When in need the people did call, God's great might was shown to all. (R)
- (3.) To the King lift up your voice. Shout your praise, in God rejoice. (R)
- (4.) God now comes to rule in might. God brings justice, truth, and light. (R)

**Refrain (All)**

Sing it out, sing it loud and strong;  
Sing to the Lord a new song.

### Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

*Concerning confession and absolution we believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.*

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

### First Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is seated for the first two Scripture readings. The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so. Whether you use the insert, the pew Bible, or simply prefer to listen to God's Word, please also "hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it."*

## Gradual *(spoken together)*

**Christ has risen from the dead.**

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

## Epistle: 1 John 5: 1 - 8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Holy Gospel: John 15: 9 - 17

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

*Back Cover of Hymnal or LSB 158*

*The third use of the Law is the Law as a guide, no longer is it used to keep us in line or to show us our sinfulness but instead it has become a friendly and peaceful companion that leads us in the way we must go. In following our Lord's commandments, we live out our lives in a way that is foreign to this world, instead of living for ourselves we live for others. In loving God and loving one another God's love is perfected in us. God's perfect love in us is love perfected for others for us to share in joy all our days. John writes that the Spirit, water and blood agree, that the Word and Sacraments agree, that God's love for you is eternal. In these three you have been called and redeemed by the One who went to the cross and overcame death and the grave. The Father has claimed you as His own and grants you forgiveness on account of His Son's sacrifice, the Spirit dwells with you and works to make you holy as the One who redeemed you is holy. You are a child of God, loved by Him and commanded to love in return. In love we abide with Him, in Him, as He dwells with us.*

# Sermon Hymn—556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (stanzas 1-4)

**Sermon:** Pastor Adrian Krebs

## Offertory

5:30 Junior Ringers "Simple Gifts" (Stephenson)

8:00 and 9:30 Hymn—770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## Prayer of the Church

EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "HEAR OUR PRAYER." THE PRAYERS CONCLUDE...

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

At the 9:30 service, as the sermon hymn begins, children ages preschool through 4th grade are welcome to be dismissed for Sunday School. Pickup is at the end of the worship service.

Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



**P** The Lord be with you.



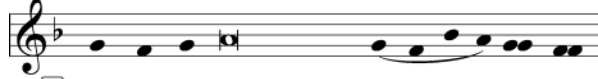
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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 singing:

## Sanctus

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

## Words of Institution

LSB 162

## Pax Domini

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

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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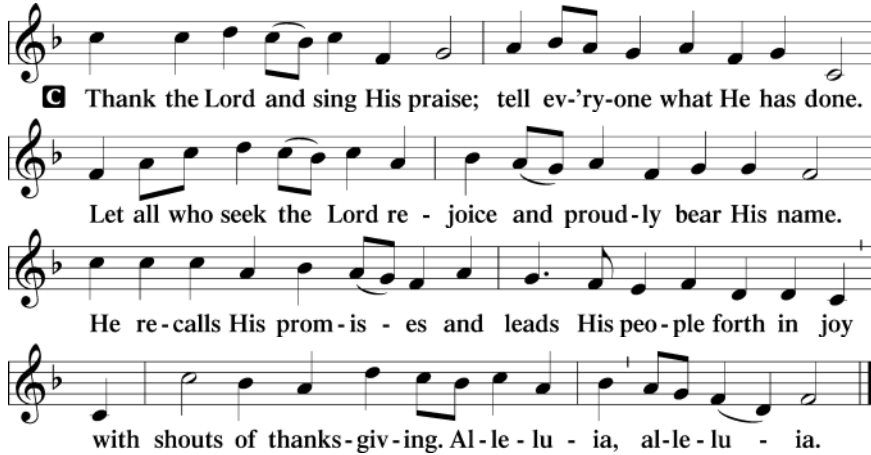
## Distribution

5:30 Junior Ringers "Allegro" (Haydn)

Distribution Hymn—544 O Love, How Deep

Distribution Hymn—641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## Post-Communion Canticle




**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** 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.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart—706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

## Postlude "All Glory Be to God on High" (Zachau)

## Serving this Week:

**Preaching:** Reverend Adrian Krebs  
**Organ:** Karen Foote  
**Cantor:** Reverend Adrian Krebs  
**Greeters:** Mark & Wendy Bockelmann (5:30)  
Brian & Karen Hott (8:00)  
Deborah Pardek (9:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated:  
**In Honor of**  
and with God's blessings to the Confirmands  
from Carolyn Nyhan

## Last Week at St. Paul's

**Attendance:** 350  
**Communed:** 292  
**Hartsfield/Cedarhurst:** 30  
**Plate Offering:** \$11,666  
**Online Offering:** \$5,975  
**Total:** \$17,641  
**Weekly Budget:** \$16,538

## This Week at St. Paul's

**Sunday, May 5**  
11:00 am Confirmation Worship Service  
5:00 pm High School Youth Night

### Monday, May 6

6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 pm Basketball Clinic  
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting  
7:00 pm Special Voter's Meeting

### Tuesday, May 7

Dollar No Collar Day  
8:30 am Garden Crew  
9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service  
10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service  
7:00 pm Men's Basketball

### Wednesday, May 8

8:30 am **No Chapel**- Faith Family Activity  
10:00 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Sip N'Stitch

### Thursday, May 9

10:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Ascension Service at Trinity  
Lutheran Church – Crown Point

### Friday, May 10

Church Office Closed  
Pastor Speckhard on call (219) 741-6270

### Saturday, May 11

8:00 am AA Meeting  
10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen  
5:00 pm Mother's Day Bake Sale

## Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47,  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53