



Munster, Indiana 2024

Welcome

divine service |



WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

April 20 • April 21
Fourth 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 5:30 and 9:30 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Hildebrand)
8:00 Master Ringers "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (Delancy)
(Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service.
Hymns for this service are: 700, 709, 524, 625, 740 and 686)

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

Hymn of Invocation—700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.**

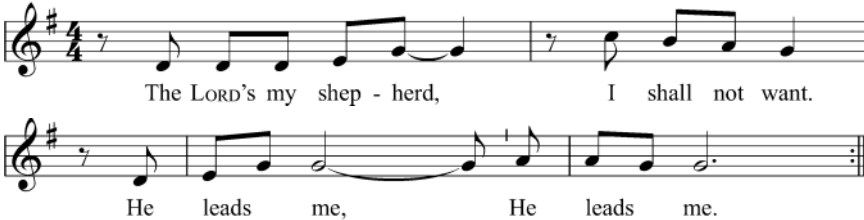
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 23 (Cantor sings verses/**Congregation sings Refrain and Gloria Patri**)

Refrain



The LORD's my shep - herd, I shall not want.
He leads me, He leads me.

Chant Tone



The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

Refrain

He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are | with me,*
Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me.

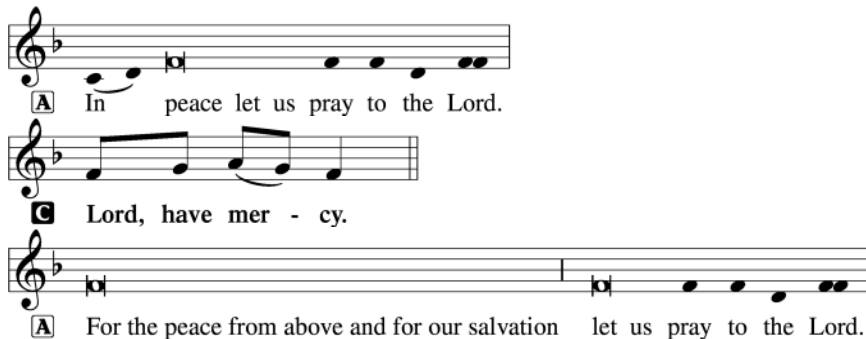
Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Gloria be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.

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-tory 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.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 4:1 - 12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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 3:16 - 24*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel: *John 10:11 - 18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

Back Cover of Hymnal or LSB 158

Sermon Hymn—709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon: Pastor Donald Stock

Offertory—5:30 Hymn 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

8:00 Master Ringers “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (Bender)

9:30 Children of the Lord Choir “Greet the Rising Sun” (Traditional Chinese)

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 Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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.

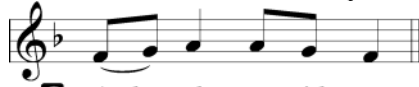
God’s blessings to Deb Pardek who celebrates her birthday on Thursday.

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 +



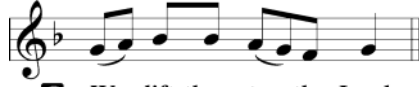
P The Lord be with you.



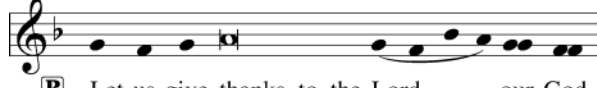
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



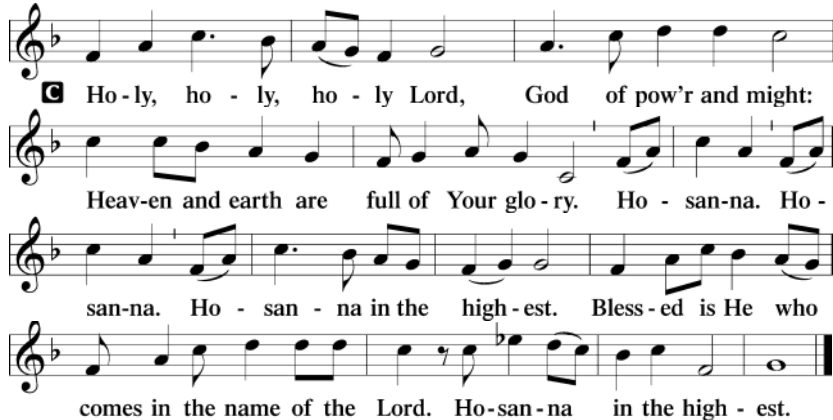
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

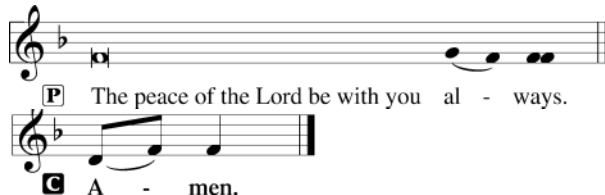
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

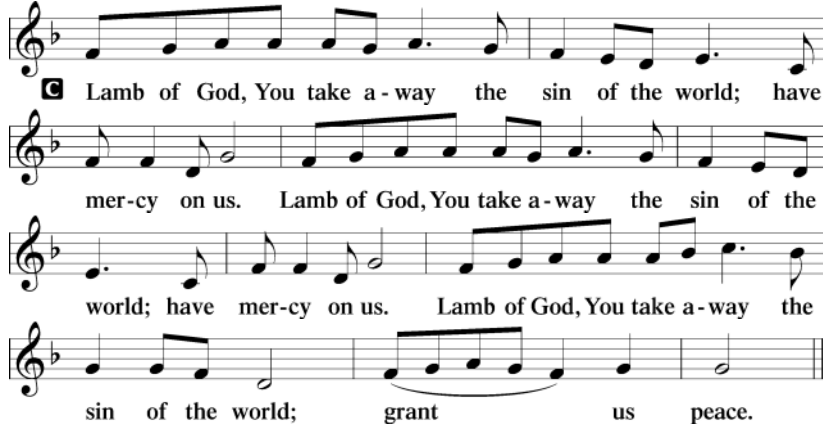
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Pax Domini



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

8:00 Master Ringers "By Grace I'm Saved" (Delancy)

9:30 Junior Ringers "Simple Gifts" (arr. Stephenson)

9:30 Children of the Lord Choir "O Lord Jesus" (J.S. Bach)

Distribution Hymn—625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Distribution Hymn—740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Thank the Lord



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

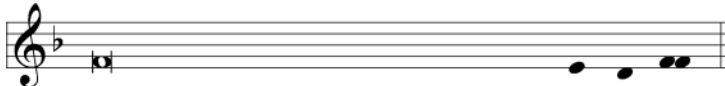


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

G 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.



G A - men.

Hymn to Depart—686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Postlude "Come Down, O Love Divine" (Held)

Serving this Week:

Preaching: Rev. Donald Stock

Organ: Karen Foote

Cantors: Karen Foote (5:30, 8:00),
Children of the Lord Choir (9:30)

Greeters: John & RoseMarie Werner (5:30)

Brian & Laurie Eriks (8:00)

Ray Lenz (9:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated:

In Memory of:

Audrey Wesner on her Heavenly
anniversary, by the Wesner & Eriks family
&

To the Glory of God
from the Burghardt family

Last Week at St. Paul's

Attendance: 285

Communed: 240

Hartsfield/Cedarhurst: 31

Plate Offering: \$8,020

Online Offering: \$4,479

Total: \$12,499

Weekly Budget: \$16,538

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 21

10:45 am New Member Class

5:00 pm High School Youth Night

Monday, April 22

6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting

7:00 pm Basketball Clinic

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service

10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service

1:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study

6:00 pm Board of Family Life Meeting

7:00 pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, April 24

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

8:30 am Chapel

10:00 am Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Senior Choir Practice

7:30 pm Master's Ringers Rehearsal

Friday, April 12

Church Office Closed

Pastor Speckhard on call (219) 741-6270

Saturday, April 13

8:00 am AA Meeting

10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 150,

1 John 4:1-11, John 15:1-8