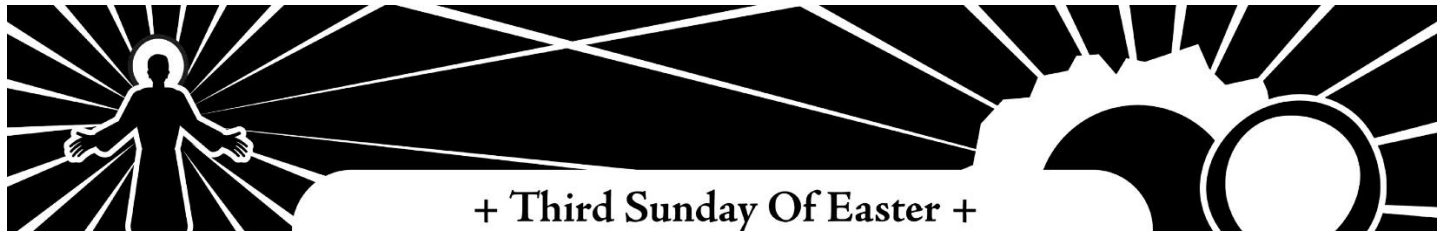
A close-up photograph of several fish, likely salmon, being broiled on a metal grill. The fish are arranged in a row, and their skin is charred and slightly peeling, revealing the pinkish-orange flesh underneath. The grill's metal bars are visible, creating a grid pattern over the fish. The background is dark and out of focus.

THEY
GAVE HIM
A PIECE OF
BROILED
FISH,
AND
HE ATE
IN THEIR
PRESENCE

LUKE 24:42-43



+ Third Sunday Of Easter +

April 18, 2021

AS WE GATHER

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

REGARDING COMMUNION

After his resurrection, the crucified but now-living Jesus appeared to his disciples and said to Thomas (who had his doubts that Jesus could really be alive again): ‘Touch my pierced hands and feel my wounded side; stop doubting and believe.’

*We come to the Lord’s Table with our own doubts and worries, fears and sorrows, often lingering on uncertainty and the realities we think are beyond change. Our Lord points us to his unchanging yet life-changing reality—he has died, he has risen, he will come again. His Holy Supper is the place where we encounter his saving, risen, and healing Body and Blood ... as he said: ‘Those who feed on my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.’ **Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.***

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church

Prelude Schmillerburghs
("Nearer, My God, to Thee", "I'd Rather Have Jesus", "Great is Thy Faithfulness")

Welcome

Stand

Invocation Hymn..... "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" #477 (1, 3)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Divine Service, Setting One

Confession and Absolution

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

Confession and Absolution.....page 151

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- 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.
- 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn .. "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom", #481 (1, 3)

1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -
emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:
Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -
cipated by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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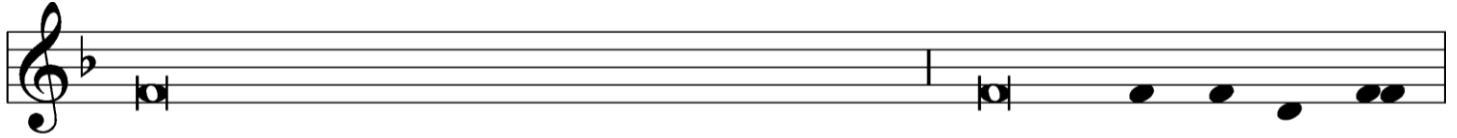
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Kyrie.....pages 152-153

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



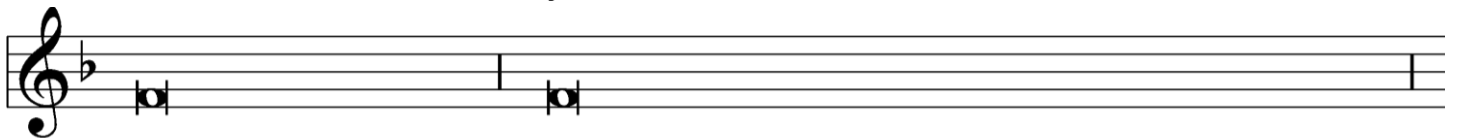
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



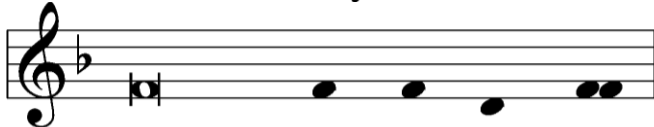
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



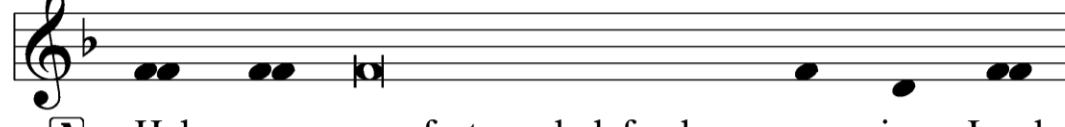
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Collect of the Day (spoken in unison)

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. Amen

First Reading **Acts 3:11-21**

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(spoken in unison)*

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 Reading **1 John 3:1-7**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel..... Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" #466 (4, 5)



4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;

Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sit

Sermon..... "Faithful Fish"

Instrumental Reflection..... "Largo"

Stand

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

Offering

Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to

share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

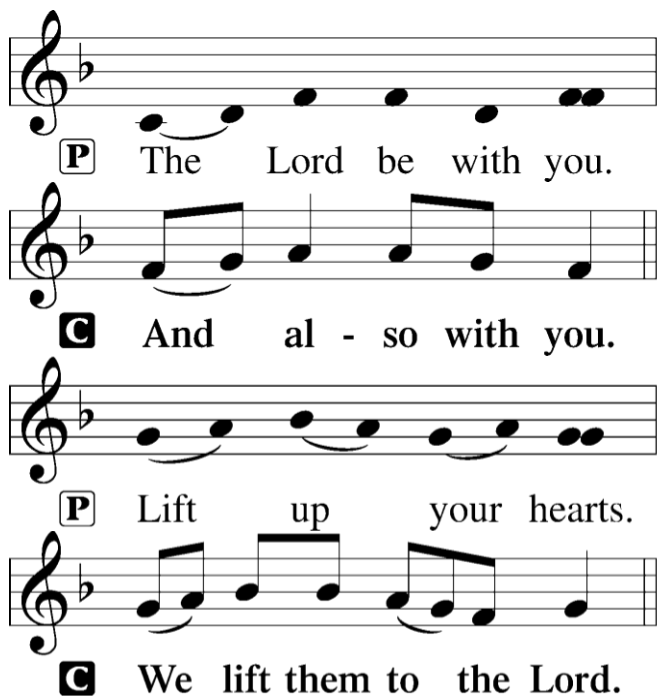
Offertorypages 159-160



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 160-162

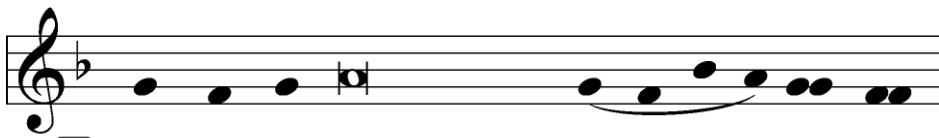


P The Lord be with you.

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 beneficial 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 Passover 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.....*page 161*



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 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

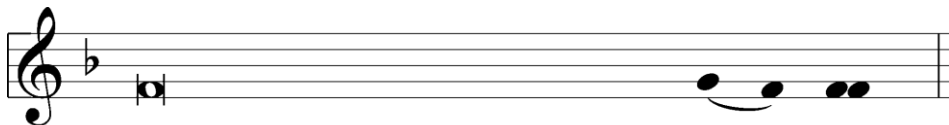
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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 Dominipage 163



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

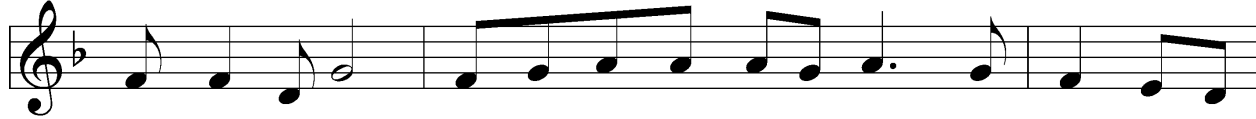


C A - men.

Agnus Dei.....page 163



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.

Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

Communion Distribution

Distribution of the Lord’s gifts in Holy Communion is in standing format with Pastor and the Elder near the chancel steps. You will be released by the usher to head forward, maintaining physical distance between each person or family unit. Pastor will drop the wafer into your hands, so please cup them together and hold them chest-level. Individual plastic cups only are being used, so if you’re not taking the non-alcoholic wine from the center, please make sure to take from the outer circle first until all of those are gone before reaching for the next level in. A basket to the left of the table is available for you to place your used cup inside.

Communion Hymns Schmillerburghs

Stand

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord” page 164



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.

Post Communion Collect..... page 166

- P** Let us pray.
- C** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial 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.

Benediction..... page 166

- 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.

Sending Hymn..... "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,
 The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
 The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.
 The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Schmillerburghs
 ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

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Next week's readings:
First: Acts 4:1-12; Epistle: I John 3:16-24; Gospel: John 10:11-18

Attendance Last Saturday: 20
Total Offering: \$7,515.57
Home Use: \$7,255.57

Attendance Last Sunday: 54
Missions: \$250.00
Benevolences: \$10.00

Serving us today:

Elders.....Jeff Harris (Sat) Jack Easterwood, Caleb Thomas (Sun)
Musicians Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache, Rich Vanderburgh
Altar Committee..... Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Monday-19	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
Tuesday-20	6:00 p.m.	Mission Board Meeting
Wednesday-21	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Thursday-22	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study—"With God in the Garden"
	7:30 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Friday-23	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday-24	8:30 a.m.	LWML Concordia Spring Rally
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday-25	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Jr. and Sr. Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization, rehabilitation, and chemotherapy: Don Apprill (Cindy Schnell's dad), Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Scott Compton (Bob & Barbara's son), Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Sharon Hochsprung, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (Pr. Jesse Kueker's son—Trinity, Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Kathy Marshall, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair's close friend), Johnny Nichol, Christopher Pierce (Judy Pierce's son), Sue Rice (Judy Pierce's

niece), Jim Rudy, Pat Spanton, Bryan Tebbenkamp, Lynne Trimble (Kaye Fair's sister). *We remember the healthcare providers who have worked tirelessly to prevent the spread of COVID and treat those who've been ill ... and pray in thanksgiving for the diminishment of the illness!*

For those rejoicing in the birth of children, especially Brittany and Joe Brown on the birth of their new daughter (Grace Lynn). Much joy and goodness in the Lord!

For Pregnant Mothers, especially Bridgette & Jonathan Sharp, Corinne & Jeremy Allison, & Bekah & Chris Kelley. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Seminarian Jonathan Sharp (and his wife Bridgette) as he continues his studies and prepares to receive his vicarage assignment at the end of April.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

For Our Confirmands who will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday—the 50th day after Easter Sunday: Zach Brown, Gabby Fatka, Azriel Hartwig, Nate Stewart and Gracyn VanWey. The Lord continue to guide them with his Holy Spirit!

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Mask Information

Effective immediately, masks or face coverings are optional. Please exercise grace and mercy with each other as we navigate this area. Many in the congregation support the use of masks while many do not support the use of masks. Elders and Pastor will continue to wear face coverings while greeting at the doors as well as while serving Holy Communion. Please see the congregational letter placed in your mailbox, emailed earlier this week, or posted in the May Tidings for a full description of upcoming changes.

Worship Services

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch them live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at blchurch.com.

Saturday Services are at 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion is observed on 1st, 3rd and 5th weekends of the month.

Opportunities to Serve

Crop Walk—This year's Crop Walk will be virtual. They are encouraging small groups or families to walk together and post pictures on social media. Groups and individuals can register and give online at <https://events.CROPHungerWalk.org>. Packets can be dropped off on April 24 between 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 141 East Gay, Warrensburg.

The Food Center is in need of the following items: small Gatorade, flavored tuna pouches, soft granola bars (not crunchy, no peanuts), canned fruit, canned vegetables except corn and green beans and size 4T-5T pull ups. Monetary donation as also welcome. Monetary donations to the Food Center can be claimed at a 50% rate on State Income Tax. Do not take charitable donation, the Food Center will fill out a form for you.

Bethlehem's Community Garden began its overhaul last fall and winter with the building of raised beds for this year's growing season. This is an exciting new venture to which everyone is welcome to participate, and spring planting will be coming up soon! Pick up one of the new pamphlets to learn more, talk to Pr. Joel or Shawn Lindley if you'd like to know more, or take a stroll to the far end of our backyard to see for yourself. Keep your eyes and ears open for ways to be involved!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

"Reading Romans" Study on Sunday Mornings! We started Chapter 11 on **April 11** so please join us in the conference room **from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** as we cover a lot of good ground yet together in the remaining portion of this important treatise on Christ's grace.

"With God in the Garden" Study on Thursday Evenings! Gardening is more than growing flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It is a spiritual experience that allows us to reflect on our lives, sins, and biblical truths. Martin Luther wrote, God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, and in the field. This Zoom Bible Study will begin **Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be using "With God in the Garden" by Christianity Today International. If you are interested in finding God in your garden, please contact Rebecca or Cindy.

Youth

Sunday Youth Bible Study—Jeremy VanWey has started a new one that is exploring C.S. Lewis's classic on the wily ways of evil, *The Screwtape Letters*. Make sure to

make it, and spread the word to others so that a good group can work through it together!

Fellowship

Exercise Class has started back up at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

Card Group will meet on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join in for some games, coffee and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

Miscellaneous

Dinner and Show—Saint Paul Lutheran High will host a semi-formal FAMILY event on Saturday, **May 1** on campus in the Krueger Dining Hall. Men, women, and children, come decked out in your finest cocktail dresses, suits and sparkly attire! Upon arrival, you'll be entertained with showtunes by the SPLHS Orchestra while you feast on hors d'ouvres in preparation for an elegant 4-course meal. You'll hear some of your favorite songs from musical theater and Disney movies! Dinner will be prime rib with a wonderful array of desserts, including the 'grey stuff' from "Beauty and the Beast!" Doors open at 5:15pm, and we will "proudly present your dinner" at 6pm! **NOTE: LIMITED SEATING SO RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH**. Email jmarsh@splhs.org or call or text 816-605-5173 for reservations. Reservations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Children under 2 are free. The dinner and show itself will be freewill offering.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called "*Simply Giving*".

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· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for the viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.