

“Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.”

During our service, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you are a visitor and are not a member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Vossler or one of our elders before the service about what we believe concerning the Sacrament.



5/5/2024
Confirmation Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
“He has Risen!”

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS
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Pastor Christopher P. Vossler
Organist: Christine Erkkila

Hymn: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Holy Baptism of Michael David McDonald

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

Introit

Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
**sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious
praise!**

Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*
**because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast | love from me!**
Glory 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.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 6:12–21, 40–42

¹²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. ¹³Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, ¹⁴and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ¹⁵who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ¹⁶Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.’ ¹⁷Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.

¹⁸“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! ¹⁹Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, ²⁰that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen

to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.
²¹And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

⁴⁰Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

⁴¹“And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place,

you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation,

and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.

⁴²O LORD God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one!

Remember your steadfast love for David your servant.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

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 un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 2:7–17

⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.

The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

⁸At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already

shining. ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹²I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



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



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

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

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

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵No 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. ¹⁶You 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.
¹⁷These 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

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

Children's Message

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Goal: That the hearers would respond to God’s blessings with praise and thanksgiving.

I. Introduction

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II. God’s Great Blessings

- What blessings has God given to us?
- How do we receive these blessings?

III. Our Gratitude

- Do we do anything to earn or deserve God’s blessings?

IV. Our Response

- What should be our response to God’s blessings?
- How can we use God’s blessings in worshipping and serving Him?

V. Conclusion

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Stand

Rite of Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

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

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

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

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

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

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

R *I do.*

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

R *I do.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

P Madison Giddings, Deklan Finney, Jeffrey Finney, Garrett Chubb, and Samuel Eshleman, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are 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 Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Offerings given to St Paul Lutheran Church go to the furtherance of God's Mission, here and abroad. If you wish to designate offering for a specific cause, please write in the memo line of your check or envelope: "Parking Lot" (for refinishing the parking lot), "Flowers" (for Altar flowers) or "Youth/NYG" (for the 2025 youth trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering). All other offerings will go into the general fund. If you wish to give a memorial offering, please write "Memorial," along with your loved one's name.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent

Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore 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 208



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☐ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth,
faithfully eating His body given into death and
drinking His life's blood poured out for our
salvation until we pass through death to the
promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has
taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is God's gift to the Church. Through this gift we are fed with the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. When we gather together at God's table, we are also expressing our common faith and mutual commitment to the doctrine of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. (Attendance at the Lord's Supper is always a confession of that which we believe.) Because of the significance of the Sacrament and because the scriptures counsel us against its misuse (1 Corinthians 11:17-32), those who have not communed previously at St. Paul's are asked to speak with the pastor or an elder before communing

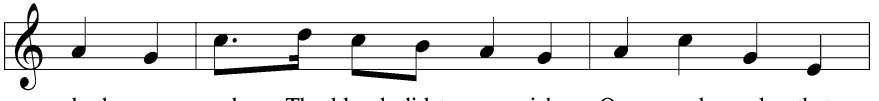
Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



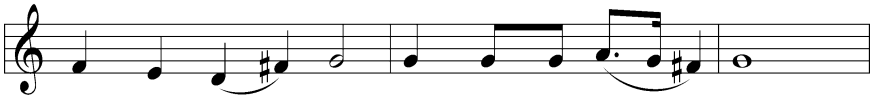
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Distribution Hymn: 628 Your Table I Approach



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 **Amen.**

Hymn:

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

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WELCOME:

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL
SUNDAY: <i>Confirmation Sunday Worship Service with Communion 9:30am/Confirmation Reception Fellowship 10:30am/Bible Study 11am</i>
MONDAY:
TUESDAY: <i>5pm Confirmation Class/Lifelight 7pm</i>
WEDNESDAY: <i>Ladies Aid 9am//Lifelight 1pm/Choir 7pm</i>
THURSDAY: <i>Stephen Ministry Meeting 6pm</i>
FRIDAY: <i>Ladies Aid Tea 6pm</i>
SATURDAY: <i>Men's Breakfast 8am/Band Rehearsal 4pm/Youth Movie Night 6pm</i>
SUNDAY : <i>Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service 9:30am/Fellowship 10:30am/Bible Study 11am</i>

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 4/21				
OFFERINGS	Memorials	Mom	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE
Env / Plate				
\$3389/364	40	21	\$3814	79

Today We Celebrate our 2024 Confirmation Class :
Congratulations to: Samuel Eshleman, Madison Giddings, Garrett Chubb, Deklan and Jeffrey Finney

Prayer for Our Confirmands

Direct our Confirmands, O Lord, in all their doings-in their daily decisions, both great and small. Grant them Your guiding light upon the twisting pathway of life. Lead them by Your wisdom and Your love so that they may do the things that glorify You. And finally, lead them to eternal glory with Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Today we *also celebrate* the **Holy Baptism of Michael David McDonald** son of Kayla and Trevor McDonald and grandson to Andrea and Dave McDonald 😊

No Sunday School or Youth Study today as we spend time recognizing our confirmation graduates

Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, 5/19, instead of on Mother's Day

Thank you to *Organist: Christine Erkkila* for playing for us today 😊

Please be sure to update any changes to your Phone #, address, email with the church office. Drop a note in the plate, send an email, leave a message, etc. We would like to keep the directory as current as possible. Thank you 😊

Fellowship-Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for refreshments and conversation! Refreshments are provided each Sunday by members of the congregation. If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, please sign up on the clipboard by the kitchen.

A BeauTEAful Attitude: May 10th

Attitude is everything! Raeann Kusch, author of "The Personal Touch – Encouraging Others through Hospitality" will share uplifting stories to encourage us each to have BeauTEAful attitudes.

Coming in May: Stewardship Month : Financial Peace University

Have you ever asked yourself how you can become a better steward of all the resources and abilities that God has given you? If so, you're not alone. In May, we will look at all aspects of our lives as stewards of God's gifts to us. All of our Bible Studies, all of our worship services, will highlight specific areas of Stewardship and how our role as Steward (or "manager") impacts our whole Christian life. Starting with Confirmation **Sunday**, when we usher five newly-confirmed members into the next step of the Christian life.

Building off of Stewardship Month, join us this summer for **Financial Peace University**. If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting **today**. Join our FPU class starting on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs!

Ladies Aid Bake Sale for Sanford Rising

Ladies Aid has been asked to sponsor a bake sale for Sanford Rising on **May 18, 2024**. This will be a great outreach for St Paul.

Proceeds from the sale of goods will be donated to Sanford Rising Festival.

We are asking for volunteers to donate baked goods. We need a dozens of items. All baked goods need to be packaged and dropped off at Church [May 17](#), 2024 by noon. They will be picked up on the 17th by Sanford Rising admin JoEllen Billingsley and she will man the bake sale on the 18th.

We are setting the prices and our Public Relations Committee will provide stickers with St Paul service and VBS information to be included with each purchase.

Following is a list of donation suggestions:

Requesting 5-6 sets of 4 dozen large (4-5") cookies, enclosed in individual zipper or slide baggies

Requesting 5-6 sets of 4 dozen small (2-3") cookies, packaged 2 to a bag

Requesting 6-8 dozen brownies (cut into 4" squares) in individual zipper or slide baggies

Requesting 10 dozen cupcakes, any flavor, enclosed in individual cupcake boxes found at Michaels or Amazon

Requesting 10 dozen muffins, any flavor, enclosed in individual zipper or slide baggies

Requesting 20 loaves of homemade bread, using frozen dough is acceptable, individually bagged
Requesting 10 dozen large cinnamon rolls, in 9x13 foil pans to be sold individually or in small, covered foil pans including 4 rolls in each pan.

These are just suggestions. Quantities are random and not set in stone. We will happily work with what we receive. We would like RSVP's by [May 13th](#) so we have an idea of what and how much to expect.

We and Sanford Rising Thank you for your generosity

RSVP to Christy Martin ckm57@me.com 817-757-9577 or Sign up sheet on board

For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.



*Youth Movie Night-
Saturday, May 11th at 6pm
featuring "Spider-Man"
Pizza/Popcorn/Smores for
movie discussion. Bring a friend 😊*



Held every 3 years since 1980, the **LCMS Youth Gathering** provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. *We encourage our Youth to share in the once in this lifetime opportunity to learn more about God's love attending "Endure" 2025. To be held July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans*

NYG Returnables Drive: *We have a collection at the fellowship hall entrance for returnable containers that will go toward helping to fund the youth trip to National Youth gathering.*

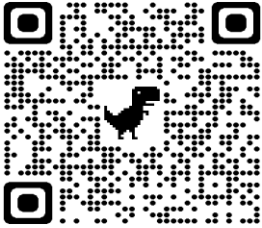
Youth Picnic/Float Decoration Party-

Sunday, May 26th

following church. We will decorate the float for the parade on Memorial Day with



Corn Hole Tournament with prizes, hot dogs, hamburgers picnic luncheon.



Camp Ark Encounters -
Vacation Bible
School; June 17th
through June 21st.
Use this QR code to
go to online
registration or paper
copies are available
on the bulletin board



Prayer Request: *If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / hughroottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer*

Mission of the Month: *May, we are receiving offerings for **LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces** which supports almost 200 chaplains. These “pastors in uniform”*

represent the church and provide Word and Sacrament ministry to military personnel and their families

Altar Guild representatives for May will be Kathy Enblade 989.631.6447 and Sandy Hoogerhyde and Jeffrey Finney 231.282.0847

Flowers on the altar for our worship service this morning are provided by **Carolyn Sutton** in celebration of Taylor's Birthday and



by **Larry Terbush** in celebration of he and Lynn's 20th Anniversary.

Happy Anniversary, Larry and Lynn!! 😊 and Happy Birthday, Taylor!! 😊

Would you like to beautify the altar with flowers for a worship service? The 2024 Altar Flower Sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Sign up now and pay for your flowers in the offering plate. After the service, you can enjoy your flowers at home for as long as they last. Just remember to bring back the vase to reuse!

Blacktop Project-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email stpaulrev@tds.net. The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email stpauullutheran@tds.net, or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: stpauldeacon@tds.net or esocidnator01@gmail.com if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!



Wanted: volunteers to help with Youth Activities

Vacation Bible School is coming up on June 17th - 21st, and we are very excited for this opportunity to bless the youth of

our congregation and community! Much of the ground work has already been accomplished, but there is more to be done over the coming months. The Youth Ministry Board is looking for volunteers to help with youth activities (including joining the Youth Ministry Board). If you are willing to serve in this valuable role, please talk to Andrea McDonald or Pastor Vossler.



Online giving is now available!
Follow this QR code to our giving
page or click on the donate button
on our website.

Please be sure to lock up and turn **off** the lights
when leaving Church.

Sanford Food Pantry:

Current needs for the food pantry: **Cake mixes
and Canned Frosting.** There are refillable canvas bags
from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the
food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested
list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and
place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church.
The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last
week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church
to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary
donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not
accept expired or dietary food*

#Up Coming Events#

Ladies' Aid Tea-May 10th

*Youth Movie Night- This Saturday, May
11th at 6pm featuring "Spider-Man"*

*Sanford Rising Bake Sale-May 18th
Porte Park*



Spring Clean up work bee-
May 18th 9am-2pm-Please
sign up on bulletin board

May 19th-Voter's Meeting

SERVING	This Week 5/5	Next Week 5/12 Mother's Day
Flowers:	Carolyn Sutton & Larry Terbush	Barbara Fauver
Music:	Chris Erkkila	Chris Erkkila
Proclaimer:	Pastor Christopher Vossler	Pastor Christopher Vossler
Fellowship Host	Confirmation Sunday PR Board	Open
Ushers	Betty Szczepanski & Edna Rottiers	Curt Bowland and Bill Draves
Acolytes	*	*
Greeters	Don & Nancy Retzloff	Diana Kausch

***Thank you to Julie VanKuiken and
Randy Engblade for all you do
around the Church 😊***

Read the Bible in a Year!

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training

in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us

through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It’s always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the “Reformation Reading Plan,” which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don’t have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther’s Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app

will be “Day 1,” so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

Daily Readings:

Days 190-196	Reading	Catechism
Monday	Matthew 6, 1 Kings 8	Means of Grace
Tuesday	Matthew 7, 1 Kings 9, 10	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Wednesday	Matthew 8, 1 Kings 11, 12	The Nature of Baptism
Thursday	Matthew 9, 1 Kings 13, 14	The Blessings of Baptism
Friday	Matthew 10, 1 Kings 15, 16, 17	The Power of Baptism
Saturday	Proverbs 13: 18-25, Psalms 88, 89	What Baptism Indicates
Sunday	Acts 1: 12-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5: 9-15, John 17: 11-19	Confession

Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, **especially our Confirmands**
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors

