

Welcome to
SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

"In Nomine Iesu"

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We welcome you to the Lord's house on this Lord's day. We pray that through His holy Word and Sacrament you will be richly blessed with forgiveness, life and salvation. A special welcome is extended to all guests.

We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Each person or family in attendance is asked to fill out the **registration card** found in your pew rack. The cards, from both guests and members, can be placed in the basket on the table or handed to an usher as you leave the sanctuary.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is also a sign of our common confession of faith. We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Speak to a Pastor or an usher if you would like to commune at St. Paul's for the first time.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ *Ring of the Bell*

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service One with Communion

Hymn of Invocation

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

LSB #812

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All **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 punish-ment. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to
die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To
those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to
become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy
Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us,
bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 3:3–6; antiphon: Ps. 3:8

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C **your blessing be on your people!**

P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
C **my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

P I cried aloud to the LORD,
C **and he answered me from his holy hill.**

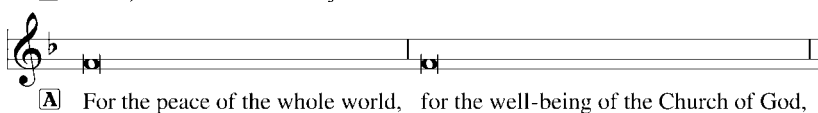
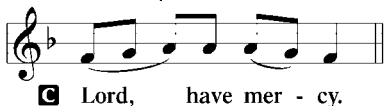
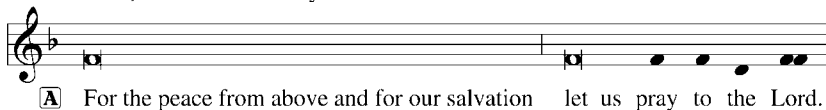
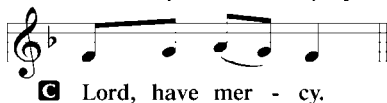
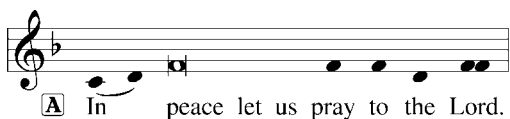
P I lay down and slept;
C **I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**

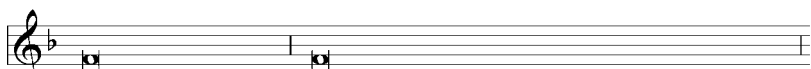
P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
C **who have set themselves against me all around.**

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

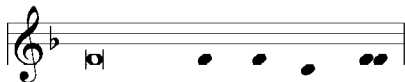
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Kyrie





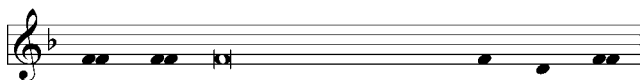
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let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem "When the Angels Song is Silent"

Text & Music: Mary Kay Beall; Arranged by: John Carter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor

consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

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

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-

handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"

¹⁸"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(be seated)

Hymn of the Day *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* LSB #430

Message

Nicene Creed *(please stand)*

All 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory



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.

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*please stand*)

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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. 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:

**All 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

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 Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



Distribution *(be seated)*

(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup. Children are welcome to remain standing to receive a blessing from the pastor.

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains *white* grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain *red* wine. *Gluten free* wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee"	LSB #632
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	LSB #425
"Glory Be to Jesus"	LSB #433

Post-Communion Collect *(please stand)*

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this precious gift, and we ask You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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 **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* LSB #427

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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