

# THE PROMISE OF



NEVER FADES.

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

**Pastor:** David Reim - 549-5250

**Organist:** Julie Reim

**Ushers:** Willy and Roman Frank

**Preparation for Worship:** Psalm 104 –  
Hymnal pg. 146

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Father in heaven, we come before you to worship you from our heart and to be enlightened by you through your Word. Lord, you have revealed that you “are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.” (Ps. 86:5) Lord, open the eyes of our faith that we may see your goodness in everything and trust you completely in all situations. Fill us with true comfort and peace through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In His name we ask it. Amen.

## **Invocation:**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## **Opening Hymn: 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode**

1. Who trusts in God a strong abode

In heaven and earth possesses;

Who looks in love to Christ above,

No fear his heart oppresses.

In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own

Sweet hope and consolation,

Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,

Our great and sure Salvation.

2. Though Satan's wrath beset our path  
And worldly scorn assail us,  
While Thou art near, we will not fear;  
Thy strength shall never fail us.  
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe  
And guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath  
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

3. In all the strife of mortal life  
Our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour shall lose its power,  
For Thou shalt guard us surely.  
O God, renew with heavenly dew  
Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand at Thy right hand  
Through Jesus' saving merit.

**Confession of Sins: P:** Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**C:** We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

**C & P:** Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given

**Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



**Response of Praise:**

**Hymn 244**

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and  
stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to  
reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:23-27**

23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—  
My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.

24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a  
prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild  
beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the  
wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 I will make them and the  
places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to  
come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth  
shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they  
shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their  
yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

**Response of Praise:**

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands:

**C: Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.**

P: Say unto God, How awesome are Your works:

**C: Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies submit themselves unto You.**

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C: The Lord has sent redemption unto His people. Hallelujah!**

P: It was necessary for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead:

**C: And thus to enter into His glory. Hallelujah!**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11**

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

P: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we 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!

### **Confession of Faith:** The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

### **Hymn: 200** I Know that My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death:  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

### **Sermon Text: John 21:1-14**

“21 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” 6 And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. 9 Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.” 11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.”

### **Theme:**

## Inattentional Blindness!

1. See Jesus in Your Daily Life.
2. See Jesus in Your Mission Work.

**Hymn: 735** Long Before the World Is Waking

- 1 Long before the world is waking,  
Morning mist on Galilee,  
From the shore, as dawn is breaking,  
Jesus calls across the sea;  
Hails the boat of weary men,  
Bids them cast their net again.
- 2 So they cast, and all their heaving  
Cannot haul their catch aboard;  
John in wonder turns, perceiving,  
Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"  
Peter waits for nothing more,  
Plunges in to swim ashore.
- 3 Charcoal embers brightly burning,  
Bread and fish upon them laid:  
Jesus stands at day's returning  
In His risen life arrayed;  
As of old His friends to greet,  
"Here is breakfast; come and eat."
- 4 Christ is risen! Grief and sighing,  
Sins and sorrows, fall behind;  
Fear and failure, doubt, denying,  
Full and free forgiveness find.  
All the soul's dark night is past,  
Morning breaks in joy at last.
- 5 Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us,  
Feeds and comforts, pardons still;  
As His faithful friends He greets us,  
Partners of His work and will.  
All our days, on ev'ry shore,  
Christ is ours for evermore!

## Offering of Thankful Hearts:

**Sing** - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

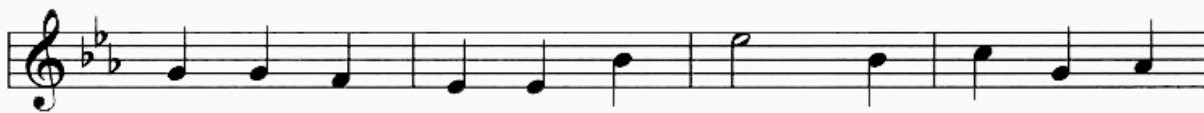
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## Prayers of the Church:

**The Lord's Prayer:** 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: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, Amen

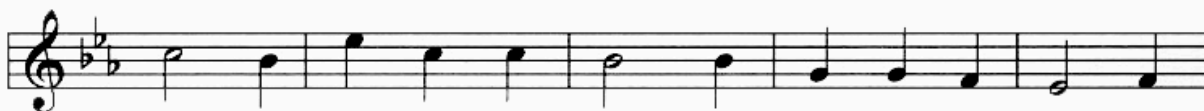
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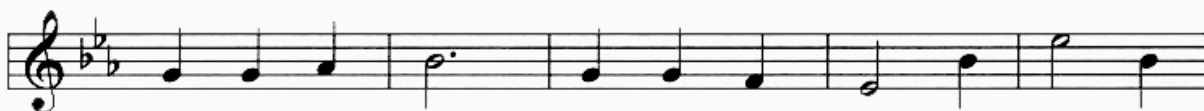
C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



**Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



### Closing Hymn: 728 Christ Is Living

1. Christ Is Living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more.  
Death and grave, you now are nothing; Christ is free of every pow'r.  
Why then seek the living Savior in the haunts of death and fear?  
Christ is risen! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

2. For if christ is not arisen there is nothing to believe.  
Truth be told, He keeps the promise: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
Dust we are, to dust returning, but in Christ we are restored.  
Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph: Jesus is the living Lord!

3. Death is swallowed up in victory; sin has lost its poison sting.  
Life will blossom from the grain soon, Christ the first fruits of the spring.  
For the sureness of salvation let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"  
Christ is risen! We are living! Spread the word of Grace abroad.



## **Scripture Treasure to Remember:**

### **1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

*“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today** - Bible Study at 11:30

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00.

**Friday** - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Catechism class at 5:00

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

### **Coming up:**

**April 27-30** Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in Lynnwood, WA.

**May 3** Quarterly voters meeting after the service.

**May 24** Pentecost Sunday. George has asked about having a dinner this Spring. Pentecost Sunday would be a great occasion.

### **Appointments for Your Pastor**

Pastor Dave Schierenbeck retired from his position as the Chairman of the Board of Doctrine. Your Pastor was elected to take his place.

The pastor and congregation in Pakistan has been meeting with Pastor Daub for the past few years. The last stage of discussions is a colloquy to determine if we have doctrinal agreement in order to establish fellowship. CLC President, Mike Wilke, has appointed your pastor to conduct that colloquy on behalf of the CLC. That will involve several months of correspondence with Pastor Gill of Pakistan followed by an in person visit, probably next January in

order to have face to face discussions. Please pray for the Lord's guidance and blessings upon each of these two appointments.

### **CLC Call News**

The Call Committee for Graduates called ILC graduate, Orrin Hanel, to teach at Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY, **Teacher Ross Kok** of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has **returned** the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah School in Eau Claire, WI.

**Pastor David Pfeiffer** of Holy Trinity Church in West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion in Madison Heights, MI.

**Pastor Rob Sauers** of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.