



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
4th Sunday after Easter
May 3, 2026

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Organist: Julie Reim

Ushers: Willy and Roman

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 38 – Hymnal pg. 132

Responsive Invocation: From Psalm 130:1-4

P: “Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;

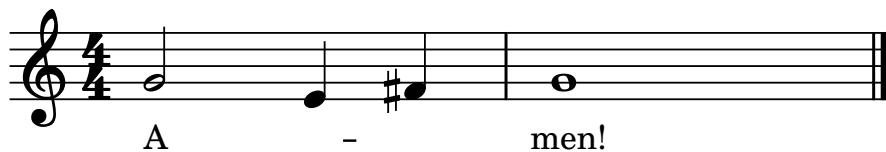
C: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

P: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.”

P: Therefore we come into Your presence, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit

C: to seek Your Grace and to sing Your Praise.



Opening Prayer O gracious LORD, we come into your presence because you are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and truth. “For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.” (Ps. 86:5) Come to us, cleanse us and strengthen our faith and love for you that we may “worship you with clean hands and a pure heart,” (Ps. 24:4) and sing your praise with joyful hearts and lives of obedience. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 726 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
into joy from sadness.
See the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days’ sleep in death
As a sun has risen.

2 All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold Thee as a mortal.

3 But today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
Blessed peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
into joy from sadness.

Confession of Sins: Psalm 51

P: God's greatest desire is to give us His grace and forgiveness. He is drawing us to Himself that we might confess our sins and be assured of His forgiveness and His love. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Antiphon



P: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;

C: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Antiphon



P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: And in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.

C: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Antiphon



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me away from Your presence,

C: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Absolution 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.



C: A - men.

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and



bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;

tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Send us with Your

prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;

tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. *Descant* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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Scripture Readings: Acts 1:12-26

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his

bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “Let another take his office.’

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Revelation 22:1-20

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

7 “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

10 And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.” 12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” 17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gradual: (Joel 2:12-13)

P: “Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

C: Rend your hearts and not your garments.”

P: Return to the Lord your God,

C: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.”

P: The Lord has made known His salvation:

C: His righteousness He has openly shown in the sight of the heathen. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: His right hand and His holy arm:

C: Have gotten Him the victory.

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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: 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.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

Theme:

It's Important to Keep HELL Real.

- 1. Hell is as Horrible as it Sounds.**
- 2. Only Jesus Removes the Fear of Hell.**
- 3. The Horror of Hell shows the Glory of our Saviour.**

Hymn: 201 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won!
Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne

High o'er heaven and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3. Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4. Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5. Jesus lives! and now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
Jesus is my confidence!

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:

Communion Liturgy

The PrefaceThe Church's One Foundation

Pastor: The Lord is with His people;
Now may He be with you.

**Cong: The Lord is with His servants;
May He be with you, too.**

Pastor: Now lift your hearts to praise Him,

**Cong: To God we lift them high.
'Tis right to praise and thank Him
Who to His world draws nigh.**

The Great ThanksgivingPastor

Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment, for You kept Your promises through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son. By His death He has destroyed death and by His resurrection has restored to us everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending Hymn.

The Sanctus..... "Gelobt sei Gott"

HOLY are You, the heav'nly King!
With angel hosts we join to sing,
"Your majesty fills ev'rything!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY are You, our Lord most high!
Blessed is He who now draws nigh
In God's own name! With joy we cry:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY are You, through endless days!
Our glad hosannas now we raise
To greet You with exalted praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

The Consecration

The Agnus Dei.....Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
Lamb of God, You take away
All the sinful world's transgression;
Let Your mercy now, we pray,
And Your peace be our possession.
Grant us from our sin release;
Lord, have mercy, grant us peace!

The Distribution

The ThanksgivingI Know that My Redeemer Lives

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His word.

As His own servants we depart
With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known;
His love through all the earth is shown.

Lord, let us show the world Your light;
Let us declare Your glory bright,
Proclaim Your death until You come
To take Your ransomed servants home.

Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!

Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Acts 3:19

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Voters meeting after the Service.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

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.

Praying for our Friends

We pray for the family of Pastor Timothy Wheaton who passed away from pneumonia this past week. We also pray for Pastor David Naumann who will be having knee replacement surgery this month. We continue to pray for Lorinda that her cancer will not return.

Voters Meeting

Our second quarter voter's meeting will be held after the service today. If anyone has anything they would like the voters to consider, please speak with one of the voters.

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference

Only four pastors were able to meet this past week in Lynwood, but the Lord blessed us with a very uplifting and edifying conference. It was also a blessing to worship together with our brothers and sisters at Redemption congregation.

Pentecost Service and Dinner

We celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday. We are also planning a dinner as part of our celebration. George will be providing ham and roast beef for the dinner. You can sign up for any side dishes.

CLC Convention

The CLC Convention is scheduled June 25 - 28, Thursday to Sunday. Every congregation is allowed 2 delegates to the convention. If any of

the men of the congregation are able and willing to serve as a delegate, please speak to the pastor.

CLC Call News

Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's in Jamestown, ND, received and accepted the vacancy call to Gift of God in Mapleton, ND.

ILC Graduate Mr. **Orrin Hanel** has accepted the call to teach at Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY.