

← **BE STRONG** ⇨  
*and*  
⇨ **COURAGEOUS.** →

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
*for the Lord your God*  
will be with you wherever  
*you go*

*Joshua 1:9*

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**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**April 6, 2025**

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

**Organist:** Julie Reim

**Ushers:** Willy and Roman

**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 27 Hymnal pg. 129

**Opening Prayer**

Dear Father in heaven, you are “The Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation.” (2 Cor. 1:3-4) Come to us, we pray, with the comfort and encouragement of your Word. Fix our eyes and our mind and heart on Jesus, our only Savior from sin and death, that we may be encouraged and strengthened by Him so that we may truly serve you with joy and confidence all our life. In our Saviour’s name we ask it. Amen.

## Invocation:

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



## Opening Hymn: 446 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,  
From thy sleep awaken;  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken.  
For the Foe, Well we know,  
Oft his harvest reapeth  
While the Christian sleepeth.
2. Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find thee;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind thee.  
Satan's prey Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.
3. Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its pow'r defeat thee.  
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled  
She betray and cheat thee.  
Watch and see Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm thee,  
Who but seek to harm thee.
4. Watch against thyself, my soul,  
Lest with grace thou trifle;  
Let not self thy tho'ts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin Lurk within

All thy hopes to scatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

5. But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
He will free thee, be thy stay,  
Strength and faith increasing.  
O Lord, bless In distress  
And let nothing swerve me  
From the will to serve Thee.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,  
Knowing He will hear us  
As we see from day to day  
Dangers ever near us,  
And the end Doth impend--  
Our redemption neareth  
When the Lord appeareth.

**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 own 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: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

15 O Lord, You know; Remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, for You have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, then I will bring you back; you shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you and deliver you," says the Lord. 21 "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

### **Response of Praise:**

P: Judge me, O God:

**C: And plead my cause against an ungodly nation.**

P: Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man:

**C: For You are the God of my strength.**

P: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth:

**C: Let them lead me; let them bring me unto Your holy hill.**

P: Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies:

**C: Teach me to do Your will.**

P: You lift me up above those that rise up against me:

**C: You have delivered me from the violent man.**

### **Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:1-11**

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

**Confession of Faith:** The Apostles 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: 720** Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair  
of glory that the Church may share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
th'incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
and from the cloud the Holy One  
bears record to the only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above  
who trust in His atoning love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vision's mystery,  
for which in joyful strains we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

**Sermon Text:** Mark 9:2-13

*“2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for*

*Elijah”— 6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.*

*7 And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” 8 Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant. 11 And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” 12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him.”*

Theme:

## **GOD’S CURE FOR DISCOURAGEMENT!**

**-I- Know What to Expect on Earth**

**-II- Know Your Father’s Will**

**-III- Know What Lies Ahead in Christ**

**-IV- See Your Saviour’s Glory**

**Hymn: 135** 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here.  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

**Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**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:**

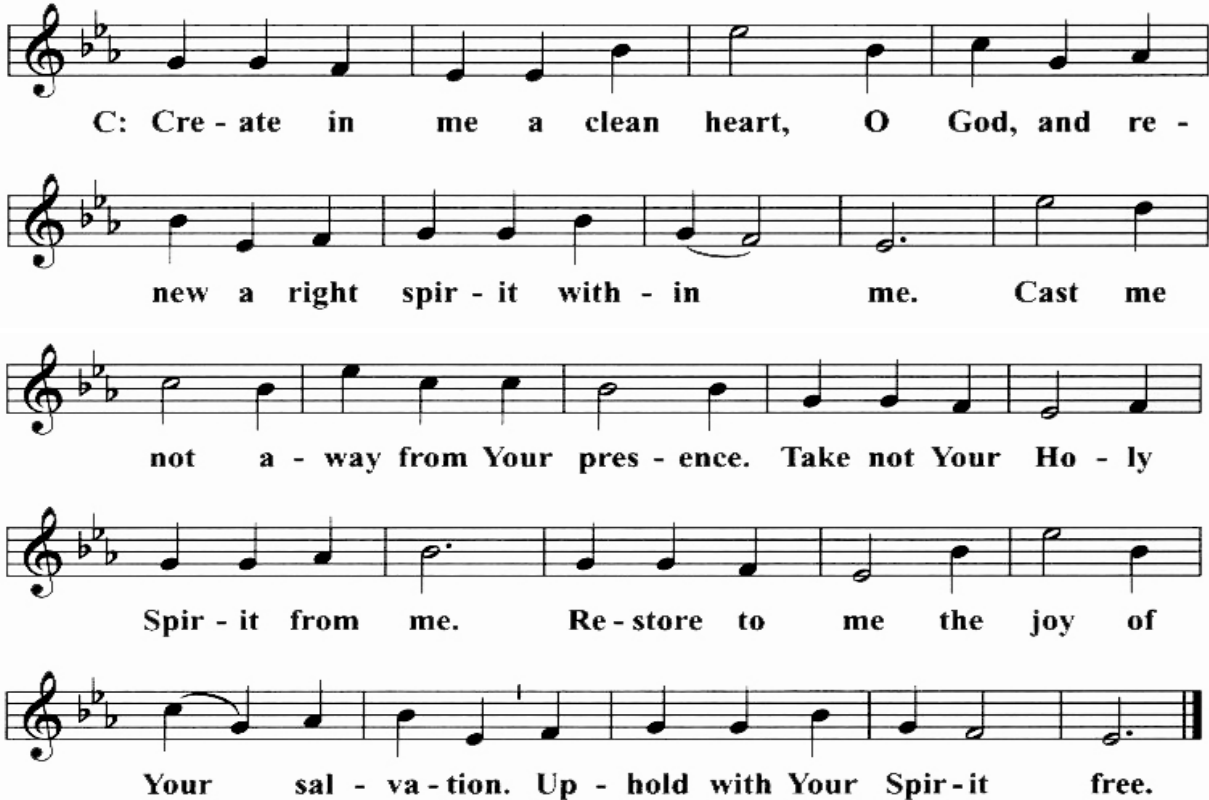
**The Lord's Prayer:**

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.



## OFFERTORY



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  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Prayer:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and truly understand them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### Benediction:

P: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: 457** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a Friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.



**Scripture Treasure to Remember**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today** - Bible Class at 11:20.

**Monday** - Brass Trio and mens Choir practice at 6:30.

**Wednesday** - **Lenten Service** at 6:00. This will be our last Wednesday evening service. We continue to see how **The Deepest Stroke that Pierced Him, was the Stroke that Justice gave.** This week: **Before the Mob, Jesus was Sentenced.**

**Thursday** - Pastoral Study Club 2:00

Catechism Class at 4:00.

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

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

Bible Study at 11:20

### **Mission Festival**

We are planning our Mission Festival for May 25th. Mission Board Member, Pastor David Ude will be our guest speaker. He will also give a presentation on Mission Outreach in our local congregation. We will have our worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a dinner, and then his Mission presentation.

### **CLC Call News**

**Pastor Paul Krause** of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**Missionary Peter Evensen** of Togo, West Africa, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert** have accepted their calls from Grace Lutheran School in Sleepy Eye, MN, to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Teacher Amy Mielke** of Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Luther Memorial School in Fond du Lac WI.

### **April Birthdays and Baptisms**

**Megan Johnston      2nd**  
**Mackenna Johnston   14th**  
**Erma Kruger                      31st**  
**Ingrid Frank                      April**

### **Alice Naumann's 90th Birthday**

Many of you remember Alice Naumann, the wife of Pastor Bertram Naumann who helped organize this congregation. A reception is being planned to celebrate Alice Naumann's 90th birthday on Saturday, May 17 from 1-3 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. If you'd like to send a Card you may send them to her son, Paul Naumann at the following address:

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Eau Claire WI 54701.