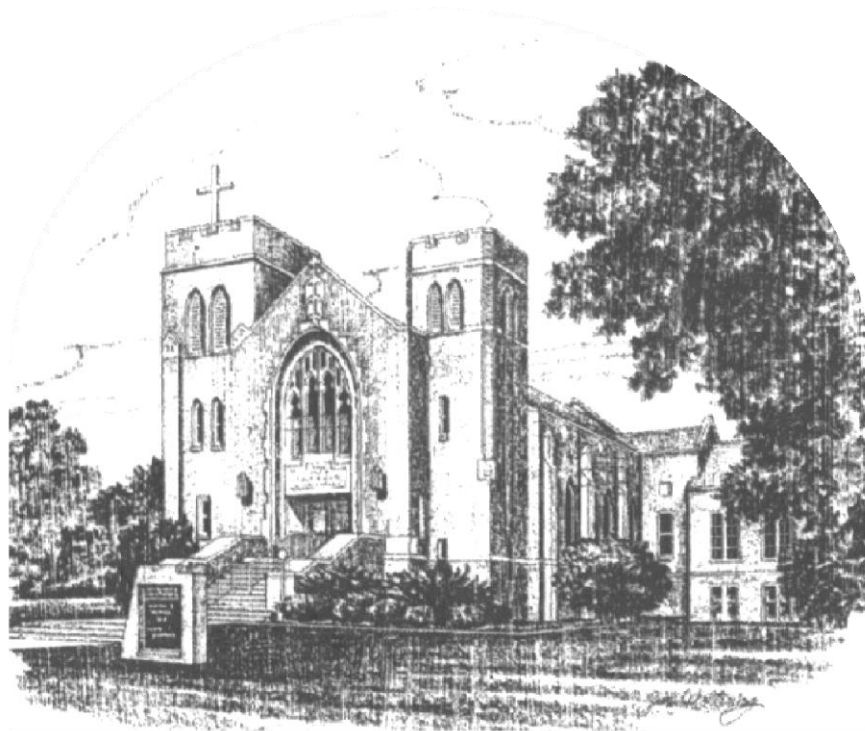


# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Yorktown, Texas*



*Saturday and Sunday  
Holy Communion Services  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021*

## **Silent Prayer**

Thank you, Lord, for the song you've planted in us, a melody which rings out no matter what our circumstances may be. Some of us here today need your strength, for our voices are barely heard above the noise of our problems. Others of us require your leading, for in the confusion of life we are losing our sense of direction. Some need your word of caution concerning roads we are determined on traveling. Others could use your encouragement as we walk the path you have opened for us. When we sing your praise, Lord, in the same breath we are asking you to move amid our problems, our confusion, our mistakes, as well as the good we do, and make your praise a part of our daily life. Help us to rejoice and be glad. In the name of Christ, our joy. **Amen.**

## **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### **\* BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **\* OPENING HYMN**

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing 5v”

**LBW #363**

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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.  
 here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.  
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

- 5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—  
 He rules the world his Father made,  
 Till, in the end, his love adored  
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

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 Tune: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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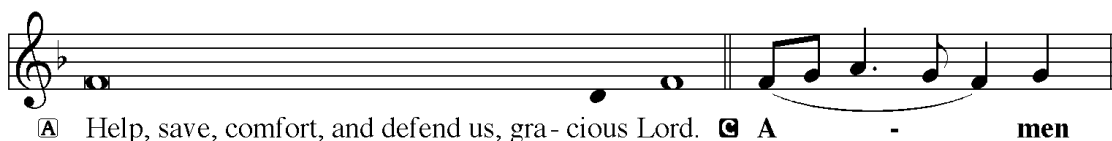
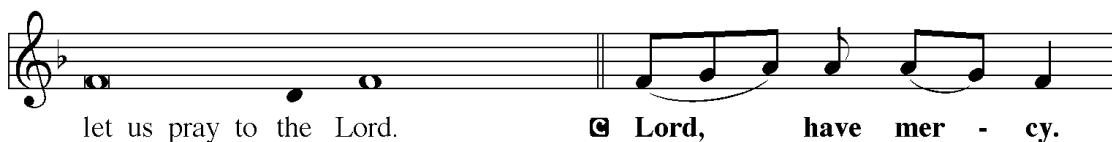
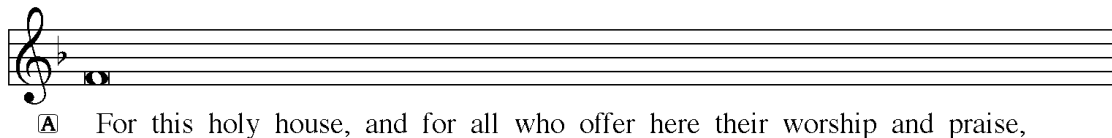
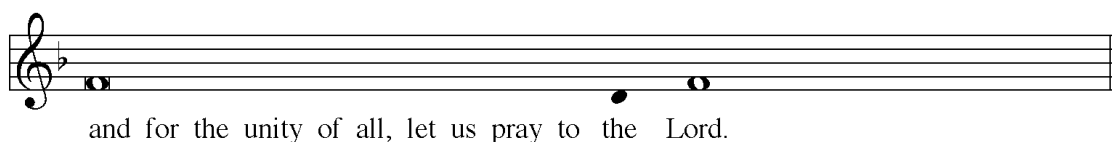
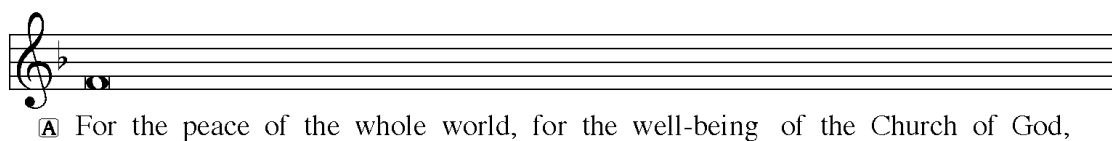
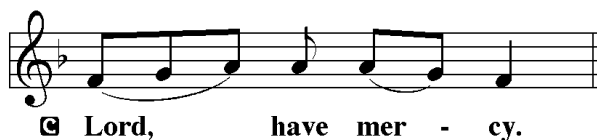
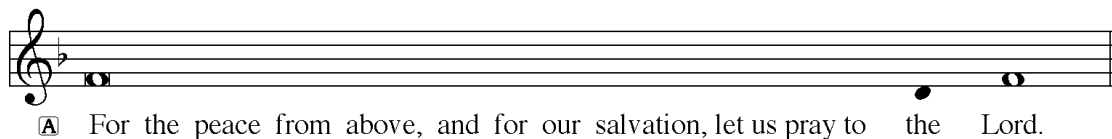
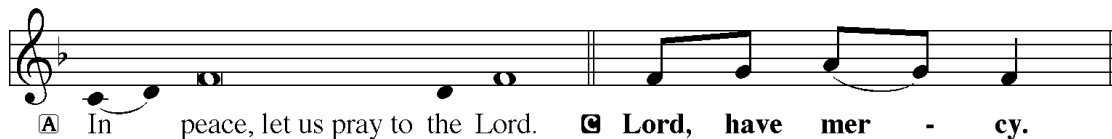
**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (\*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

## \* GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## \* KYRIE



## \* HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

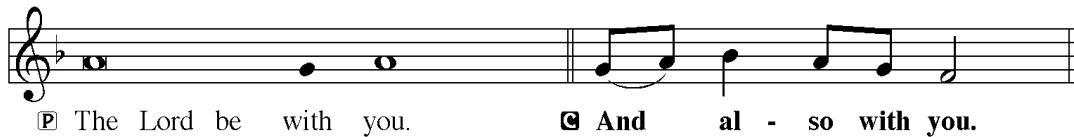


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## **\* SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM Psalm 22:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
“May your heart live forever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>**For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD’s forever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7-21**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL VERSE** (*Sung twice through*)

# Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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**\* GOSPEL John 15:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



## SERMON

### HYMN of the DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LBW #364

#### Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Dutch folk tune, 18th cent.

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

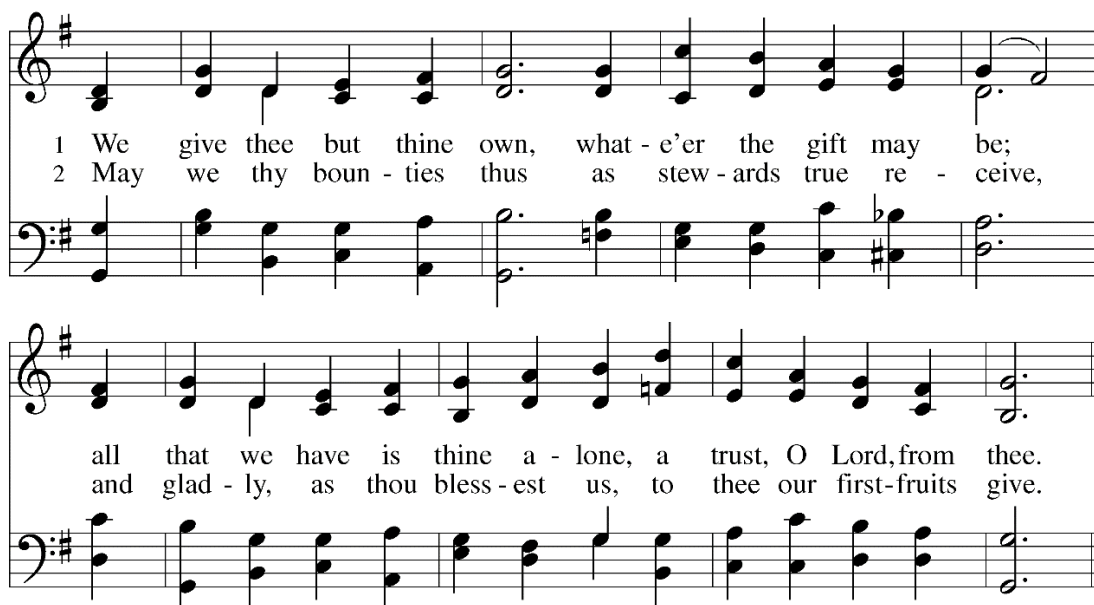
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \* PRAYERS

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

## **OFFERING**

### **\* OFFERTORY**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

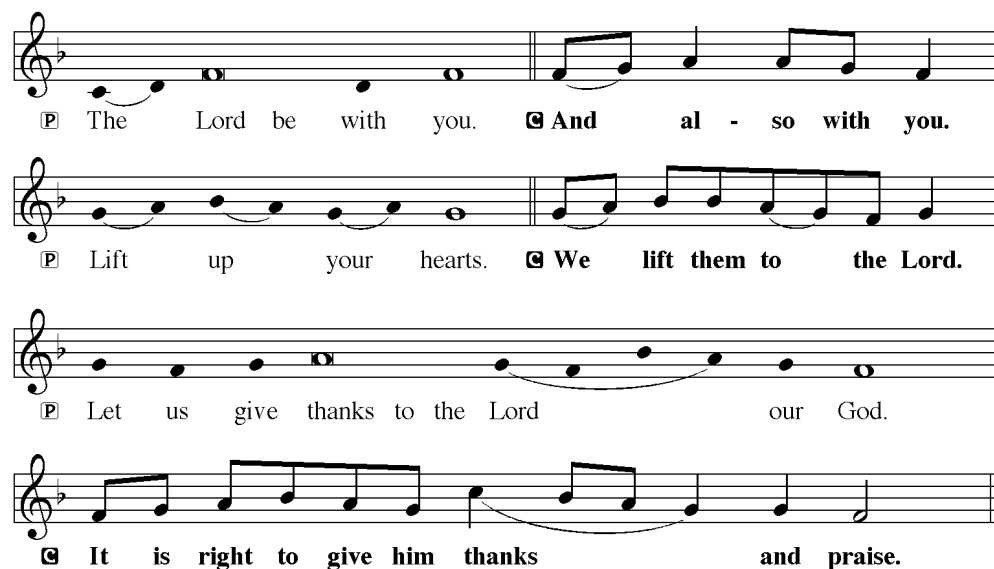
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

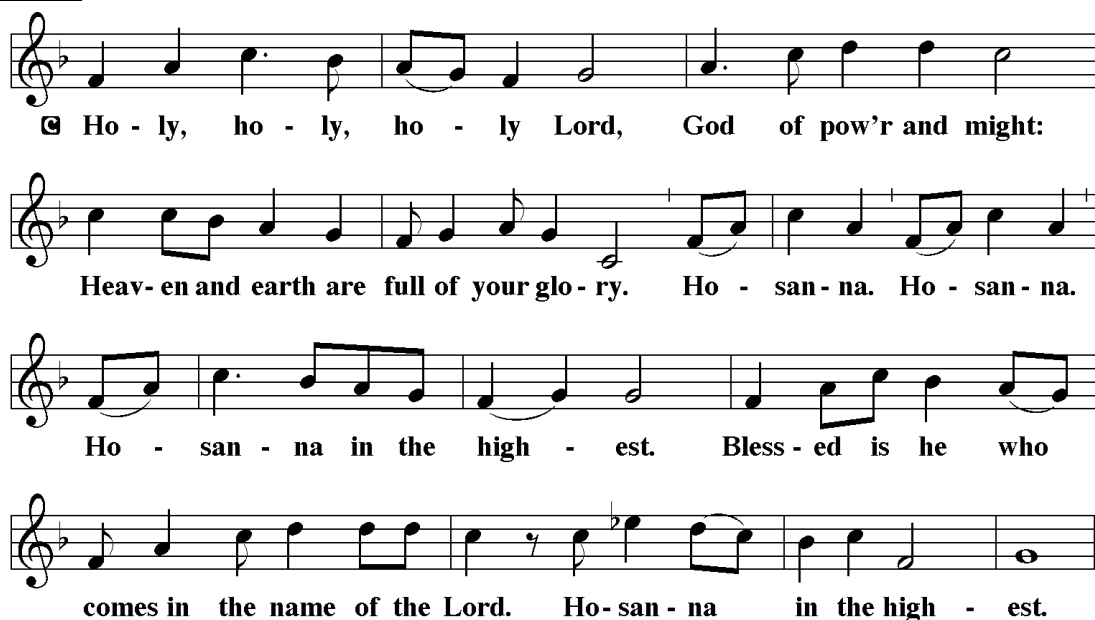
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### **\* PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\* 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS**

*All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who unable to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**      *“Lamb of God”*

**G** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus **LBW 439**

Rock of Ages **LBW 327**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go **LBW 324**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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Spirit song

Oh, let the Son of God en-fold you with his Spir - it and his  
love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a  
dove will de-scend up-on your life and make you whole.  
Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and  
fill your lambs. Je - sus, O  
Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

Text and music: John Wimber  
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## **\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

A - men

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in  
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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**ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday, May 1, 2021 – 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday, May 2, 2021 - 9:00 AM**

**HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Pastor:** Tim W Muehlbrad

**Reader:** Bill Klaevemann

**Musicians:** Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**Pastor:** Tim W Muehlbrad

**Reader:** Cathy Moritz

**Musicians:** Saturday – Renae Pierce

Sunday – Rebecca Innocenti

**Helping with Worship during the month of May:**

**Head Usher:** Allen Leist

**Ushers:** Wade Bolting, Glen Henze, Carl Matejek, and Royce Pargmann

**Altar Guild:** Reeve Gips, Geraldine Goehring, and Wanda Rohan

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Patsy Ibrom

**KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:**

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

**PRAYERS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE** Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Don & Karen	Morris Kerlick	Pam Roth
Patrick Bomba	Doris Koehler	Alvin Stanchos
Katherine Brown	Joyce Lamprecht	Matthew Staton
Tammy Childers	David Lassmann	Lori Nelson Stenger
Carol Donovan	Joan Machacek	Deborah Stern
Daniel Goehring	Cole Ohrt	Gladys Wilhelmsen
Philip Hoefling	Katherine Pattillo	Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Lois Kelch	Michael Pattillo	Edith Wisian
Clark Kerlick		

## **ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

<b>Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Church office closed in the afternoon. Secretary out.</b>	
<b>Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

**\*The annual Pastor's conference is May 3 through May 6, 2021. Pastor Tim will be out of the office.**

**PROJECT H:** We are still needing conditioner, shampoo, deodorant, soap bars, Q-Tips, and hair combs (the \$0.99 cent) all travel size! Drop by Nicholas' office during the week or drop them off to him on Sunday morning. Thank you for your help!

**DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION** Immediately following the Sunday morning worship service until 10:15, Holy Communion will be distributed at the driveway by the elevator.

**BROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICE** at 9:00 AM is at 100.1 FM, or you can listen to the livestream on the internet. The easiest way to get to the livestream is on our church website: [www.stpaulykt.org](http://www.stpaulykt.org) and click on the Icecast link in the middle of the webpage.

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