

**CONFIRMATION WEEKEND 2016**  
**FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST**  
May 15 & 16, 2016

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are always welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Worship Leaders**  
**Organist & Junior Choir Director**

Pastor Brian Adams & Pastor Jacob Hoff  
Mrs. Marie Becker

**CONFIRMATION**

The word, "*confirmation*," means "*strengthening*."  
The young people, who will be confirmed today,  
have been *strengthened* by God's Word.  
They have been instructed in that Word  
for the past two years in confirmation classes.

Today, we celebrate that strengthening of faith,  
which the Holy Spirit has done in their hearts.

Today, we also celebrate Pentecost.  
Fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday,  
he sent the gift of the Holy Spirit, as he had promised,  
to his disciples and to his believers.

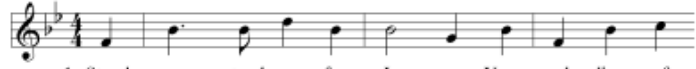
May the Holy Spirit continue to bless  
all through faith in Jesus Christ.  
May the Holy Spirit help these confirmands  
to remain faithful to the solemn promises  
they make before God today.



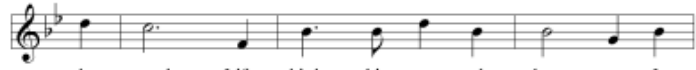
Following the Bells in the 10:00 am service, the Confirmands will process into church,  
led by the pastors, as a class.  
Please **Rise and join** in the singing of the Opening Hymn.

THE OPENING HYMN

**"STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"**  
Christian Worship #474 (all services)



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not



the cross! Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It  
o - bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict In  
a - lone. The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye  
be long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The



must not suf - fer loss. From vic - t'ry un - to vic -  
this his glo - rious day! Ye that are brave, now serve  
dare not trust your own. Put on the gos - pel ar -  
next, the vic - tor's song. To him that o - ver - com -



t'ry His ar - my shall he lead Till ev - 'ry  
him A - gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age  
mor; Each piece put on with prayer; Where du - ty  
eth A crown of life shall be; He with the



foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Minister:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Congregation:** We will rejoice in the Lord, we will be joyful in God our Savior.

**M:** Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!

**C:** We have no greater joy than to know that our children are walking in the truth.

**M:** You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**C:** If we hold to His teaching, we are really his disciples. Then we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.

**M:** Yet, your enemy the devil prowls like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful you don't fall.

**C:** If the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive.

**M:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**C:** We will hold unwaveringly to the faith we profess, for He who has promised is faithful.

**M:** From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**C:** God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it. My heart is set on keeping your word to the very end.



## THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** (Spoken) **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

## ACTS 2:1-21

<sup>2:1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both

Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

## JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

"BLESSING" (10:00 AM)

*O may the peace of God be with your evermore,  
And may the pow'r of His great love your soul again restore,  
And may you feel His hand upon you day by day  
To strengthen you along your way.*

*O may He be your guide as long as life shall last,  
And in the time of Trial, may His strong arm hold you fast,  
And may you always know His never ending care,  
And may you always know His never ending care,  
And may His gracious Spirit be with you ev'rywhere.  
The one eternal God is King o'er all the earth,  
He made the universe so vast and gave to Man his birth;  
But though He reigns supreme, His love surrounds us all,  
And from His throne He tends His own; His creatures great and small,  
So may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
And may the pow'r of His great love your soul again restore,  
And may you always know His never ending care,  
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## THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15:26-27

<sup>26</sup> "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.



8:00 am & 6:30 pm service continue on **page 12** in the bulletin, with the hymn:  
**"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"** (CW #177)

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Each Confirmand was given the opportunity to choose their own Confirmation Blessing. They also were asked to write why they chose that passage and what that passage means to them. They will now read their explanations to the congregation.*

**Eithan Lee Amezquita**

**Mathew 28:20 – "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

These words from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are very comforting words. He is telling us that He will always be with us no matter what happens. It's awesome to know that everywhere and everything I do, He is always there right by my side. This passage is one of my favorites, because it's so comforting and awesome to know that Jesus is with us always. This passage is definitely one that I would love to share with others.

**Jenna Gertrude Cribb**

**Deuteronomy 31:6 – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."**

The reason I chose this passage was because when I first read it I realized how much it applied to me at that time-and it still does now. I recently went to a new school this year, and I knew absolutely no one. I was terrified to say the least. I didn't know if anyone would like me or not. But thinking about this passage on the first day of school and now lets me know that God is with me no matter what. Even if no one at my school ended up liking me, I still knew that God was on my side and he was rooting for me. I've found this passage incredibly helpful during these times.

**Joseph Gordon Cummings**

**2 Corinthians 4:7-9 – "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."**

In our busy, everyday lives, we humans are pushed to the absolute limit. Sometimes, we don't know how much more we can take. We are broken down so much that we think there is no possible way to be put back together; there is no hope. When I am feeling this way, I think of 2 Corinthians 4:7-9. It's so easy to be overwhelmed with the tribulations of life, but when I think of this passage, I remember that God has blessed us all with a beautiful strength. By God, and only God, can we face these trials. In these times of suffering and loss, God has blessed us all with our own personal strength to break open our jars of clay and truly let our lights shine. With God by our side, we can use our light to fight back against the darkness.

#### Reagan Mae Derouin

**John 14:2-3 – “In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”**

This world may not be perfect, and neither are we, but God gives us a perfect place called heaven where we get to go and live in holiness. He loves us, even though we sin. This passage gives me courage and strength, that one day I will leave this world and go to heaven where my Lord has prepared a room for me. There are many rooms in heaven but God has one made just for me, and he will take me, to be where he is, in “paradise.”

#### Luke Alan Granberg

**Psalm 50:15 – “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”**

The passage I chose is Psalm 50:15, “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.” This passage means a lot to me. It means that wherever I am, or whatever situation I'm in that I can pray to God, and he will hear me. I know that he will always love me no matter what. This passage is a great description of God's love for us. I will also be very glad to serve God and eventually see him in heaven because he sent his Son for us.

#### Nicole Ann LaPorte

**Psalm 1:1-3 – “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night... Whatever he does prospers.”**

Hello my name is Nicole LaPorte and I will be talking to you today about my beliefs. I am going to dedicate this to a former member of Saint Paul's. I know her as Mrs. Burdick She is the one who helped me make it to this point in my life she helped with struggles in school and taught me out of church the Word of God and, at the time I was younger but the Word of God stuck with me and the more I grow up, I understood it a little more going into this with a little knowledge, but trust me, it helps back when she was helping me we focused on Psalms One and made me remember and memorize the whole thing that's why it means do much to me. I think the passage ties everything. Like, if you had a new comer, and you didn't know where to start, you would start on this “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of mockers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” I picked this passage, because it means a lot not only to me in my past, but also it is something that everyone can get something from it. He is telling us that we do not follow the ungodly figure. We trust in him with all our might; that we don't go against him because the wicked will perish; that means that the devil will bring you down along with him in hell. He is not the good guy. God is saying that He will bless the people who don't give into the devil himself, and instead they will live eternal life, if they follow the law of the Lord. Overall, all of us want to be prosperous. We want to be successful, but there is a recipe. Success is never accidental; it is always on purpose. Following the law of the Lord and trusting in it, it will bring prosperity and success to the child of God.

Ashley Deanna Lesser

**Philippians 4:13 – “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”**

I chose this passage because I feel comfort knowing that I can do anything with God’s help. I can look back at this passage when I feel down, and I can be reassured that God will help me through my troubles. I do not have to be afraid of my troubles, because I know that I will not be facing them alone, but with the help of God. This passage also reminds me to give credit to God for all my accomplishments. God was the one who created me, and he is the one who helps me to achieve my goals. This passage helps me to remember that I should be thankful to God for everything he helps me through. To me, this passage means that with the help and power of God, nothing is impossible. This means that God will help me through my troubles with his Almighty power. What most people think of when they hear this passage is the things we can accomplish with God. While this is a part of the meaning, the other half is the struggles God helps us through in life. Therefore, this passage is also an invitation to come to God in prayer when dealing with the troubles of life.

Luke Marc Raduenz

**John 15:5 – “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”**

I chose this passage because it reminds me that God is in control, and that he is my heavenly Father. He is the vine, I am a branch, and we have this connection as I am His creation. God supplies me with the things I need, according to His will. As long as I stay true to the word of God, He answers my prayers and provides for me, as does a vine supply for the branch. Sometimes branches break away from the vine, as people can fall away from God. This passage reminds me that if I break away from God, I risk losing His grace and blessings. This passage helps us to remember to strive to live a Godly life according to His word and as long as we stay true to this, He will continue to grant us His many blessings and gifts.

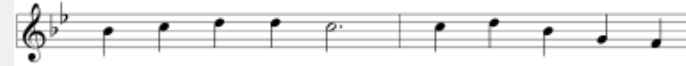
CONGREGATION HYMN

**“COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST”**

*Christian Worship #177*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our  
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the  
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your  
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -  
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and  
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the  
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -  
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.  
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.  
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

SERMON


JOHN 15:26-27



## THE OFFERING

*(One of our many responses to God's many gifts to us is to return a portion of our income through our offerings. During the offering, we invite you to the Friendship Registers located in each pew.)*

*After the Offering is brought forward, the congregation joins in singing:*



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -

the gift may be; All that we have is  
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou

thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

*Christian Worship #485, verses 1-2*

8:00 am & 6:30 pm services continue on **page 15** in the bulletin with **"The Responsive Prayer"**

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Those being confirmed stand*

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his

dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

**M:** Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation? If so, answer: I do.

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer: I do.

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? If so, answer: I do.

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R: I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

**R:** I do, and I ask God to help me.

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

**R:** I do, and I ask God to help me.

*Congregation please stand.*

*(The minister addresses the congregation.)*

#### THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

**M:** Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**M:** Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

*8:00 am & 6:30 pm continues on page 21 in the bulletin with "The Sacrament."*

#### ANTHEM

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease

**"FACING A TASK UNFINISHED"**  
*St. Paul's Faculty & Staff*



We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us

From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord  
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His kingdom hope unfurled  
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## CONFIRMATION BLESSINGS

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

*The confirmands, in turn, come forward and may kneel.  
The minister lay his hands on the head of each one.*

### **Eithan Lee Amezquita**

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**THE PARENTAL RESPONSE**

*Parents of the Confirmands please rise*

**M:** When you brought these children to be baptized you realized that you were following the will of the Lord Jesus who said to himself, "Let the little children come to me." At the same time you understood that your responsibilities had not ended at their baptism; you knew that the Scriptures commanded you to "bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord." This you have done in your home and by using the assistance that has been offered by your fellow Christians in this congregation. However, the Lord Jesus wants you to remember that your duty to these children is not completed at Confirmation, either. Rather, it continues until your role as their parents is ended by death.

Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to lead these children to appreciate the Word of God, to invite them to accompany you to the Lord's Supper often, and to encourage them to make daily use of their Bible in their home? Will you carry out these duties faithfully and firmly, remembering the importance, but also with love and understanding, realizing that these young people are now passing from childhood into maturity? Will you by your words and actions, and especially by your examples, impress upon them the necessity of hearing the Word of the Lord, which is the one thing needful and which cannot be taken away from them? Will you, finally, in all things, point them to their priceless Treasure, their Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised them and you a crown of righteousness in heaven? If so, then answer, "We will, with the help of God."

**Parents: We will, with the help of God.**

*Please be seated*

CONGREGATION HYMN

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”  
Christian Worship #334

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”



Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We invite those who are members of St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church and those guests who are affiliated with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to come forward at the direction of the ushers to participate in the Lord’s Supper. The Confirmation Class, along with their parents, will receive the Lord’s Supper first.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE”  
Christian Worship #315

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new,  
An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please Stand

# THANKSGIVING

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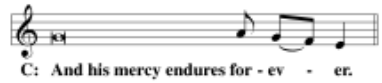
## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

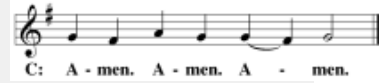
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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

*Please be seated*



1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And  
 2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let  
 3 And when they leave their child - hood home, When

hear us, we im - plore you; None of your chil - dren  
 them, your truth pos - ses - sing, Bear wit - ness true with  
 Sa - tan comes al - lur - ing, May their bap - tis - mal

turn a - way Who now ap - pear be - fore you. We  
 heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con - fess - ing. From  
 grace be - come A ref - uge re - as - sur - ing. God's

come be - fore your face And pray: let your rich grace  
 moth - er's arms your grace With love did them em - brace.  
 cov - e - nant is sure; His prom - is - es en - dure.

De - scend from heav'n a - bove In all your won - drous  
 Bap - tized in - to your name, As yours you did them  
 They ne'er shall be un - done Who trust in God a -

love, And keep us by your Spir - it.  
 claim; O Lord, as yours now own them!  
 lone - God is their might - y Fa - ther!

## Announcements

**“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS:** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we continue our study of “The Story.” As we continue to look at God’s story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “Joseph: From Slavery to Deputy Pharaoh”. For those who may not be able to make it on a Saturday, we will be setting up a schedule for the class to be repeated during the week. Watch for a new schedule.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS/BIBLE 101:** There will be Adult Bible Study and Bible 101 on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will not be Sunday School.

**WANTED: GROUP CONFIRMATION PICTURES:** Were you (or anyone you know) confirmed at St. Paul’s in any of the following years? A parent, grandparent or child? 1989, 1983, 1981, 1980, 1972, 1965, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1959, 1958, 1957, 1955, 1954, 1952, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1943, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938 or before. If you have a picture but aren’t sure of the year, if you know the name of someone in the picture, we can look up the year. Please let Pastor Adams know if you have a picture. It will be scanned and returned to you. Thank You!

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION:** It’s time to register your kids for our Vacation Bible Camp – July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>! Please fill out the registration form in today’s bulletin and return it to one of the Pastors or to the church/school office.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP:** We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Help is needed in all areas – even if you are only available a few of the days, we can still use your help! Please see today’s insert for more information on how you can help, and sign up! Vacation Bible Camp is July 25-29<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PAUL’S TRACK & FIELD DAY:** Our school track meet will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. During this year’s Track & Field Day, Lauren Roedel will be shaving Pastor Adams’ head! Lauren won this honor as part of our Gala in February! Let’s hope Pastor’s hair grows a lot during the next few weeks so that Lauren has a lot of work to do! All are welcome to come and watch!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC):** We are looking for donation of a few items for craft projects for VBC. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please label it and leave it in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at 423-1445 or [njadams86@yahoo.com](mailto:njadams86@yahoo.com). If you would like to help with a monetary donation, it would also be appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to one of the pastors. The items needed are:

- Very small rubber bands (like the ones used to make rubber band bracelets)
- Small (8 oz.) water bottles with caps (empty and dry)
- Embellishments such as stick on gems, small stickers, feathers, googly eyes, sequins, etc.

**150<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE:** What a difference the new organ makes as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us! The cost of the organ was \$58,150.00. To date we have received \$57,578.00. We are very close to our goal – only \$572.00 to go! There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

**WLHS PRISM CONCERT:** The WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail using the ticket order form at [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org). For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

**Volunteers**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 15 & 16)**

- 8:00 AM** – Tim & Denise Rasmussen; Abigail & Anne
- 10:00 AM** – Susan Scifo
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 22 & 23)**

- 8:00 AM** – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry
- 10:30 AM** – Dave & Cindy Wirtz, Brandon, Austin & Ian
- 6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

**USHERS FOR MAY**

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

**ALTAR GUILD:**

- May 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves
- May 18-24 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

**GRASS CUTTING:**

- May 18-21 – TEAM #3 – Dave Qualmann
- May 25-28 – TEAM #4 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

**The Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday, May 15**

- Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM
- Confirmation Service..... 10:00 AM

**Monday, May 16**

- Worship Service with Communion ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 17**

- Mary Martha ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 18**

- Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 19**

- Piano Recital..... 6:00 PM

**Friday, May 20**

School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM  
CDS Track & Field Day ..... 12:00 PM

**Saturday, May 21**

Bible Class ..... 8:00 AM

**Sunday, May 22**

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
Adult Bible Class ..... 9:15 AM  
Bible 101 ..... 9:15 AM  
NO Sunday School  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 115, 10:30 AM – 140, 6:30 PM – 51  
Total Attendance – 306  
Sunday Bible Class – 26, Sunday School – 14  
Bible 101 Class – 7

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