

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)



- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
-  **Jude Daniel Loeffler, son of Jordan Loeffler and Shaina Barnard,** will be baptized today. Sponsor/Witnesses: Jessica Loeffler, Cody Hyatt, Derek Cole, Jessica Wiggins. Welcome into God's family.
- **LiveStreaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Stewardship delivered **23 pounds** of food to the local Food shelf on April 6th, 2023.
- **LESTER "LES" WAYNE BARBKNECHT**, age 83, of Waseca died on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family, following a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer. **Visitation** will be from 4 - 7 PM on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Third Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service in Waseca. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. **Funeral Service** will be 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. Interment will be in St. John Trinity Lutheran in Iosco Township, Waseca County.
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel titled "The Lord's Prayer." We hope to see you all there.
- "Brother" or "Sister" a card in April with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for him/her.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you.
- Sunday April 23rd **Voter's Meeting** at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.
- **LWML Zone Rally** will be April 22nd, 2023 at First Lutheran Church in Waldorf, Registration begins at 8:30 am.
- **ATTN: All New Members** who joined in 2022 -2023 please join us Sunday April 23rd following the voter's meeting for a Welcome to St Paul Lutheran Church Pot luck.
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Pleases reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.
- **Congratulations Jared and Tirzah Rudolph on their new baby boy Ezra Paul Rudolph** born April 8th, 2023; baptized April 8th by Vicar Jared Rudolph along with Pastor Kevin Kolander.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 15:54b–57*

Pastor: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory?”

People: **“O death, where is your sting?”**

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. 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.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

[LSB 465]

BAPTISM: Jude Daniel Loeffler

[LSB 268]

✠ **WORD** ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: *Acts 5:29–42*

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *1 Peter 1:3–9*

(“Born again to a living hope”)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

People: **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 20:19–31*

(Jesus appears to the disciples.)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "How Great Thou Art"

[LSB 801]

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED [Please rise]

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come again 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious ... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

.... through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the faith and hope that draws us and all people to Him by which we receive Your gift of eternal life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and Thomas, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: (p. 507 verse 1 in hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. By His rich wounds, yet visible above, those dear tokens of His passion, grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood, that we may believe and live in the hope of His life living in us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed....

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13* **Our Father who art in heaven...**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

[LSB 550]

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Awake, My Heart with Gladness"

[LSB 467]

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

[LSB 575]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "Joyful Joyful We Adore thee"

[LSB 803]

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday's April 19th: Last class for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation

Friday April 21st: 5p- 7p Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru hosted by Mission Team

Sunday April 23rd: Confirmands read Affirmations of Faith with Cake at coffee hour
Voter's Meeting beginning at 10:30am
New Member welcome potluck

Wednesday April 26th: 29er's potluck at noon

Sunday April 30th: Confirmation Day

- Reminder for the **LWML Prayer Service** will be held May 4th at 2: 00pm here at St Paul Lutheran Church.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Lester "Les" Wayne Barbknecht
- **Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson
- **Hospitalized:** Ezra Rudolph (new baby of Jared and Tirzah Rudolph)
- **Surgery:** Judy Graper
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- **Testing:**
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- **Up Coming Surgeries:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Roger Rucker, Fern Seewald, Margaret Schwarz, Judy Graper, Kathy Flogstad
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother-in-law to Denise Duffy)
- **Chemotherapy Treatment:** Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson), Kirsten Tharp (sister to Denise Duffy)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **For the Itron employees.** May God guide them during this next year as the plant closes and people search for new jobs.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 16th – April 23rd, 2023

Sunday (16th):

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

Monday (17th):

- 10:00 am Prayer Team
6:00 pm NSC Board Mtg

Tuesday (18th):

- 1:00 pm Quilters
*** NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE***

Wednesday (19th):

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
3:30- 4:30 pm LAST DAY of Confirmation Class for 6th, 7th and 8th graders
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (20th):

- 6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (21st):

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru hosted by Youth Mission Trip Team

Sunday (23rd):

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: April 16th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Nalyce Quillen

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Rhonda Christianson

NEXT WEEK: April 23rd, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Doug Draeger

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday April 9th: 145 Fellowship hour: 0 Sunday School: 0

Maundy Thursday: April 6th: 86 General Fund: \$ 935.00

Good Friday: April 7th: 94 General Funds: \$838.00

Easter Sunday April 9th: General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$4,768.00

Improvement Fund:

Radio Broadcast:

Other:

Pastor Discretionary Fund:

*** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 ***

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
 Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still He comes to give us life
 And by His presence stills all strife.
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Δ4 Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.

- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

Our hope is secure because we are anchored to Christ. As our great High Priest and through His own body, He has opened a new and living way so that all believers may now approach God without fear (Hebrews 10:20).

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!