

# 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)

o 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor) Mobile Phone: (651) 324-9229

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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.
- Live Streaming on Facebook for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION: The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions are due by June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The cost for the year is \$23.16. If you are interested in adding or renewing a subscription, please drop off your check in the amount of \$23.16 (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) to the church office by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Thank you!!
- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Karl Boese sponsored by Helen Boese and family.
- Please join us today after service for a Bible Study led by Bill Kuschel.
- Caring Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Remember to send a card of encouragement to your Brother or Sister in Christ and continue to pray for him/her.
- Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, Choir will be having their end of year potluck at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Choir practice will be held after. Bring your families for a fun end of year night.
- Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our graduates with a Baccalaureate Service, followed by receiving their quilts in the Parish Hall.
- **Thank you** to everyone who has contributed to pay for our new convection oven. Thanks to your generosity, your donations have paid for this purchase.
- 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.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to 8pm at Christ the King Church. We hope your student will want to come and participate in the FUN we have in store this year as we go "STELLAR" and learn about God's love for us. With a grateful heart I want to thank you for all your prayers, love and support. I am so thankful that you are praying for me. It reminds me of God's promises and make me feel optimistic about what God has in store for my life. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
  1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18
- Church Office will be closed Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> in observation of Memorial Day. Prayer Team will Not meet on this day.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

## **AS WE GATHER**

Did you know your pastor has an office job? Maybe it is not quite the office job you are thinking of. He works in an office, but he also is a holder of the Office of the Public Ministry. This Office dates back to the apostles and the Early Church and will continue until Jesus comes back. While your pastor is in his office space, he works for God and shares God's Word in its truth and purity, forgives sins, and shares God's gift of salvation in the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

**▼ PREPARATION ▼** 

**HYMN:** "Praise to the Lord"

[LSB 790]

### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

# **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and

admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to

God.

People: Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in

which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the

church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.

Pastor: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch

over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of

no advantage to you.

People: And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the

pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of

God.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will

hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been

proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the trials that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins

for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of

Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the A

Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

**₩ WORD** 

INTROIT Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will

make music.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD

with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and

the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and

His faithfulness to all generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will

make music.

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of Your Church, You suffered on the cross

and defeated death and the devil for us.

People: Make us one as You and the Father are one. Unite us with

You and as Your Body, the Church, in suffering and

celebration, that the world may be drawn to You and the

power of the resurrection;

Pastor: for You are risen and reign eternally with the Father and the Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12–26 (The Apostles find a replacement.) <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and" 'Let another take his office.' 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they

put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Romans 6:9; John 14:18

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die

again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will

not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Pastor: Alleluia.

John 17:1–11 (Jesus prays for Himself and for us.) **HOLY GOSPEL:** 17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SONG:** "Beautiful Savior"

Senior Choir

**SERMON** 

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

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 for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because

Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

.... Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

People:

Amen.

**OFFERING HYMN:** "Father, We Thank Thee"

[LSB 652]

## **▼ 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 every time in every place thank You, our God, who is our Creator and has given Your one and only Son to suffer and die for the sins of the world before rising victorious on the third day, appearing before His disciples before ascending to heaven to lead us to Your glory that awaits us. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, 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: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**[LSB 457 verse 1]** 

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Lord of heaven and earth, in Your mercy for fallen humanity, You sent Your Son, knowing He would be betrayed, suffer, and die for the sins of the world before rising to life again, so that all who believe in Him will not be separated from You but will live with You forever. We thank You for this feast of forgiveness You have set before us today through Jesus Christ. Send Your Spirit to us so that, as Jesus comes to us in His Holy Supper, we may receive Him with a living faith; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ....

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

People: Our Father who art in heaven...

**PAX DOMINI** 

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" [LSB 457 vs 2,3,4]

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"	[ <i>LSB</i> 637]
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	[ <i>LSB</i> 649]
"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"	[ <i>LSB</i> 651]

# **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live

and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

now and forever.

People: Amen.

**HYMN:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

[LSB 461]

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#### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- Called Home:
- Hospitalized: Esther Dietrich, Pam Meyer (sister to Darlene Fell)
- Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- Up Coming Surgeries:
- Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Margie Arndt and Judy Graper
- *Treatment:* Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother-in-law to Denise Duffy)
- Chemotherapy Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, 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)

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 21st- May 28th, 2023

#### Sunday (21st):

9:00 a.m.

Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am

Sunday School LAST DAY TILL SEPTEMBER!!

10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

#### Monday (22<sup>nd</sup>):

10:00 am

Prayer Team

#### Tuesday (23rd):

#### Wednesday (24th):

Noon

29er's hosted by Marilyn and Roger Rucker

6:00 pm

Choir end of Year Potluck.

7:00 pm

Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

#### Thursday (25th):

6:00 a.m.

Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

### Friday (26th):

### Saturday (27th):

#### Sunday (28th):

9:00 a.m.

Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

**Baccalaureate Service** 

10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

### **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

THIS WEEK: May 21st, 2023:

NEXT WEEK: May 28th, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Matt Groskreutz

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Blake Schroeder

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**ELDER/DEACON:** Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

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FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

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READER: Kathy Flogstad

#### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday May 14th: 104 Bible Study: 21

Bible Study: 21 Sunday School: 10

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,512.50

Improvement Fund: \$130.00

Other:

Radio Broadcast: \$100 in Memory of Brenda Larson and Luella Pitcher

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

1 Father, we thank Thee who hast planted Thy holy name within our hearts. Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, Didst give us food for all our days, Giving in Christ the Bread eternal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, Save it from evil, guard it still, Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one, So from all lands Thy Church be gathered Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

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- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
  Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
  Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
  Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
  Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
  Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
  Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- ∆4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
  Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
  Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host,. Alleluia!
  Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

- He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.

  O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

- Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- From sorrow, toil, and pain,
  And sin we shall be free
  And perfect love and friendship reign
  Through all eternity.

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I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode, The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

- Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways, Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land, Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.
  - 4 For them my tears shall fall;
    For them my prayers ascend;
    For them my cares and toils be giv'n
    Till toils and cares shall end.
  - Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

- He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- He lives to silence all my fears;
  He lives to wipe away my tears;
  He lives to calm my troubled heart;
  He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!