



THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT,  
*that you*  
**Love**  
*one another*  
*as I have loved you*  
GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT SOMEONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.  
JOHN 15:12-13



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## **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.”*

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### **SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on **KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM**; or **Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.**
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson. **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is MAY 19<sup>th</sup>!!**
- **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. **Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service.** Thank you.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**
- **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.
- The **Handicap Entrance construction** still needs your financial support!! Anyone wishing to contribute to this project should write Handicap Entrance on their envelopes. Thank you
- **Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ:** Please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card along with a Bible verse of encouragement, and pray for him/her.
- Do you have **extra BROWN PAPER BAGS** you would like to get rid of? The Youth that are putting on the garage sale would love to take them off your hands. Please bring to the church office. Thanks for your support.
- As a reminder, please use you church envelopes when giving your Sunday offering. We want to make sure to give you credit for your giving at the end of the year. Thank you.
- Flowers on the Altar are in memory of Stan Stiernagle.
- **There will be an Ascension Divine Service May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm @ Waterville.**
- **It is time again for The Lutheran Witness renewal.** If you are currently getting and want to continue getting in 2025, please let Aimee know by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** If you would like to add subscription, contact Aimee. The yearly amount will be **\$24.97/year payable to St Paul Lutheran Church.**

**The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel**

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that he did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power,*” and “*he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “*go and bear fruit*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

**Hymn of Invocation: Christ the Eternal Lord**

LSB 829 sts. 1–2



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### Absolution

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Service of the Word

*Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

Introit



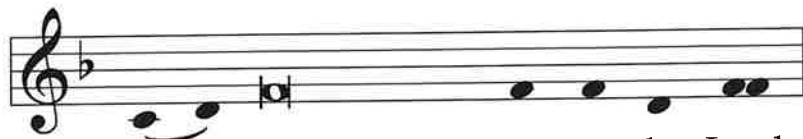
- P** Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
- C** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*  
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- P** Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
- C** who has kept our soul among the | living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.
- P** Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from  
me!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be-| ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

- C** Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie

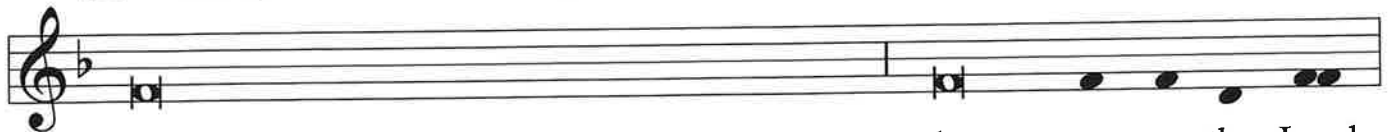
*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



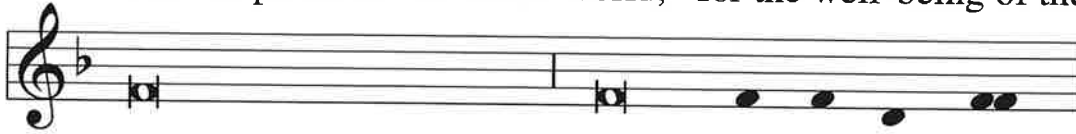
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



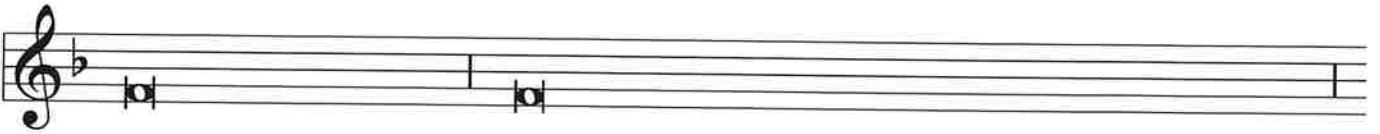
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



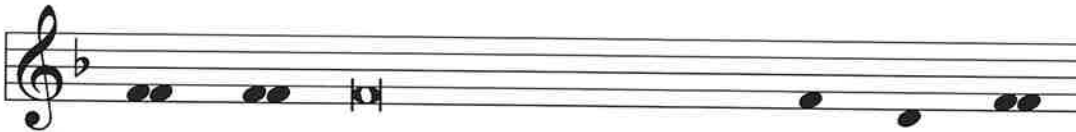
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast**

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### **First Reading**

*Acts 10:34–48*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*



- P** Christ has risen | from the dead.\*  
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
- C** He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**Epistle**

*1 John 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

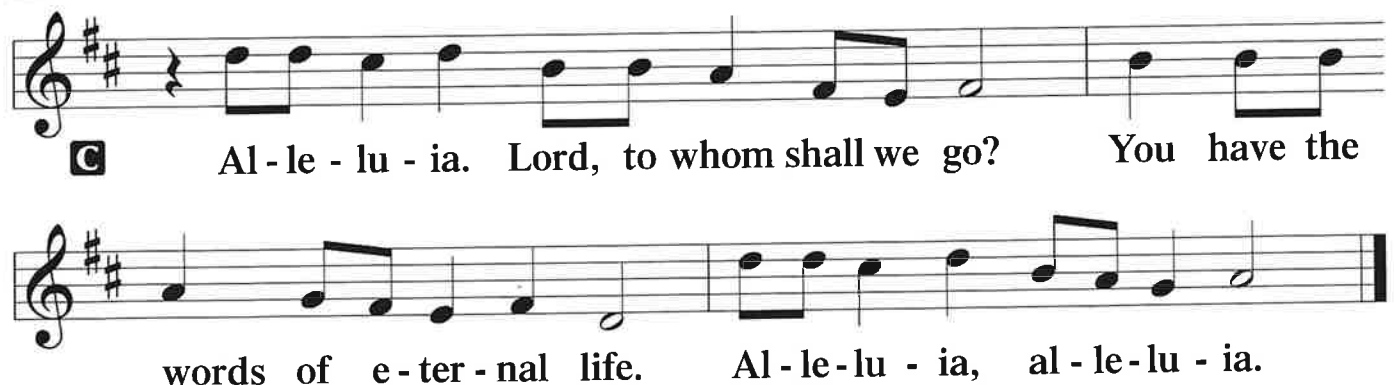
<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*



## Verse Proper

*Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**C** death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.  
**P** In the world you will have tribulation.  
**C** But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:9–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

# Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556



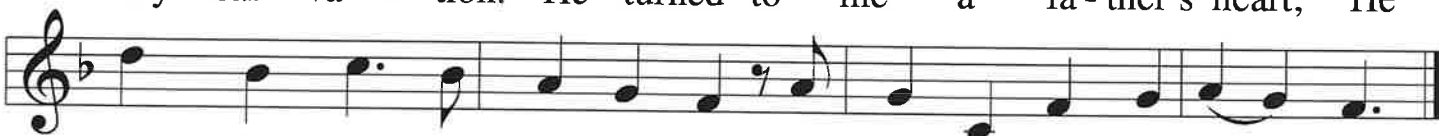
1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
 From earth to heav’n ascending,  
 And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
 The Holy Spirit sending;  
 In trouble He will comfort you  
 And teach you always to be true  
 And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
 Guide all your life and teaching;  
 So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought,  
 And honored in your preaching.  
 But watch lest foes with base alloy  
 The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
 This final word I leave you.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
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**Sermon**

**Offering Music and Offertory**

*LSB 159*

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**





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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

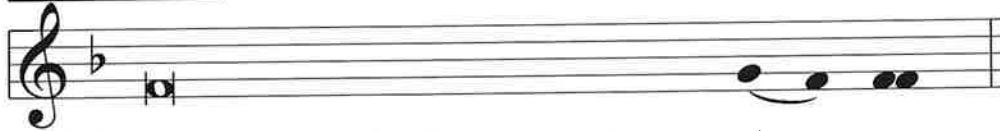
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*



**C** 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.

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

*LSB 469*

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
- 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
- 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
 Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
 Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
 Thee we greet triumphant now:  
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.  
 Tune: French, 13th cent.  
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# Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 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!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.

Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793

Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn: Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on  
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,  
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is  
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942

Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667

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## The Dismissal

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

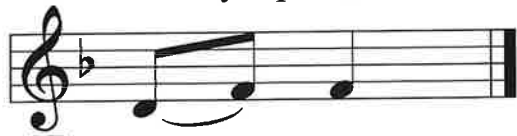


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

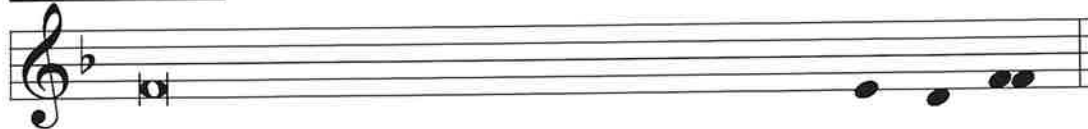
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**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.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn to Depart: Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829 sts. 3-5



3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

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- **Mark your calendar!!!** The Higher Things attendee's will be having a **Garage Sale fundraiser Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 3p-7p and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 8am to 5pm.** Thanks for your support of our youth.
- **Lutheran Women Missionary League MSD 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial convention June 20-22, 2024 in Mankato.** Deadline to register is May 15<sup>th</sup>. See Bulletin board for details.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!! Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm!!**
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!** The Higher Thing attendees' will be hosting a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. A portion of all proceeds will go to help pay for this convention. Please spread the word and hope to see you all there!!

### OUR PRAYERS:

***Called Home:*** Stanley Stiernagle

***Hospitalized:*** Jody Wilker (brother to Darlene Fell)

***Cancer Treatment:*** Debbie Pehrson, Elaine Malling (Karen Zimmerman's sister), Nancy Lu Arndt (Mother to Tim Arndt)

***Treatment and testing:*** Bob Roemhildt

***Treatment and continued recovery:*** Bernita Kohnert, Fran Hursh

***Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving:*** Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Kirsten Tharp, Stan Stiernagle, Mike Lewis (Darlene Fell nephew), Phil Nordick (Darlene Fell son-in-law)

***Medical Procedure:*** Karen Thompson

***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

***Treatment:*** Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

***Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.***

***All the service men & women who are serving in the military:*** Gavin Doering, 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)



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

### Monday (6<sup>th</sup>):

10 am Prayer Team  
12:30 pm Board of Education  
**5p-8p Pizza Ranch fundraiser for Higher Things**

### Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>):

1pm Quilters  
**6:00 pm Board of Elders and Stewardship**

### Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup>):

7:00 pm Senior Choir

### Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>):

6 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans  
1 pm Cotta Guild  
**7 pm Ascension Service @ Waterville**

### Friday (10<sup>th</sup>):

**5p-7p Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru**  
**3p – 7p Garage Sale**

### Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>):

**8 am to 5pm Garage Sale**

### Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>): HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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

#### THIS WEEK: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Kameron Kunkel  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood  
**FACEBOOK:** Kathy Flogstad

**ELDER/DEACON:** Bill Kushel/ Harold Christianson

#### NEXT WEEK: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Alex Bethke/Kina Grannis  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad  
**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

#### **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** 9am: 108 Voters Meeting: 38 Sunday School: 15  
**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 2,584.85 Improvement Fund: \$ 20.00**  
**Handicap Entrance Fund: \$ 1,690.00**

**\*\*Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,400.00 \*\***



April 24, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Waseca, MN 56093-2925

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

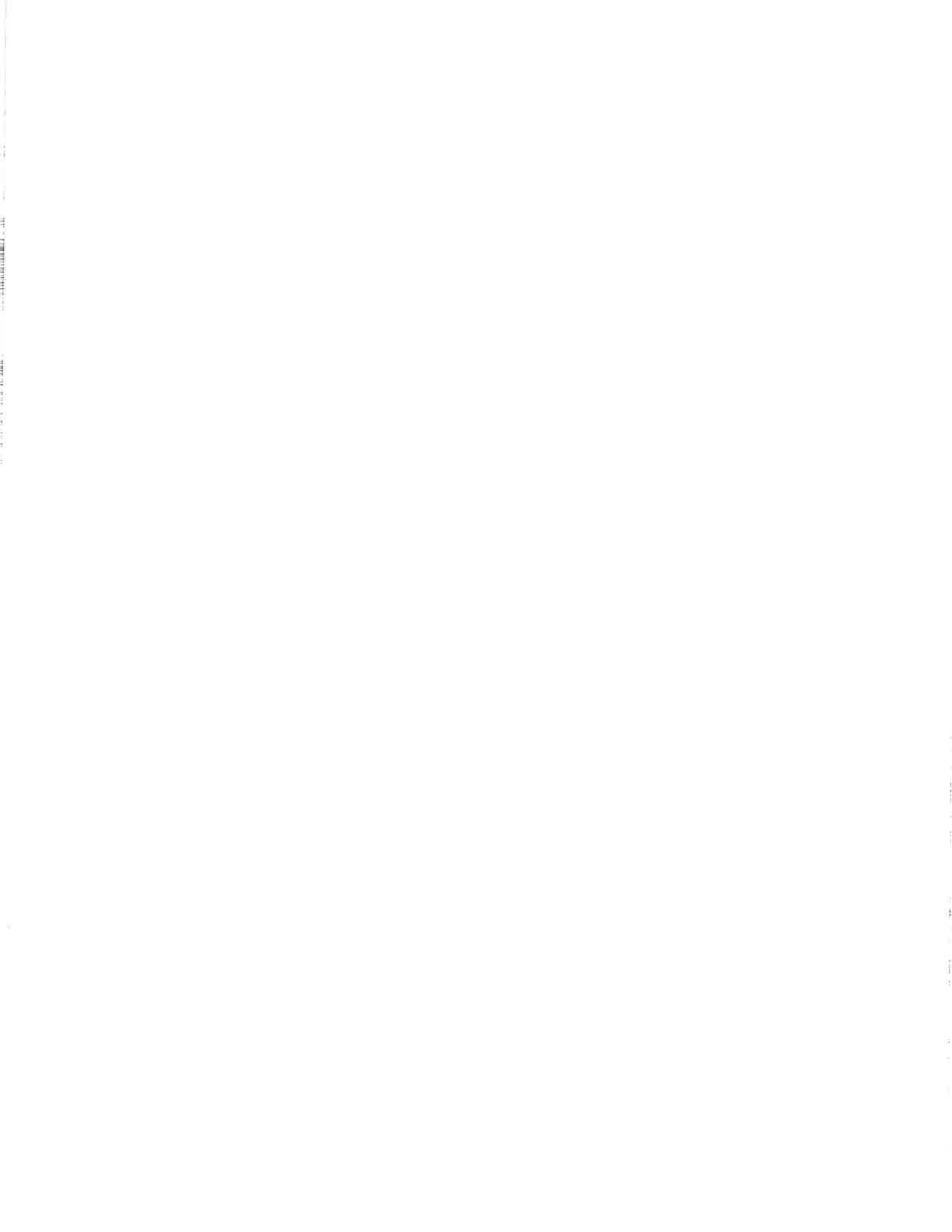
On August 11, 2024, Trinity Lutheran Church will give thanks to God for fifty years of ministry by Rev. Dr. Armand J. Boehme. At the nine o'clock service, Rev. Nabil Nour, Fourth Vice-President of the Synod, will be the guest preacher. Following the service, Trinity will host a dinner in Rev. Boehme's honor.

Your congregation is one of those that Rev. Boehme served during his fifty years of service to the Church. Trinity invites you to join with us in providing a "card shower" for him. If you wish to do so, please send him a card or a letter congratulating him on this milestone. If you wish to share some memory of his ministry among you, please do so. I know that he will appreciate it.

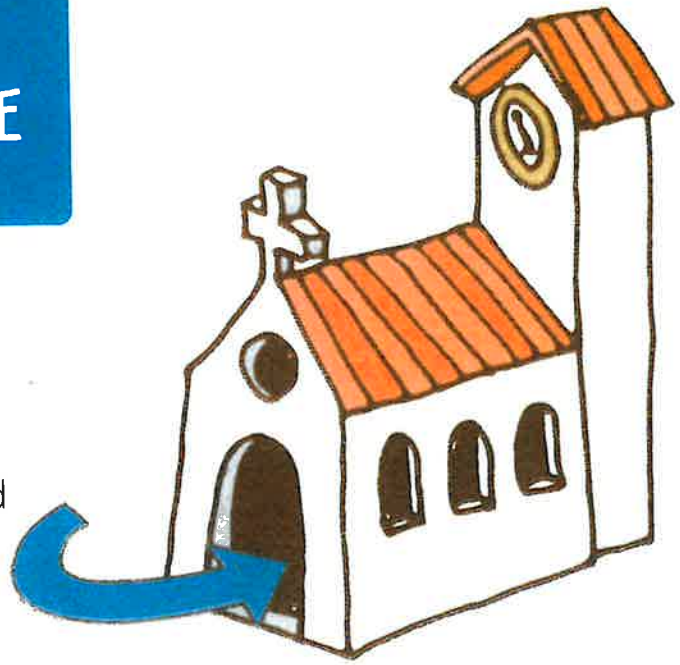
Please send your cards and letters to Trinity Lutheran Church, 803 Winona St., Northfield, MN 55057, attn: Rev. Brent Klein. We will collect these cards and letters and present them to Rev. Boehme at the meal.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Brent A. Klein  
Pastor



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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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**What is the  
"Introit"?**

The Introit (pronounced in-TRO-it) comes from the Latin word "introitus" which means "entrance." The Introit used to be sung as the Pastors came into the church and approached the altar.

**Why do we use the Introit  
in the Divine Service?**

Usually, the Introit is a Psalm, or parts of Psalms, put together to help sketch a picture of the theme for the day. Sometimes the Introit can be portions of other books of the Bible. For an example of this, the Introit for "All Saints' Day" comes from a Psalm and the book of Revelation, but all of it comes from God's Word!



**Parents:**

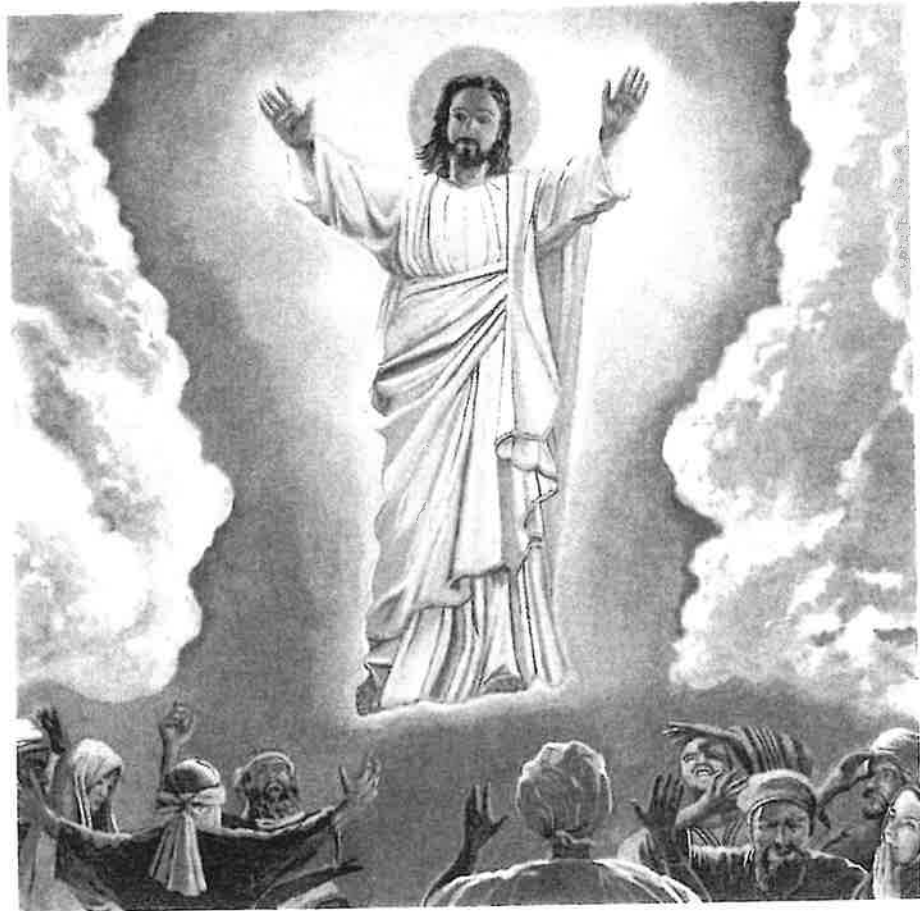
Before or after the Divine Service, look through the service for the Introit. Be sure to point out the one theme that ties all the parts of the service together: our Savior, Jesus Christ.





Please join the congregations of the Waseca Circuit  
for a joint Divine Service commemorating  
**The Ascension of Our Lord**

on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterville!



Preacher

**Pastor Michael Grannis (St. Paul, Waseca)**

Refreshments will be served after the service!

