

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**May 22, 2022**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

*To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750*

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this morning.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

## Confession and Absolution

### 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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### Invocation

*LSB 151*

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

**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.**

**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

### Introit

*Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**My heart is in anguish within me;  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

But I call to God,  
and the LORD will save me.

**Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he hears my voice.**

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,  
for many are arrayed against me.

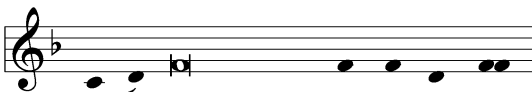
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

# Kyrie

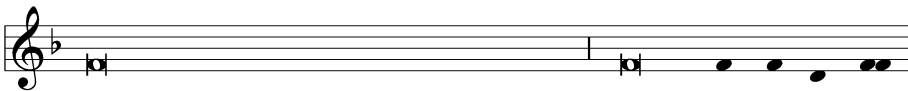
LSB 152



**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.



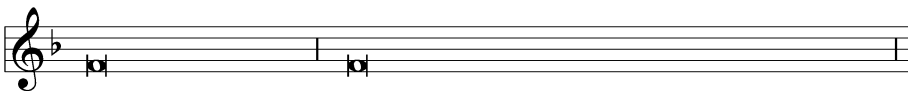
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



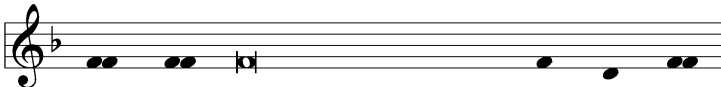
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



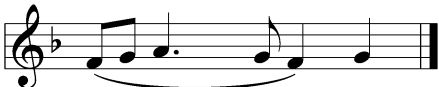
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**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*



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

LSB 156



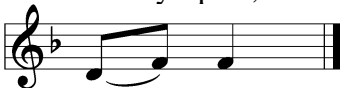
**P** The Lord be with you.



**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 16:9–15 (p. 925, p. 1176 LP)*

**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*

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.

## Epistle

*Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (p. 1041, p. 1327 LP)*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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



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

## Holy Gospel

*John 16:23–33 (p. 903, p. 1149 LP)*

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



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

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



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

## Apostles' Creed

*LSB 159*

**C** 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 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.

# 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*Hymn of the Day*



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."

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.

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.

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.”

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## Sermon

*Take Heart*

## Prayer of the Church

## Offertory

*LSB 159*




**C** 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.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface


LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



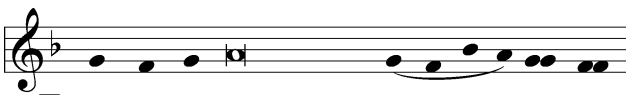
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



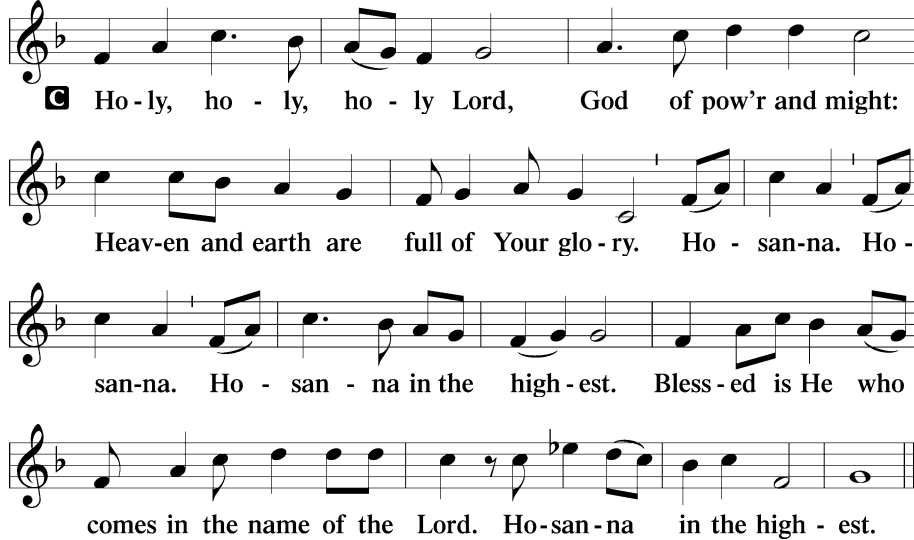
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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

LSB 161



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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** 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. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## 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

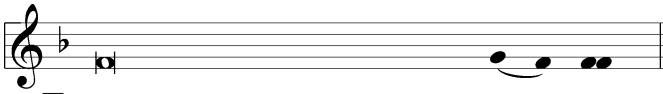
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\nabla$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## 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 & Hymns

## 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



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!

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## 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
 2 When we know not what to say, And our wound - ed  
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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## 468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives



1 I am con - tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my  
 2 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber  
 3 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant  
 4 I am con - tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the Law of God for me,  
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased.      Since He in death  
With cries of ag - o - ny.      Now death is brought  
Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace.      This Eas - ter sun  
With You, my liv - ing head.      The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er,      I al - so shall  
in - to sub - jec - tion      For me by Je -  
has brought sal - va - tion      And ev - er - last -  
my bod - y, sev - er;      Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er.      I am con - tent!      I am con - tent!  
sus' res - ur - rec - tion.      I am con - tent!      I am con - tent!  
ing ex - ul - ta - tion.      I am con - tent!      I am con - tent!  
re - joice for - ev - er.      I am con - tent!      I am con - tent!

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## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

LSB 166

**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.



## Benediction

LSB 166



**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

*Closing Hymn*



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.





Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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## Announcements for the Week of May 22, 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>5/22</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study and Sunday School  6:00 PM – Music Group	<b>5/23</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>5/25</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>5/26</b>  7 PM – Joint Ascension Service (White Creek)	<b>5/27</b>	<b>5/28</b>

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

5/22: Nathan Finke  
 5/23: Bev Hoeltke  
 5/24: Kevin & JoAnne Trimpe  
 5/26: Hannelore Cox, Chris & Adelea Dobbins

### Stewardship:

**Budget per week:** \$3157  
**5/15 offerings:** \$3966  
**5/15 Synodical Fund:** \$80  
**Mortgage balance:** \$26,879.04  
**5/15 Building Fund:** \$90

*The altar  
 flowers were  
 given by Rick  
 & Debbie  
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**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 PM as we continue our study of the book “A Little Book on Joy,” going over chapters 6-10. Books will be provided for you, so come and enjoy study and fellowship with your fellow saints.

**Ascension Service:** We will again have the great joy and opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Paul’s (Jonesville) and St. John’s (White Creek) for a joint Ascension Day service. The service will be held on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at White Creek. There will be a pitch-in meal, starting at 6 PM, with our congregation being asked to bring a vegetable side.

**Cemetery:** Today following the service, we will place flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day. We will also have a brief consecration rite for the addition to the cemetery.

**Pastor Vacation:** Pastor Sorenson will be on vacation next weekend. Pastor Eric Erkkinen will be here for service on Sunday.

**Teacher’s Assistants Needed:** St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry is looking for individuals interested in a part time position as a Teacher’s assistant. The school is currently looking for help on: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the afternoon; Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning. If you are interested in the position, please fill out an application and send/drop it off at the school (6045 E. State Street, Columbus, 47201). Applications need to be submitted by the end of June. For additional information, please contact [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

### Prayer List:

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)  
**Ron Cox** (health issues)  
**Luella Holle** (shut-in)  
**Maxine** (relation to Rick & Alberta Schafstall, health issues)  
**Matt** (Judy Strasser’s nephew, cancer)  
**Barry** (Margie Trimpe’s brother, cancer)

### Upcoming Acolytes:

5/29: Trevor Acree	6/5: Rayleigh Acton	6/12: Anslee Hawkins
6/19: Max Hoene	6/26: Trevor Acree	7/3: Rayleigh Acton

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 5/23:      Read the first lesson: Acts 16:9-15 – The Gospel continued to be spread throughout all the world as Lydia heard the Word, believed, and was baptized.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
Pray the Collect of the Day: 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. Amen.
- Tues. 5/24:      Read the Epistle lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 – We will enter the new Jerusalem because our names are written in the Lamb’s book of life, a fact that was revealed to us in Holy Baptism.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/23)
- Wed. 5/25:      Read the Gospel lesson: John 16:23-33 – Our joy is full because Christ has been sent by the Father to overcome the world. Even in tribulation, then, we have peace in Him.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/23)
- Thur. 5/26:      Read the first lesson: Acts 1:12-26 – Matthias is chosen to replace Judas in order to fulfill the Scripture. The 12 Apostles were called to bear witness to Christ and His resurrection.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 5/27:      Read the Epistle lesson: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20 – Christ is coming soon to raise us from the dead and bring us with Him into the new creation. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/26)
- Sat. 5/28:      Read the Gospel lesson: John 17:20-26 – Through Christ and faith in Him, we are joined together perfectly as one, even as He and the Father are one.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/26)

