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“I am the Good Shepherd.”

John 10:11

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Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month at both services. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

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"He Is Risen to Be the Shepherd of the Church"

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

Service Notes: Kent Seetin is the Kantor for the 8:00 service. Brody Wych will be playing the offering music. Sarah Ruth Johnson will provide distribution music. Martin Seipold is the Kantor for the 10:45 service.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude: Partita on KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS (LSB #645 "Built on the Rock").....Wayne L. Wold

Opening Hymn: "Built on the Rock".....LSB #645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



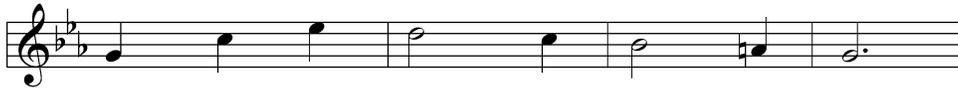
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

- 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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 (*Congregation sings bold*) *Ps. 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

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.

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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 mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.**

C This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
 This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
 This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
 This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

The Old Testament Lesson ~ Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
 Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sunday) Gradual: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”.....LSB #711 vs. 1, 4 (Kantor)

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.*

*Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.*

The Epistle Lesson ~ 1 Peter: 2:21-25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Procession

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”.....LSB #463 vs. 1-2



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Cong: **Glory to You, O Lord.**



The Gospel Lesson ~ John 10:11-16

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: **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.

Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon: "Jesus Is the Good Shepherd" – John 10:11-16

Prayer of the Church

Sit

8:00 a.m. - **Offering** ~ "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today".....Arr. Wayne Leupold

10:45 a.m. – **Offering** ~ "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".....Robert A. Hobby

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper.
Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore 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 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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 always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit
8:00 a.m. – "This Joyful Eastertide".....arr. Grimpou

478 The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
 This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** 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** Amen.

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 T give you peace.
- C** Amen.

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Postlude: "Prelude, Fugue and Ciacona".....Dietrich Buxtehude

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Art Bandomer and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. Merle Ostebee and the congregations of **Our Savior Lutheran Church, Walnut** and **Peace Lutheran, Harlan;**

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Justin Aistrope (friend of Shaylie Gardner).

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Nick & Kathy Cowell, Ty & Julie Moreno.



News and Notes

Christa Shepherd's Studio Recital will be held on May 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Come and support our Music Conservatory students!

Easter Lilies may be picked up at any time.
If you wish to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please call the church office at 712-322-4729.
Cost: \$48.00

"Let's also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower in honor of:
Anna Raymond
Sunday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the church undercroft
Hosted by Brenda Wurdeman
Questions: call Brenda at 712-309-6760

We would like to offer an opportunity to show our SPLECC teachers and staff how much we appreciate all they do for the children and families we serve. We will be collecting free will donations if you would like to participate in that way. You may also send notes of gratitude and appreciation to the Center itself. Keep an eye out for further announcements.

Opportunities for Growth: May 1 – 8, 2022

Sunday: 5/1/22
9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

Tuesday: 5/3/22
9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC
11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. – Music at Midlands

Wednesday: 5/4/22
9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

Friday: 5/6/22
1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

Saturday: 5/7/22
5:30 p.m. ~ Worship - C

Sunday: 5/8/22 Mother's Day
8:00 a.m. ~ Worship -C
9:30a.m. ~ SS/BC
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C





Happy Birthday St. Paul's!

In honor of the 140th anniversary of St. Paul's last year, a new Partita was created on the familiar hymn "Built on the Rock" by Dr. Wayne L. Wold. This morning, this partita will be played for the first time as the prelude before the opening hymn. A partita is a "suite," a piece of music that is divided into parts. Partita's for organ in the church often are based on a hymn and divided into various parts that reflect aspects of that hymn.

This morning's partita is divided into five parts that you can listen for as you follow along. They are the following:

- Part I. Introduction and Theme, "Built on the Rock the Church shall stand."
- Part II. Elegy, "longing for rest everlasting."
- Part III. Scherzo, "we are God's house of living stones"
- Part IV. Aria, "yet He who dwells in heaven above chooses to live with us in love"
- Part V. Toccata, "I know my own, my own know me...my peace I leave with you. Amen."

If you follow along in your hymnal, you will notice that each part that is played emphasizes a different part of the hymn as well as that text. For example, the music for Part II should help us reflect on the text "longing for rest everlasting." This section is much more reflective and quiet. However, when we get to part V which is a toccata, there is a strong culmination of the overall sense of the hymn. "My peace I leave with you. Amen." Jesus promises peace and strength to His Church built on His name.



We thank God for musicians and artists who help us understand the word of God and praise our God in this life. We also thank God today for the many blessings that He has granted to His church on earth. God grant that we may sing and praise Him with joy until He comes again in glory!



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