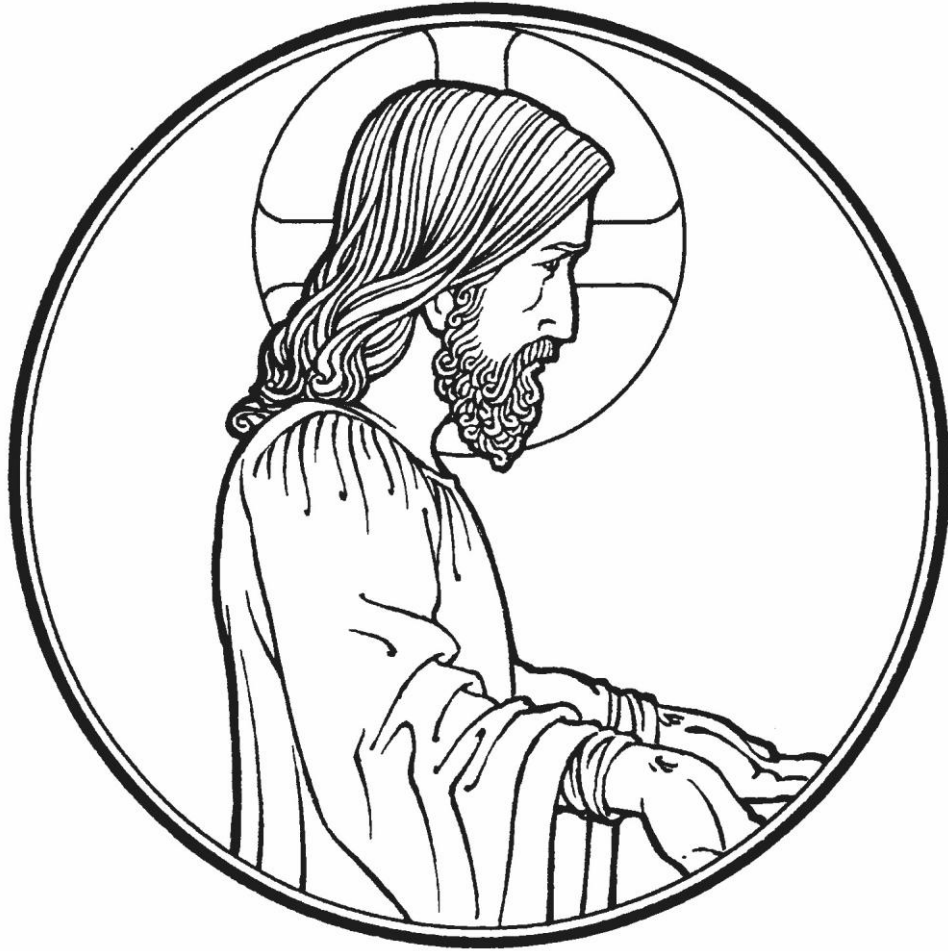


Second Sunday of Easter
Quasimodo Geniti



"Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, even so I am sending you."

John 20:21

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

239 Frank Street
Council Bluffs, IA
April 27, 2025

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed 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 LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Organist: Rev. Timothy Frank

Pianist: Isabella Sherrill

Brass/Timpani: Bradley Adams, Brett Allen, Rachel Johnson, John Timm

Kantor/Choir: Derek Stephenson (8 a.m.); Cantate Domino Choir (10:45 a.m.)

Kantor's Notes: The title for the Second Sunday of Easter, *Quasimodo Geniti*, is taken from the opening words of the Introit, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.]" (2 Peter 2:2a). Our Gospel reading tells us the reason. In that reading, we learn of Thomas, who at first doubted Jesus' Resurrection, but upon seeing Jesus, believed. John reminds us that this account and all of the words of his Gospel are written so that we too might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, we may have life in His Name. Hence, we long for the Word of God (as the Introit reminds us) because it strengthens us in faith in Jesus.

Today, we pray for this strengthening of faith in the lives of our confirmands, just as we sing in this year's confirmation hymn: "O may you here through all your life Continue through all joy and strife, In life devoted to your Lord, Each hour rejoicing in His Word. And on that final glorious Day You with Christ's saints will gladly say, 'You are my Lord and God and King, To You forever, I will sing!'"

Hymn of the Season: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465

Divine Service Setting 1

Prelude: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” *Partita by Thomas E. Lock*

The congregation stands and faces the processional cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

Processional Hymn: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

LSB 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*

shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*

I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | LORD your God,*

who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*

and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

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.

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

LSB 152

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

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.

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

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I

will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

LSB 490:1,2,4

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession:

LSB 458 st. 1

**1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God’s right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

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

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

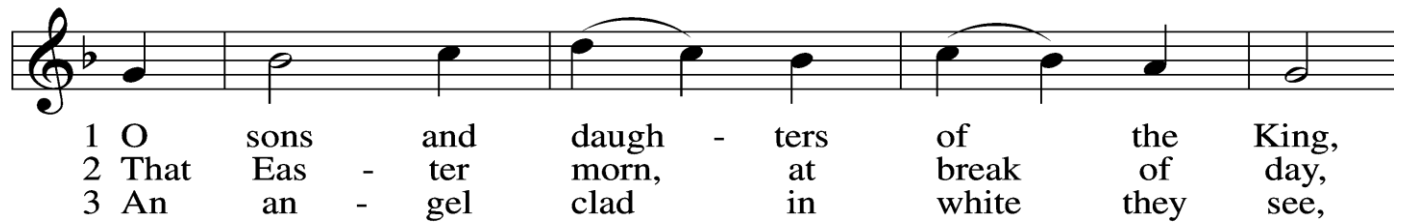
Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Sit

Hymn of the Day: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 471



The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia! Refrain

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Sermon: “Where do you find peace?”

John 20:19-31

Sermon Response: “These Words Are Here that You May Know”

(Tune: The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace)

Stanza 1: Kantor/Choir

*These words are here that you may know
The One who came to you below:
The Father’s Son, the Word made flesh
The sinner’s only Righteousness.*

**These precious words you have been taught
By those who lovingly have sought
To make you wise in heav’nly ways
Through God’s good Spirit, all your days.**

**Not by your own desire or skill
But by the working of God’s will
He gave you birth from heaven above
That you might know His gracious love.**

**Now by His power you here confess
The faith He gave you to possess,
And though the world may harm you, still
You here resolve to do His will.**

**To comfort you, Christ gives a sign:
This Sacrament of bread and wine,
That in His body and His blood
He may refresh you for your good.**

**O may you here through all your life
Continue through all joy and strife,
In life devoted to your Lord,
Each hour rejoicing in His Word.**

**And on that final glorious Day
You with Christ's saints will gladly say,
"You are my Lord and God and King,
To You forever, I will sing!"**

Rite of Confirmation (10:45 a.m.)

p. 272

Evelyn Bogacz

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Samuel Frank

"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." (Colossians 3:16)

Elizabeth Johnson

"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Sarah Ruth Johnson

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Tommy Knipe, Jr.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Bryce Nelson

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Sophie Roth

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” (Psalm 139:13-14)

Joel Sherrill

“[Jesus said], ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

Miles Wurdeman

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Those ill or recovering: *Wendell Volkens, Dottie Jacox, Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Randy Falknor (cousin of Kent Seetin), Sarah and Raymond McCubbin and Jill (family members of Jeff Thomas)*

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Sit

Offering:

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” *Setting by Michael Burkhardt*

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant 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	<i>LSB 160</i>
Proper Preface	<i>LSB 161</i>
Sanctus	<i>LSB 161</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 162</i>
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 163</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 163</i>

Sit

Distribution

Piano: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" Arr. Elizabeth Grimpo

Hymn: "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
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heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
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and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Hymn: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478



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!

Hymn: "Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"

LSB 473



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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Stand

Thank the Lord
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction

LSB 164

LSB 166

Hymn of Departure: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Postlude: Praeludium in G (BWV 541)

J.S. Bach

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service/ Confirmation
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Service – Bethany Lutheran
Wednesday	4:30–6:30 p.m.	The Pancake Man at SPLECC
	6:30 p.m.	Christ Academy Follow-up Meeting
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

News and Notes

Please join us for Dinner with the Pancake Man this Wednesday, April 30 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Early Childhood Center (1500 N 16th St). A free will donation will be taken to benefit SPLECC.

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered with **Christ Academy** this past season. A **follow-up** meeting will be held at SPLECC following the Pancake Dinner on **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss plans for 2025-2026. Anyone willing to provide input is welcome!

Openings are still available for St. Paul’s Early Childhood Center’s K-4th Summer Care Program. Please help us spread the word! For more information about summer care or about openings in our Infant – Pre-k Program, please contact director Becca Heinicke at 712-322-3294 or becca.heinicke@splecc.org.

A Special Voters’ Meeting will be held in the Undercroft on **Sunday, May 4** following the **10:45 a.m. service** to place a call to Rev. James Tews to become an assistant pastor at St. Paul’s. A primary area of Pastor Tews’ work is to further

strengthen and support our ministry at St. Paul's Early Education Center. Those with questions are encouraged to visit with St. Paul's Vice Chairman Bob Finke.

The **Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN) Concert Choir, Mary Martha Choir, and Handbell Choir** will be presenting a **concert at St. Paul's on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m.** Over 60 students among the three groups will present a program of varied repertoire. We are honored to have these choirs visit us and encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. We especially encourage our choir and conservatory students to consider attending. A free will offering will be collected. More information about Bethany Lutheran College is available at www.blc.edu.

St. Paul's Music Conservatory invites you to a **recital** featuring the studios of Pastor Frank and Glennda Hedlund on **Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Come and hear the hard work of our students!

Thanks to God's provision through the members and friends of St. Paul's, **the Preserving the Church's Song – Organ Project campaign has reached its goal!** We look forward to the full return of our organ and a special dedication in the coming months. Meanwhile, if you have donated to the organ project or have set up recurring donations, **St. Paul's Council invites you to consider directing those special donations to support the work of St. Paul's Early Childhood Center (SPLECC).** St. Paul's Early Childhood Center currently serves nearly 40 families and is one of St. Paul's unique means of outreach into our community. Beginning in June, envelopes labeled "Organ" will be replaced with envelopes labeled "SPLECC." Meanwhile, to donate to SPLECC, you may do so in a separate envelope and write "SPLECC" on the memo line, or you can set up recurring donations through St. Paul's website.

Registration forms for Camp Creation II (June 2-6) and Camp Creation I (June 9-12) are available in the church office. More information will be published soon!

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