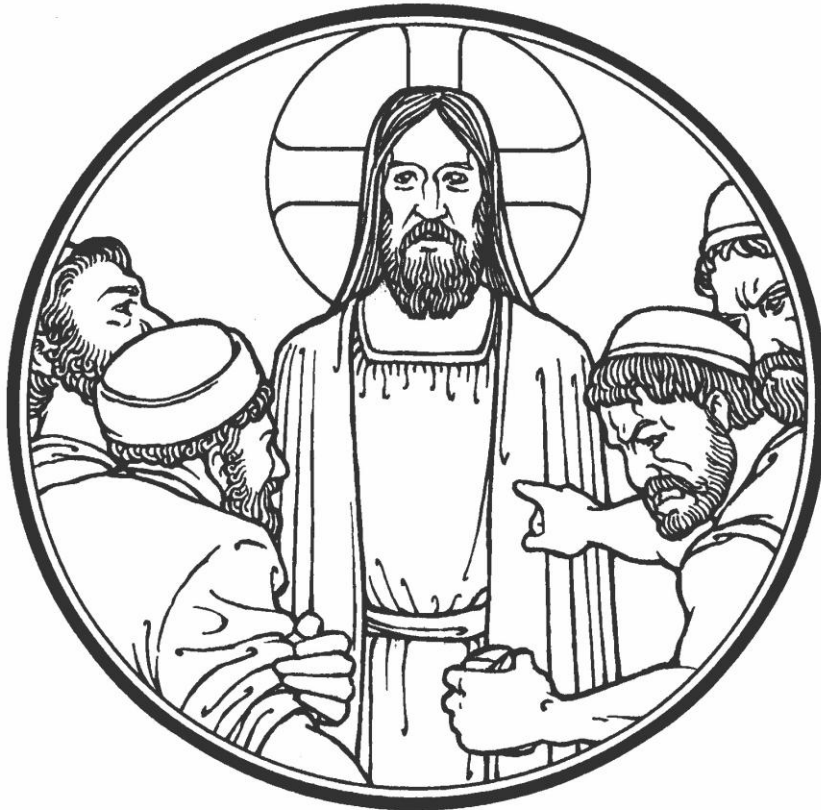


# Judica

The Sunday of the Passion

Christ Suffered the Enmity of Unbelievers



“Jesus said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word,  
he will never see death.’”

John 6:11

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church  
239 Frank Street, Council Bluffs, IA  
March 22, 2026

**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

Organists: Harrison Moody, Sarah Ruth Johnson

Guitar: Elizabeth Johnson (8:00 a.m.)

Kantors: Allison Storey (8:00am); Peter Klinge (10:45 a.m.)

### **The Word in Music**

Prelude: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Setting by James L. Brauer; "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" – Setting by Ralph C. Schulz

Offering: "O Dearest Jesus" – Setting by John A. Behnke

Distribution: Passion Chorale (8 a.m.)

Postlude: "Glory Be to Jesus" – Setting by Jonathan Kohrs

**Kantor's Notes:** As Holy Week draws near, our attention is drawn to the opposition Jesus faced by unbelievers, culminating in His death on Good Friday. Jesus endured this opposition and death for us in order that He might be the once-for-all sacrifice for all sinners. The writer to the Hebrews proclaims of Jesus' sacrifice, "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Today, we remember that the blood of Christ purifies us from sin, setting us at peace. Many of our hymns today speak blood of Christ. LSB 572, for example, beautifully traces the theme of sacrifice throughout the Bible. Take some time before the service today to read and pray these hymns!

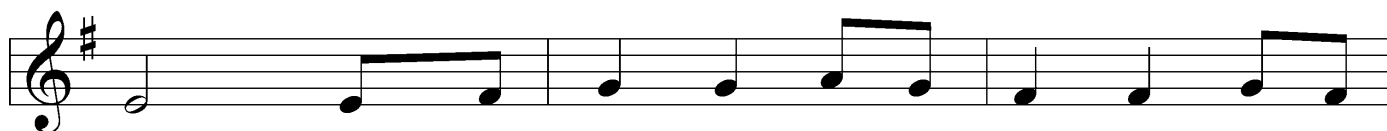
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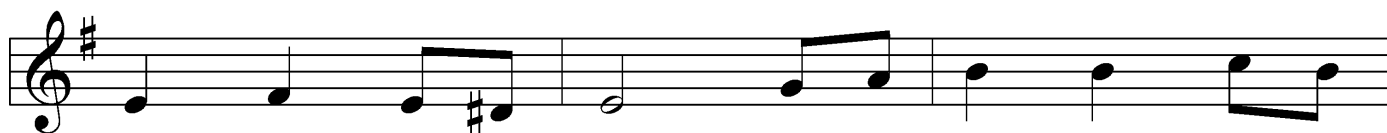
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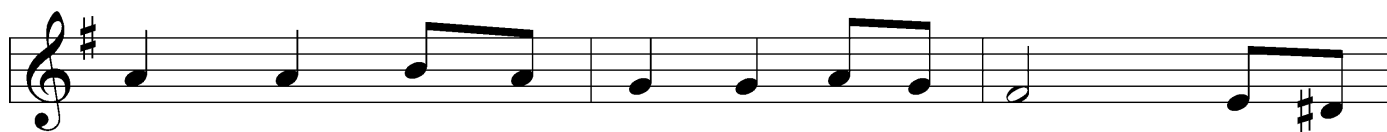
1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a*



Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***  
**For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.**  
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!  
**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.  
**Vindicate me, | O God,\***  
**and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,**  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*  
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Genesis 22:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the

morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**      “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

*(LSB 428)*

**Epistle**

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 129:1–4*

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*

let Israel | now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*

yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*

they made long their | furrows.”

The LORD is | righteous;\*

he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

## Holy Gospel

*John 8:42–59*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone

keeps my word, he will never see death.”<sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’”<sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”<sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”<sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.<sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”<sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”<sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

**C** 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*

### **431 Not All the Blood of Beasts**



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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**Sermon “The Blood of Christ Purifies”**

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

*Stand*

## 956 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### 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

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
  
- P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of  
the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**P** 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.

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

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

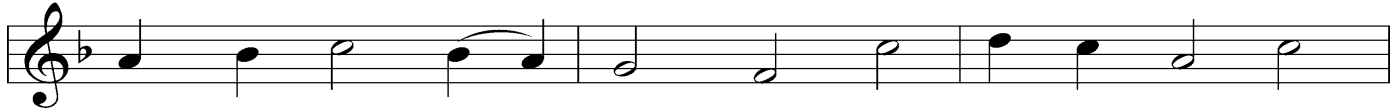


sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

# 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

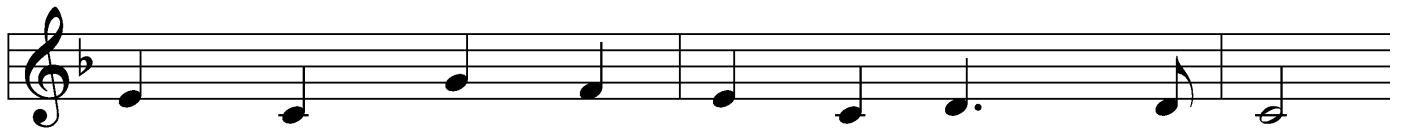
## 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden



1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



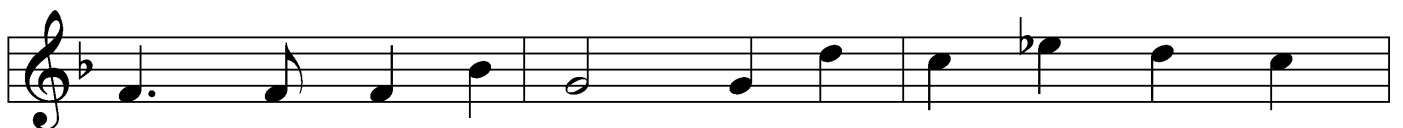
day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'rings Crest - ed  
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
 "Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of



gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
 Known by saints around the  
 throne,  
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,  
 Lives to love and feed His own.  
 From His riven side forever  
 Flows the purest stream of love,  
 Love that robes us with the raiment  
 Worn by all who feast above.

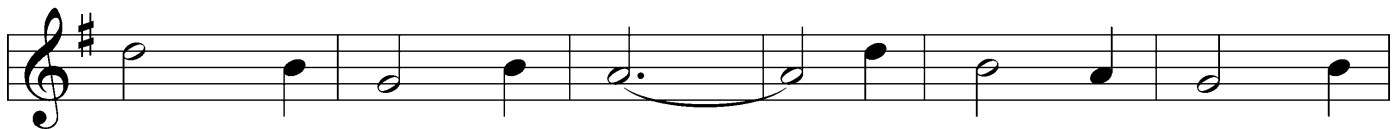
6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
 Gone the age of sacrifice;  
 Ours the time of grace and favor,  
 Ours the call to paradise!  
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
 Only You can cover sin—  
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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### 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## 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** Amen.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

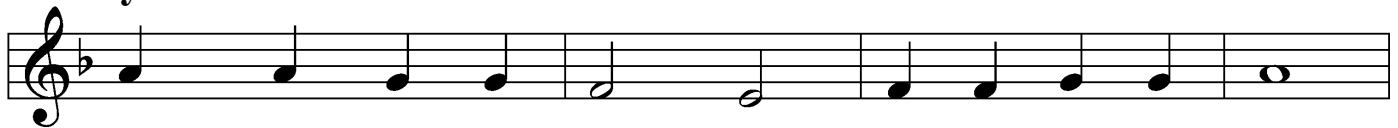
- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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## Postlude:

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## Opportunities for Growth

Today	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Bethany Afternoon Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Festival Choir Practice
Wednesday	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Christ Academy
	6:30-7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

## The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: *Debbie Klinge, Ronda Thomas, Roger Escritt, Don Kadereit, Shawna (friend of Matt and Elizabeth Escritt), Diane Machmuller, Mary Johannes, Elizabeth Bowerman, Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Rev. North Sherrill, Rev. Lee Seetin (cousin-Kent Seetin), Andrea Williams (Jeff and Ronda Thomas' niece), Brian Nohr (friend of Jeff & Ronda Thomas), Ethel Engel (mother of Coreen Trost), C.C. Harris (wife of Tristan), Kaden Frye (nephew of Kyle and Rachel Johnson), Brian Smith (friend of Jim Freibert), Emily Franklin (relative of Todd & Dawn Cundiff), Richard Paul* and all our shut ins.

Those in the armed forces: *Andrew Codney, Amari (friend of Jack Gray)*

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Our local missions: St. Paul's Early Childhood Center & St. Paul's Music Conservatory

## News and Notes

**Help is need** after Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service on Wednesday, March 25th, to set up classrooms for the Federation Festival on Saturday, March 28th. Help is also needed that evening put all chairs on tables in the Church Undercroft for carpet cleaning Thursday and Friday. Help will be needed on Friday afternoon to set the chairs back in place in the Church Undercroft.

**St. Paul's will once again host Easter Breakfast**, on Sunday, April 5th Between Divine Services (09:30am - 10:30am). The Hospitality Team will provide Egg Casseroles, coffee, juice, milk, water, and fresh fruit. Please bring your favorite baked breakfast pastries or breakfast cakes to share. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Burns at 712-309-1070.

**A Special Voter's Meeting** has been called and posted by the St. Paul's Church Council, on Sunday, April 12, 2026, immediately following the 10:45am Divine Worship Service. St. Paul's Voters are being asked to approve a bid from Willet Stained Glass to repair and restore all stained-glass windows at St. Paul's and replace the existing Lexan window coverings with Klear-Flo protective covering system. Total cost for the project is \$396,545.00. An email will be sent to St. Paul's Members this week with a copy of the proposal.

## **Catechism**

### *Apostle's Creed – Second Article*

*Second Article: 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 Hew will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold ore silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - noon

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